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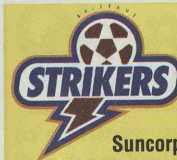
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## Coach's Comment



What a great start to the second round we've had. Two starts for the two wins against quality opposition, Olympic and Marconi who were both above us on the table, at the time.

The trick now is to capitalise on the position we've got ourselves in and the next three games are a great opportunity to do so.

The Spirit, the Glory and the Blues, all three just above us on the table and all within striking distance.

Nine points would be fantastic but I'm a realist - Perth and Carlton away from home and the Spirit just finding form at home tonight will certainly test the ability and character of the team.

The win away at Marconi was a great term performance but we took control from the start and never looked back. Even after they equalised we still looked comfortable.

Against Olympic on Australia Day we started off flat and were almost punished for it but for Clint Bolton who had his best game of the season. Then again, that's what he's paid for and that's what's expected of him, to pull a few great saves out of his back pocket.

And didn't the boys show a ton of character to pick up the pieces of a bad start and play as well as they did. From everything I saw and heard it was the most entertaining game this season and the kind of stuff that gets the turnstiles ticking over - hopefully.

In regard to entertaining football there should be no shortage of it tonight. The Spirit have some great players in their line up. Robbie Slater, Kresimer Marusic, Clayton Zane and one to really watch out for, Matthew Langdon.

On a sad note, the Directors, players and staff at the Strikers send their heartfelt condolences to the wife and family of club doctor John McNee, who passed away suddenly last Wednesday. He will be sadly missed by all those connected with the club.

....Kossie

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## Glamour side to be wary

The Brisbane Strikers will be looking to continue on their winning way when they host Sydney glamour side Northern Spirit in tonight's big clash at Suncorp Stadium.

After the weekend's round, Northern Spirit is in fourth place on the league ladder with 29 points, four clear of the Strikers in eighth place.

The Strikers have soared into finals contention in recent weeks with some big results against some of the league top sides.

The Frank Farina lead Marconi Fairfield were no match for the Strikers in round 16, losing 2-1 at home.

Then on Australia Day, Sydney Olympic travelled to Brisbane full of confidence.

Emerton, Culina and Tome came out firing early in the match but to the Strikers credit, the team dug deep and recorded a memorable 2-1 win.

Strikers coach John Kosmina said he was happy with the Olympic win overall, especially considering the first period of the match.

"We had played well in the game against Marconi the round prior and I felt the guys attitude wasn't one hundred per cent at the start of the Olympic match," he said.

"We let them (Olympic) dictate terms early and didn't make the necessary adjustments on the field.

"In the second half we turned the game around and dominated play for much of the second half."

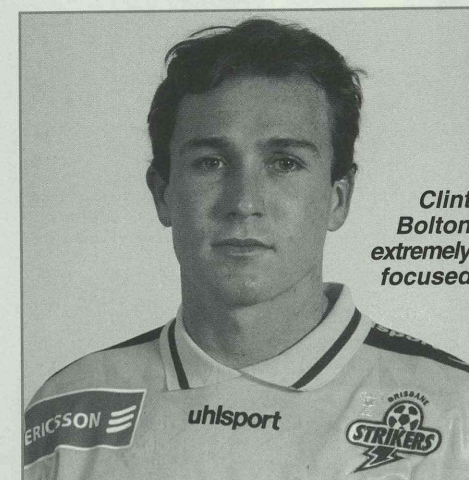
With the finals looming closer each week, Kosmina said he was happy with the team's progress with a little more than a third of the season remaining.

"We have to now focus on keeping our performances going and securing maximum points from each game," he said.

"Early in the season, we played well enough to get the results but unfortunately for us, they didn't always come.

"I'm a big believer in the old saying that 'you get out, what you put in' and I think we're starting to get rewarded for our efforts."

After the Northern Spirit tonight, the



Clint Bolton  
extremely  
focused

Strikers have two away matches against Carlton and Perth Glory.

All three sides are above the Strikers on the points table and Kosmina said that these games would go along way to shaping the Strikers season.

"They're very important matches for us, especially the away games, and we will have to make sure that we are on our game."

The injury toll at the club is looking much brighter and Kosmina believes he will have a full strength squad to choose from in around three to four weeks.

Andy Harper has resumed full training and Sean Cranney is almost ready to start, while Chay Hews is under consideration for tonight's starting line-up.

In the absence of some of the side's more experienced players, the young members of the squad such as Shane Stefanutto, Jade North, Wayne Srhoj and Andrew Davidson have all played outstanding football.

"The Young kids have been great," Kosmina said. "But the senior players in the squad have also been outstanding with the likes of Gwynney, Zoz and Nick putting in some memorable performances.

"The other guy who has impressed me is Clint Bolton as he has been extremely focused in recent weeks."



## QSF 1999 season launch

The 1999 Queensland Soccer Federation season launch is being held here at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

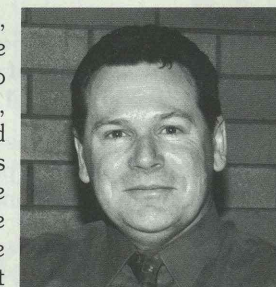
It marks the start of a season that promises to be exciting, a season that sees the league broaden its base to encompass the new kids on the block, Toowoomba Raiders.

With their inclusion, the league now extends from Bundaberg in the north, to the Gold Coast in the south and now to Toowoomba in the west.

The competitors for this season's premier league is; Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, Bundaberg Waves, Gold Coast, Ipswich Knights, Mt Gravatt, Rochedale Rovers, Taringa Rovers, Toowoomba Raiders and Wynnum Wolves.

Round 1 kicks off on Saturday February 20, with Mt Gravatt meeting Gold Coast and Wynnum taking on Bundaberg.

On Sunday, Rochedale Rovers will do battle with Lions, Taringa could have their hands full with Brisbane City and the Raiders will be blooded against the Ipswich Knights.



Steve Wilson, new QSF General manager

The premier league teams will be presented to the crowd and will be represented by two senior players from each team accompanied by 10 juniors from their club.

New QSF General Manager, Steve Wilson is excited by the prospects the 1999 season holds and predicts a season full of excitement and tough competition. "This could be our best season ever," he said.



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# The Northern Spirit Story

by Andrew Howe

**In January 1998 Soccer Australia announced the entry of the 38th team to enter the NSL since 1977.**

Innovatively named the Northern Spirit, the club's founder is high profile Real Estate Institute of Australia head and former Marconi chairman Remo Nogaretto.

Other big names on the administration side are the club's inaugural president Kathryn Greiner (Sydney Councillor) and director Kerry Chikarovski (NSW Liberal Party leader).

And in July 1998 the Spirit secured a long term partnership with Crystal Palace after the English Club's Executive Chairman Mark Goldberg bought a majority equity stake in the Spirit.

But it is on the field where it really matters, and again it was a predominantly high-profile and quality group initially enlisted.

Returning to Australia to join the club was inaugural Spirit coach Graham Arnold. The longtime Soccerro left Australian shores in 1989 after playing for seven years in the NSL with Sydney United.

Overseas, Arnold had many a successful season in Holland with Roda JC Kerkrade (1990-92), RC Liegois (1992-1994), RC Charleroi (1994-95) and NAC Breda (1995-97), before a brief stint in Japan with San Frece Hiroshima (1997-98).

Arnold was a great coup for the Northern Spirit, not only as an excellent player/coach in his own right but also as a quality bait to lure other worthwhile players to the Spirit.

Another prolific signing was Robbie Slater, who despite having the option of continuing his English career with Southampton, instead joined former Sydney United and Soccerro team-mate Arnold and the Spirit.

Other experienced signings included Kresimir Marusic (NSL player of the year 1996/97), Troy Cranney (with 198 NSL

appearances under his belt before joining the club), Luke Casserly, Paul Bilokapic, Tony Perinich, Peter Blazincic, Gabriel Mendez, Clayton Zane and Robert Enes. Experienced English import Ian Crook, who had played for six years at Tottenham and eleven years at Norwich (and even made a couple of appearances for the England national team) was also snapped up.

The quality of the youngsters recruited by the Spirit is exemplified by the signing of Paul Henderson from Sydney state league club Sutherland.

The 22 year old keeper was signed as an apprentice and third string keeper, backing up for much more experienced John Perosh and Peter Blazincic.

Yet a series of strong pre-season performances saw Henderson establish himself as the number one keeper for the start of the season, and he was been first choice ever since.

The club draws most of its support amongst the Sydney's northern suburban sector - stretching from the northern beaches across to the north-western suburbs.

It is a population base close to one million people, including many thousands of junior players whom the club has specifically targeted.

And a balmy Friday night at the picturesque North Sydney Oval, watching the speedy Slater, magical Marusic and company, offers a very attractive after-work haven for those thousands of office workers of the congested North Sydney office precinct located a ten minute stroll away.

Meanwhile, the Sydney Central Business District is just a twenty minute train trip and walk away.

There are many reasons why the Spirit have attracted many fans from not just Sydney's northern suburbs - but from all over Australia's largest city.

## BRISBANE STRIKERS 1998/99 FIXTURES

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# Blackburn Rovers on fact finding mission

English Premier League team Blackburn Rovers have sent out club representative Bobby Downes to visit the Brisbane Strikers. Downes arrived in Brisbane on Friday.

The impetus for the visit was created by Strikers' sponsor Uhlsport who also sponsor Blackburn Rovers.

Australian Distributor for Uhlsport and managing director of Statewide Sports Mick Matula, was visiting Stuttgart last June for the company's International Conference when the initial contact was made.

"As both clubs have Uhlsport as their sponsor, I thought it would be a good idea that some type of "Sister Club" relationship be formed," Matula said.

"I suggested the idea to the English Promotions Manager for Uhlsport and the whole thing has developed from there."

Strikers Chairman Ian Brusasco said the club welcomed the visit.

"I think it is wonderful that there is an interest in the Brisbane Strikers from such a prestigious and successful club as Blackburn," Brusasco said.

"It is obviously too early to say what the outcome will be, but we are looking forward to the possible exchange of information and ideas on coaching and maybe players, that could ultimately benefit the Strikers."

Downes will be in Australia for seven days before returning to England and will attend Strikers and QAS training sessions.

The Brisbane Strikers have been ravaged by injuries in recent weeks to several of the team's key players.

The likes of Sean Cranney, Andy Harper, and Chay Hews have all spent time warming the sideline bench.

And while their collective experience and talent has been missed on the field, the Strikers have been blessed that many of the younger players at the club have taken the opportunity presented to them.

Nineteen year old Gold Coast youngster Shane Stefanutto is one such player that has blossomed in the country's premier football competition.

A QAS squad member for a couple of seasons, Stefanutto's first taste of the NSL came last year under then coach, Frank Farina.



Shane STEFANUTTO

Training with the Strikers was a step up from the QAS and Stefanutto said the experience has improved his game.

"It made me realise that in the top league, opportunities are very limited," he said.

"I probably didn't take my chance then and I made the decision that I would give it one hundred per cent if I got the opportunity this season."

With injuries taking their toll on the Strikers squad a third of the way through the season, coach John Kosmina called upon the services of Steffanuto, Andrew Davidson, Jade North and Wayne Shroj to fill the void.

Since that time, Shane has played six games on the trot and is looking comfortable in his defensive role at left back.

"When I was called into the team against South Melbourne, I was determined to play as good as I could," Steffanuto said.

"I've now played a few games in a row and am really enjoying the challenge of playing against quality opposition each week.

"Playing against Brett Emerton last week was a great experience for me and when you're

a rookie like I am, you tend to learn a lot from the great players."

Shane began his soccer career at the age of five years playing for the Atherton club in the local Carins competition.

He represented the Far North Queensland region on several occasions, and was selected to play for Queensland as a junior.

In 1996, after receiving advice from South-East Queensland director of coaching Andrew Bettel, the Stefanutto's moved to the Gold Coast so that Shane could further his soccer career.

"Mum and Dad sacrificed a lot just packing up their lives and moving to the Gold Coast," he said.

"We had a great lifestyle in Cairns and lots of family friends and there's no doubt in my mind that the decision to move south has had a huge influence on my career."

For the moment, Shane said he was happy in establishing himself in the Ericsson Cup.

However, a professional career beckons overseas and that is certainly something that Shane aspires to.



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## Wolves down league leaders

**Round 18 of the Ericsson Cup proved to be full of surprises. And there is little doubt that the guys at Centrebet would have been rubbing their hands together with glee after some shock results.**

The biggest surprise of the round came at Brandon Park where the Wollongong Wolves, currently 11th on the table, scored a memorable 2-1 win against top of the table South Melbourne.

The Wolves fans were treated to a scoring feast in the second half with all the goals scored in the second period.

Matt Horsley was the star for Wollongong netting both of the home side's goals.

The loss still leaves South Melbourne at the top of the table, although Sydney United is lurking just one point in arrears.

Perth Glory were stunned at the Perth Oval when the Newcastle Breakers managed to snare an unlikely 1-0 victory.

A 15th minute goal to John Buonavoglia

silenced the Glory faithful and means that Perth know find themselves out of the top six.

And then there was the disastrous showing by Marconi Fairfield against Sydney Olympic. To be beaten 5-0 is a thumping in anyone's language.

Frank Farina must be tearing his hair out at the recent performances of his charges, although to be fair to Frank and the lads, many of Marconi's top players are out with injury.

After a promising start to the season, Marconi are now four points out of the six and the remaining second round games will surely test Frank's ability to manipulate his depleted squad.

Sydney United got home 2-1 against Northern Spirit in the big match of the round.

More than 17,000 fans were at North Sydney Oval to witness a great football spectacle and the Northern Spirit "experiment", as some commentators have labelled it, is proving a huge success.

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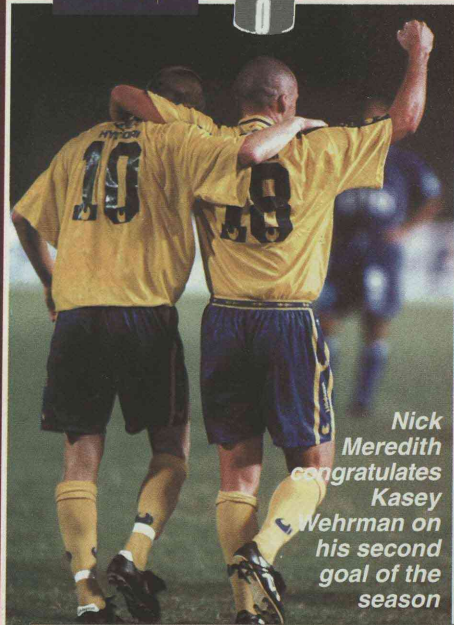
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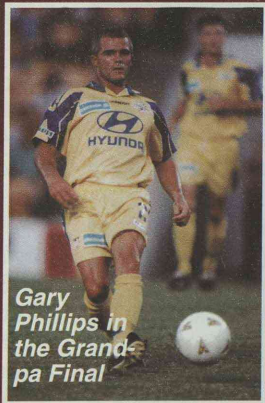


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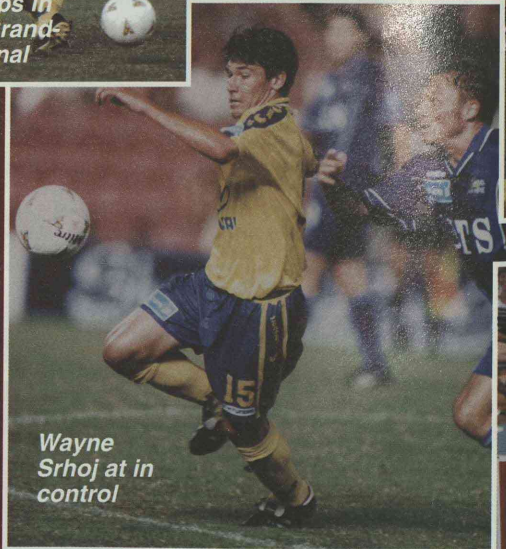
Nick Meredith congratulates Kasey Wehrman on his second goal of the season



Gary Phillips in the Grandpa Final



Greg Brown scored a goal for the OLD Stars



Wayne Srhoj at in control

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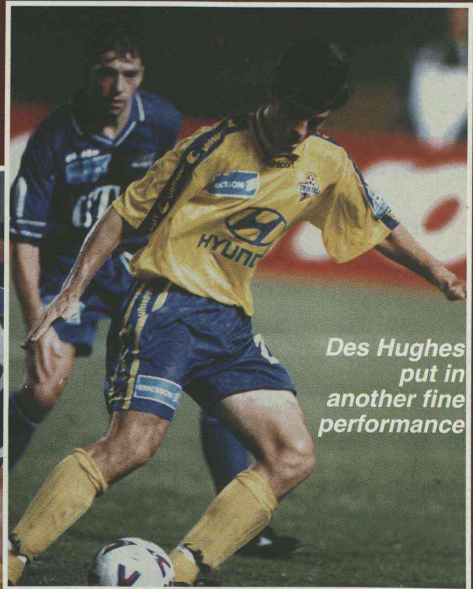


Andrew Davidson



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No prizes for guessing who they support



Mitchell and Dean O'Riordan spent "A day with the Strikers" at the last home game and caught up with their favourite players Reece Tollenaere and Kasey Wehrman.



# Things for you to diarise

While there will be action a plenty on the field during this year's Ericsson Cup competition, the Strikers will be involved in numerous activities off the field for the enjoyment of club supporters. For details phone the Strikers on 3252 5327.

## 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

Test your soccer skills and have some fun. Form a team, and compete in a round robin knockout event at Perry Park. Presentations will be made at the FA Cup Charity Dinner on May 22.

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# QAS SQUAD NEWS

Today's guest Northern Spirit have been a breath of fresh air for the National Soccer League, particularly in view of 1998's disaster year.

That is, no World Cup qualification, no Confederation Cup qualification (at the hands of New Zealand) and getting smashed by Croatia prior to the World Cup itself.

Northern Spirit, averaging 15,000 at their home games, has been a blessing for the Ericsson Cup and along with Perth Glory, the Spirit boast tremendous home support, far and away the best in the League.

The visitors arrive with a pretty good record to date, top six in the Ericsson Cup and sitting on top of the National Youth League.

An impressive start in the competition for the league's newcomers and we'll have to be on our game.

Who was the guy who had a fishing boat sitting in his garage for ten years and used it three or four times then decided to sell it. Very next day hires a boat to go fishing?

Great to see Shane Stefanutto and Andrew Davidson doing so well with the Strikers.

They have been an inspiration to the current QAS squad, they have a great approach to the game and we hope their success continues.

I would also like to welcome Bobby Downes. Bobby has come all the way from Blackburn Rovers.

I hope that his visit is enjoyable and successful for all concerned.

Our QAS Women's squad are in Adelaide this weekend playing in the National League. Two wins over the southerners would go along way to a possible grand final being played here in Brisbane. Good Luck girls!

Enjoy the game..... Gary Phillips

## QAS SQUAD MEMBERS

- \* Shane Barnes
- \* Mark Bradley
- \* Allan Cameron
- \* Morgan Cawley
- \* Mark Davidson
- \* Duncan Easton
- \* Chris Fields
- \* Lawrence Drake
- \* James Johnson
- \* Russell Miner
- \* Jonathan McKain
- \* Shane Smeltz
- \* Malcolm van de Graaf
- \* Adam Webber
- \* Damien Volker
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# Kids Biz

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STEPHEN	ENES
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*Congratulations to Courtnie Ryan who won the CD/Radio/Cassette player in the last McDonald's competition.*

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## JUMBLED NAMES

The following Northern Spirit players have been struck by a lighting bolt from Thor. Do you know who they are?

- RASTEL
- NERDONSHE
- OLDNAR
- CUSRAMI
- KOCRO

## Fan-bag

Hi, my name is Nikki Arrowsmith and I am 13 years old. I have been a beloved fan of the Strikers since '96. I wrote this poem for them. Brisbane Strikers are the best, Nicky, Andy and all the rest, They try so hard in every game, Pleasing their home crowd all the same. They are champions, yes they are, they've gone the distance so very far, the Pride of Queensland that is true, we are the ones in yellow and blue. Keep up the excellent work Brisbane Strikers. Thank you, love from...  
**Nikki Arrowsmith from Brisbane.**

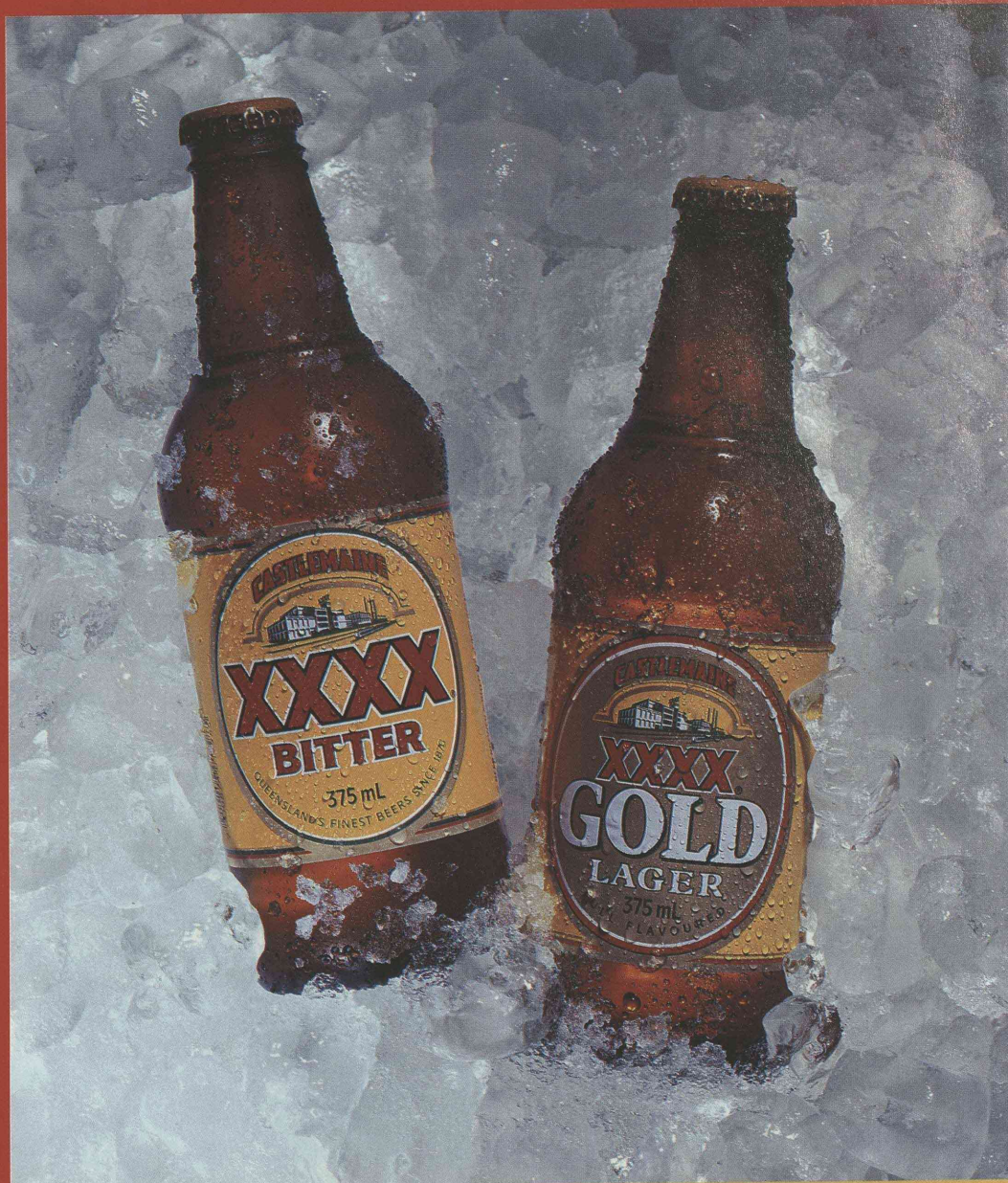
To the Strikers. You are playing really well. OK, we are currently not in the six but some good results and hard work will get us there. Everyone has played well lately including the youngsters such as, Wayne Shroj, Jade North, Andrew Davidson, Shane Stefanutto. These guys are performing well and I am not taking away anything from our more senior players such as Clint Bolton, Glenn Gwynne, Sean Cranney, Kasey Wehrman, Stuart McLaren, Jeromy Harris and Nick Meredith. Then we have the players that put in 100% week in week out like Matt Bell, Chris Zoricich, Craig Williams, Stephen Laybutt, Andy Harper, Reece Tollenaere, Glen Kolpak, Wayne Knipe, Andrew Packer and Des Hughes. We are a great team and I think that we probably can beat any team in this league on a good day. Congratulations to all of you, you are all doing a wonderful job and we will see you in the top six come finals time. Well done to Kossie and the Strikers.

**Kevin & Yvonne Graham**

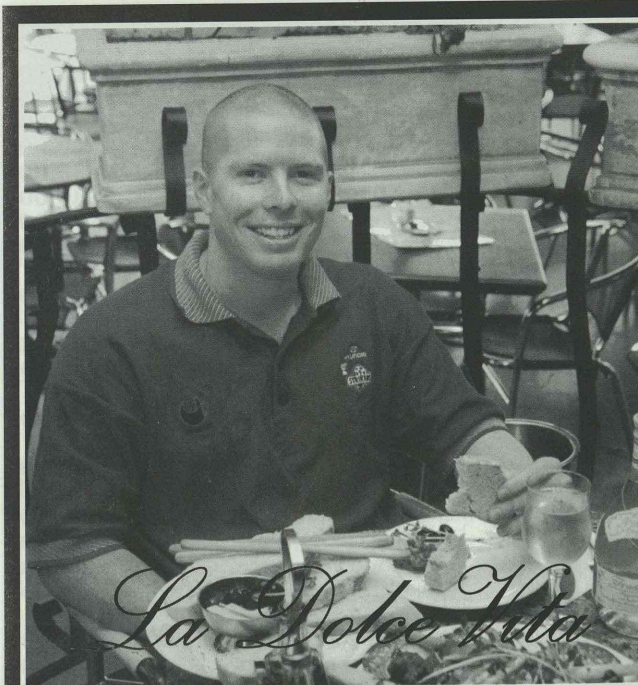
To all Strikers' players, coach & staff. I just want to congratulate the Strikers on their amazing turn of form. My interest in the Strikers had been fading during the season but now they have regrouped and turned it all around. The Strikers even have a great chance to enter the finals. For the past few weeks as I watch Sports Tonight I was always dreading that the Strikers will lose. But not anymore! And I have to thank John Kosmina, the coach for doing a great job. Also the Strikers have got a pretty good web site.  
 Jay

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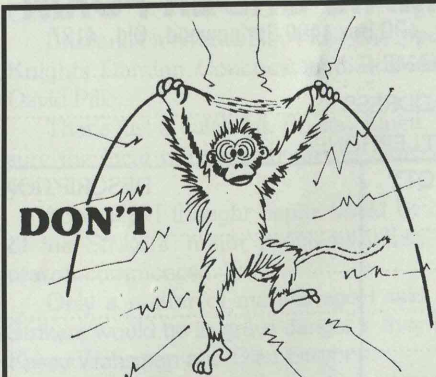
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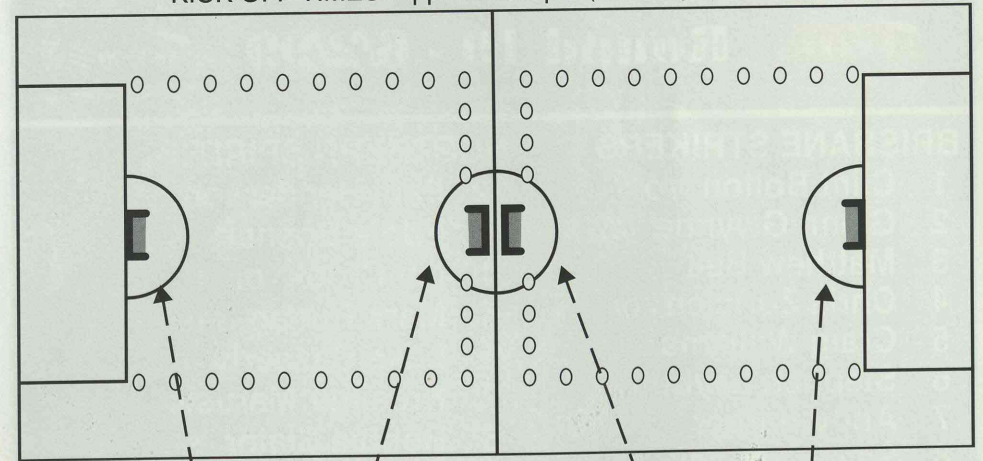
who have been picked for the final draw for the Hyundai Car giveaway at the end of the 98/99 season.

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# ERICSSON CUP

## Round 19 - 6/2/99

<p><b>BRISBANE STRIKERS</b></p> <p>1 Clint Bolton - FO                  2 Glenn Gwynne (C) - S                  3 Matthew Bell                  4 Chris Zoricich - OI                  5 Craig Williams                  6 Stephen Laybutt - O                  7 Andy Harper                  8 Sean Cranney - FS                  9 Reece Tollenaere                  10 Kasey Wehrman - S, O                  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</p>	<p><b>NORTHERN SPIRIT</b></p> <p>22 Paul Henderson                  3 Eddie Bosnar - YS                  4 Ian Crook - OI                  5 Mark Rudan - FYS                  6 Luke Casserly - FS                  7 Kresimir Marusic                  8 Robbie Slater - S                  9 Graham Arnold - FS                  10 Gabriel Mendez - FS                  11 Troy Cranney - FYS                  12 James Stubbs-Mills                  13 Philip Moss                  14 Tony Perinich                  16 Daniel Watkins                  17 Paul Bilokapic - FS                  18 Paul Wearne - YS                  19 Clayton Zane - O                  21 Michael Cunico - YS                  23 Mathew Langdon - YS                  25 Robert Enes - FS                  26 Adam Snyder                  28 Jack Sobczyk                  Coach - Graham Arnold</p>
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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										NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	17	11	3	3	34	20	36 <sup>39</sup>	Northern Spirit	15	11	1	3	30	11	34
Sydney United	17	11	2	4	30	19	35 <sup>36</sup>	Marconi Fairfield	15	9	5	1	46	12	32
Adelaide City	17	10	2	5	27	14	32 <sup>33</sup>	Aust Inst of Sport	15	9	5	1	42	12	32
Northern Spirit	17	9	2	6	20	18	29 <sup>29</sup>	Sydney Olympic	16	10	2	4	43	18	32
Carlton	17	8	4	5	34	22	28 <sup>28</sup>	Wollongong Wolves	14	10	1	3	43	11	31
Perth Glory	17	8	3	6	30	20	27 <sup>30</sup>	Newcastle Breakers	15	9	4	2	29	14	31
Sydney Olympic	17	8	3	6	32	23	27 <sup>28</sup>	<b>QAS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>STRIKERS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25<sup>28</sup></b>	NSW Inst Sport	13	7	3	3	27	12	24
Marconi Fairfield	17	7	3	7	29	33	24	Sydney United	15	6	3	6	27	22	21
Newcastle Breakers	17	6	3	8	17	25	21	Marconi Fairfield Colts	15	5	2	8	16	26	17
Wollongong Wolves	17	5	5	7	25	30	20	ACT Acad. Sport	16	3	1	12	23	44	10
Adelaide Sharks	17	5	4	8	26	28	19	Sydney United Colts	14	3	0	11	15	43	9
Melbourne Knights	16	3	4	9	16	26	13	Northern Spirit Colts	14	2	2	10	14	56	8
Gippsland Falcons	16	3	4	9	10	30	13	W'gong Wolves Colts	15	1	1	13	8	66	4
Canberra Cosmos	17	1	2	14	12	37	5	Sydney Olympic Acad	15	0	3	12	10	50	3

**OTHER ROUND 19 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES**

FRI 5 FEB Newcastle v Sydney Olympic  
 SAT 6 FEB Gippsland Falcons v Carlton  
 SAT 7 FEB Sth Melbourne v Melb Knights  
 SUN 7 FEB Sydney United v Adelaide City  
 SUN 7 FEB Adelaide Sharks v Perth Glory  
 MON 8 FEB Canberra Cosmos v Wollongong

**ROUND 20 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES**

FRI 12 FEB Northern Spirit v Carlton  
 FRI 12 FEB Newcastle v South Melbourne  
 SAT 13 FEB Marconi F'ield v Canberra Cosmos  
 SUN 14 FEB Adelaide Sharks v Gippsland  
**SUN 14 FEB Perth Glory v STRIKERS**  
 SUN 14 FEB Syd Olympic v Sydney United  
 SUN 14 FEB Melbourne Knights v Adelaide City

**ERICSSON CUP  
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Pablo Cardozo	Syd. Olympic	16
Mile Sterjovski	Syd. United	12
Alex Moriera	Carlton SC	10
John Markovski	Perth Glory	9
Damian Mori	Adelaide City	9
Vaughan Coveny	South Melb	8
Michael Curcija	South Melb	8

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