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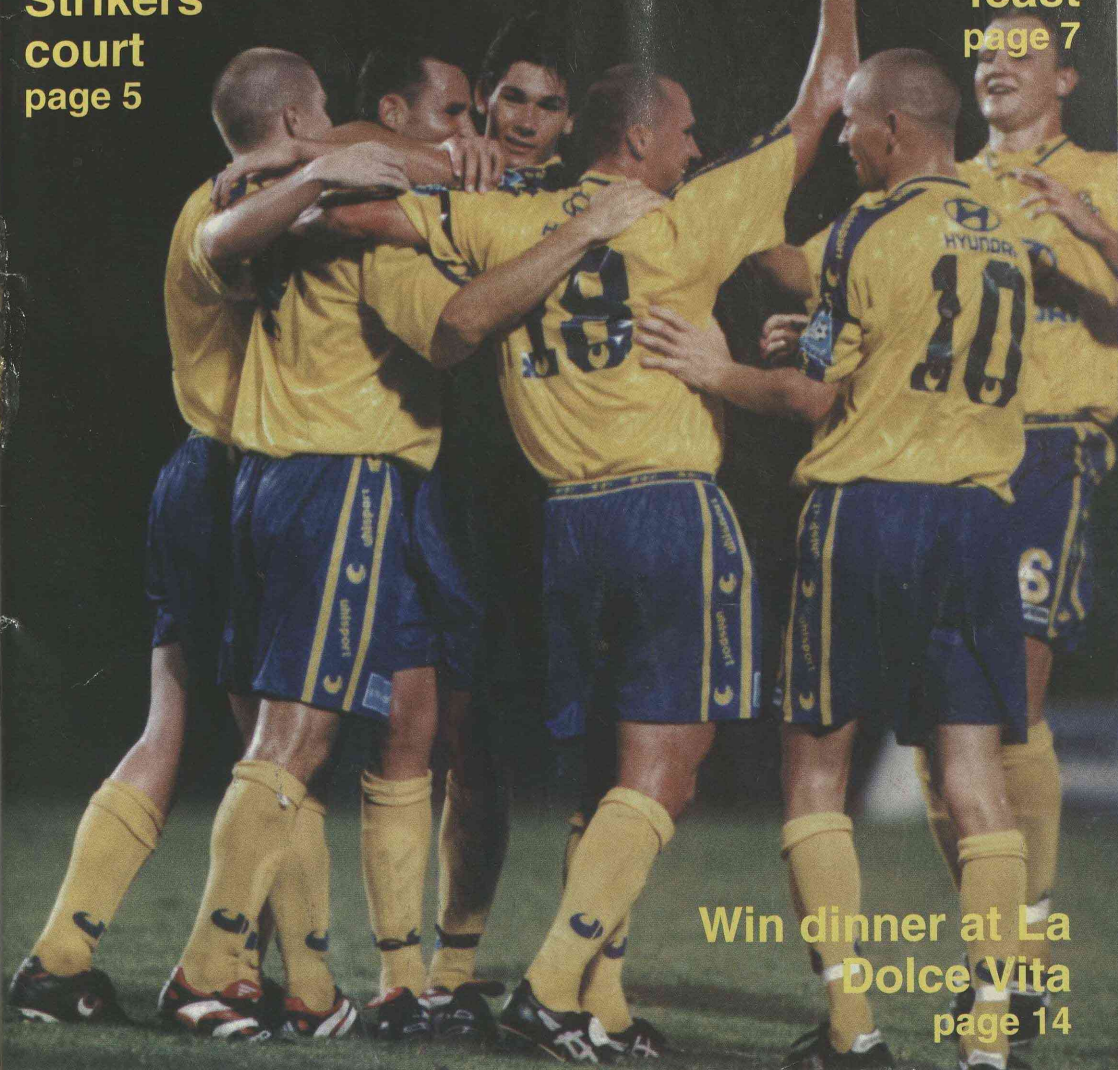
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COVER: A jubilant Nick Meredith after netting a goal. Nick also celebrated his 200th national league game last weekend in Melbourne.

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Talk about "foot in mouth" disease or a case of speaking to soon or better still just a "reality check". After giving Northern Spirit a hiding 3 weeks ago we've been to Perth and Carlton and copped it back in spades in both places although to be fair to the players (and honest), the scorelines on both occasions flattered the opponents.

We had Perth on toast for 20 minutes, missed a few good chances, gave them two soft goals, then got back at them again 'till 20 minutes into the second half when we "gave" them a third while Chris Zoricich was off the park getting a head wound seen to.

After that, heads went down, tempers frayed and the Glory really killed us off with quality finishing. We had a long trip home and had a long chat about it through the week before taking off for Carlton last Sunday.

Despite out playing them for 40 minutes we found ourselves two goals down and a man down (Zorro sent off) before Des Hughes pulled one back just on the break.

The second half started as the first finished with us on top - we missed a penalty before Jeromy Harris equalised and we continued to dominate until Jezza got knocked unconscious in a clash with a Carlton player. The delay in getting him off the pitch and getting the sub on broke our rhythm and not long later we conceded the third and the rest is history.

As I said - a reality check and now we've all got our feet firmly on the ground again and a top six finish well within our reach. I'm looking forward to the challenge of our remaining games.

Jack Stevens and Tom Law from Breakout adventures paid us a visit the other week, coming to us at Perry Park. As you may remember we spent a weekend doing "commando stuff" at Samford during pre-season under their guidance. This time they put us through some tough team building exercises on the soccer field and I must take this opportunity to thank them for the time and their support of all our home games. When we do make the finals their input will have played a big part this season.

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Ball is in Strikers court

The Strikers host the Melbourne Knights in what promises to be a great spectacle at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Both teams will be searching for maximum points from this match in an effort to keep alive any chance of a top six finish.

And with just eight games in the season remaining, it is little wonder that Strikers coach John Kosmina is stressing the importance of every point.

"Basically, the simple scenario is that the ball is in our court," he said.

"What happens over the remaining matches is really up to us and we have to try and put ourselves in a position to get the most out of every game.

"We'll be pushing hard for a finals berth and I believe we have the talent and a good blend of youth and experience that will hold us in good stead."

In the Strikers last outing at Suncorp, they thrashed southern glamour club the Northern Spirit 5-1.

It was a big win for the club and it seemed the Strikers were going to find themselves a permanent spot near the top of the table.

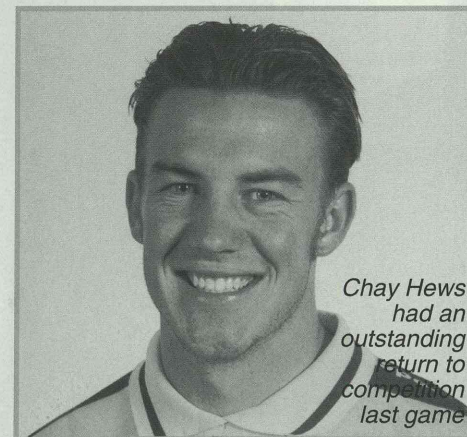
However, two losses in as many away games means the Strikers are now in 8th position on the league ladder.

Against the Glory in Perth two weeks ago, the Strikers were comprehensively beaten 6-0, while last week's game against Carlton also proved unforgettable, the Strikers going down 5-2.

However, despite two big losses on the scoreboard, Kosmina said there were many positive aspects to Brisbane's current form.

"The bad results over the last couple of weeks have really been a result of lapses in concentration," he said.

"When we played Perth, I thought we were all over them for the first twenty minutes but



Chay Hews had an outstanding return to competition last game

then they scored an unexpected goal and we went a man down which didn't help our cause.

"And against Carlton, as silly as it might sound, I thought we were the better side in that match... and the Melbourne media thought the same after the match.

"Carlton went two goals up and we fought hard to draw even, but again we went a man down and in the end, they caught us pushing forward and punished us."

Captain Glenn Gwynne and the seasoned Chris Zoricich will be missing from the Strikers line-up tonight due to suspension. Their absence is likely to cause Kosmina a few headaches.

"It's unfortunate that they're (Gwynne and Zoricich) not there but that happens in this game and guys like Steve Laybutt and Nick Meredith are going to have to make sure they are tuned in at the back," Kosmina said.

"The Knights have some tremendous players in the form of Ivan Kelic and Zeljko Susa, but I think we have the personnel to do the job.

"Guys like Jeromy Harris and Stuart McLaren are coming back into form, Chay Hews had an outstanding return to competition last week and Des Hughes has been exceptional since joining the club."

Fans Enjoy Goal Feast

There were goals a plenty during Round 21 of this year's Ericsson Cup competition.

In an action packed game at Edensor Park, Sydney United blew a two-goal lead to lose to the Perth Glory in the dying minutes of the game.

Joe Vrkic opened United's account in the 16th minute and when Mile Sterjovski scored in the 23rd minute, it appeared the game was heading towards a home team win.

However, Con Boutsianis got one back for the visitors in the 38th minute, but United maintained their one goal advantage at the break.

The half-time oranges worked wonders for the Glory as they got on equal terms with United in the 55th minute thanks to Alastair Edwards' goals and took the lead in the 63rd

minute courtesy of Michael Garcia.

However, Sydney struck back immediately when Steve Berry netted in the 64th minute.

The two sides seemed destined to share the points until Boutsianis unleashed one of his left foot "specials" from outside the box, just three minutes from time.

It was without doubt one of the best goals ever seen in the Ericsson Cup and will surely rate a mention in "best of the best" highlights at season's end.

The loss was a double blow for United as Perth have crept into second spot on the ladder on goal difference.


In another high scoring game at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide City drew 4-4 with the Wollongong Wolves.

Carl Veart opened the scoring for the

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The Melbourne Knights Story

by Andrew Howe

A club simply called Croatia entered the Victorian provisional league in 1953, merging with Preston Croat in 1965, then taking over the Essendon Lions in 1975.

Under the name of Essendon Croatia, they finished either first or second each year from 1978 to 1984.

Eddie Krncevic, Australia's first overseas success story of the modern era, came through the Essendon state league ranks.

Renamed to Melbourne Croatia, their national league career commenced stunningly in 1984 as the club made it to the preliminary final of the southern conference at their first attempt.

Their first grand final appearance came at the climax of the 1990/91 season, where they lost an enthralling grand final to South Melbourne only on a penalty shoot-out.

The same scenario occurred in 1991/92, the team losing on penalties to Adelaide City. In the 1991/92 season - the inaugural season of Brisbane United - the Knights were the only team to win both their games against United, and were in fact the first team to inflict defeat upon United - a 3-1 result in round four.

Yet another grand final appearance (and another name change - this time to the

Melbourne Knights) in 1993/94 saw another grand final loss, again to Adelaide City (0-1).

In 1994/95 the Knights finally gained revenge by defeating Adelaide City 2-0 in the most one sided of national league grand finals ever played.

No one team has dominated a season like the Knights did in 1994/95.

The team were champions, minor premiers and cup-winners - the first time ever that one club has ever taken out the 'treble'.

A 6-0 win in the national cup final was again the most one-sided final of this competition.

Teenage sensation Mark Viduka took out the player of the year, under 21 player of the year and top scorer of the year.

Mirko Bazic was voted coach of the year and amazingly, the same two people had won the same four awards the previous season.

Despite losing many players, the club won the league again in 1995/96.

Even more players disappeared after the 1996 grand final, but the club never know how to say die and have doggedly continued to compete strongly in the NSL.

Melbourne Knight's statistical record against Brisbane

Season	Final Pos'n.	Knight's Avg. Crowd	Prev. Results in Brisbane	Prev. Results in Melbourne
1991-92	1st / 14	3900	2-1 Knights	3-1 Knights
1992-93	10th / 14	2800	3-0 Strikers	3-1 Knights
1993-94	1st / 14	3100	3-0 Knights	2-0 Strikers
1994-95	1st / 13	4800	1-0 Knights	1-0 Knights
1995-96	2nd / 12	4400	0-0	2-0, 2-0 both Knights
1996-97	2nd / 14	4900	2-1 Strikers	1-0 Knights
1997-98	7th / 14	4200	2-1 Knights	2-0 Knights

Australia loses gifted physcian

Australian Sport suffered a great loss this month with the passing of Dr John McNee.

Dr McNee, aged 57 years, was at the forefront of the sports medicine industry within Queensland and Australia for many years.

As consultant Sports Physician to many of Queensland's sports injury rehabilitation specialists, Dr McNee was undoubtedly one of the most respected sports physicians in Queensland.

He devoted his life to sports medicine and over the years treated some of Australia's finest sporting exports including tennis star Patrick Rafter, netballer Vicki Wilson, cricketer Carl Rackemann and the Broncos Steve Renouf.

The "Doc" as he was commonly known, was also Medical Director with the Sydney Organising Committee (SOCOG) for Olympic Soccer, Consultant Sports Physician to the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) in the disciplines of Athletics, Hockey and Soccer and a Medical Director for the Queensland Bulls.

But many local soccer fans would know Dr McNee for his involvement with the code for more than a decade.

In 1987, Dr McNee took over from Dr Keith Pearson as the QSF's Chief Medico, which included the oversight of all medical aspects for the state team.

During the 90's, Dr McNee worked as the Medical Director for Brisbane United and then the Strikers, a position he held until his passing.

In 1993, the "Doc" was appointed as Chief Medical Officer for all World Youth Cup matches in Brisbane.

Brisbane Strikers Chairman Ian Brusasco said the Queensland Soccer fraternity had lost one of its great servants.



"John was one of those doctors that everybody liked and trusted," he said.

"He (Dr McNee) was a gifted physician and was respected by those who knew him both professionally and personally.

"His knowledge saved the career of many an athlete and I'm sure I speak for everyone involved with soccer in the state when I say that his services will be sadly missed.

"He had a unique ability to not only treat an injury, but also provide emotional support for athletes, which is an important part of the healing process."

During his career at the Spring Hill Sports Medicine Clinic, Dr McNee saw as many as 10,000 patients, of which approximately 78% were under the age of 17 years.

One of his foremost concerns was nurturing and educating our up and coming young athletes in the prevention and management of injuries.

He conducted lectures on sports related issues at many Brisbane schools, colleges and universities.

Dr McNee leaves behind a wife, Theresa, and four children, Catherine (26 years), Angela (28 years), Maree (29 years) and Brendon (31 years).

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home side in the 13th minute, but the celebrations of City fans was short lived thanks to a wonderful passage of play from the Wolves.

A penalty goal to Antony Surjan in the 15th minute started the onslaught and was followed by goals to Mat Horsley (24th), Scott Chipperfield (36th), and another penalty to Karavatakis (43rd).

At 4-1 down at the break, the result appeared a forgone conclusion, but in the 70th minute of the match, Damian Mori revitalised the City outfit with a stunning goal.

In the 81st minute, Carl Veart added another to his first half effort and with just four minutes left, Damian Mori ensured the home side secured a memorable point.

However, the draw has seen City drop to 5th on the ladder, with Northern Spirit leaping into 4th place thanks to a good win over the Melbourne Knights.

Danny Watkins, Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater each scored for Spirit, while Ivan Kelic and Ice Kutlesovski netted for the Knights.

At Bob Jane Stadium, league leaders South Melbourne defeated the beleaguered Marconi Fairfield 2-0.

First half goals to Paul Trimboli and Vaughan Coveny mean that Frankie's headache will continue for at least another week. Rumour has it that he is even considering strapping on the boots in a desperate bid to rescue the Stallions!

In the final match of the round (not considering the Strikers/Carlton game), Newcastle scored a 1-0 win over the Gippsland Falcons.

So, the table as it stands after 21 rounds of the Ericsson Cup has South Melbourne on top on 43 points, with Perth Glory and Sydney United battling for second on 36 points. The Strikers are currently in 8th position on the league ladder on 28 points.

Tonight, the Strikers line-up against the Melbourne Knights, a traditionally tough opponent, with their ranks depleted.

Captain Glenn Gwynne and former international Chris Zoricich will both be absent from the park this evening due to suspension.

Both are integral members of the Strikers outfit and are two of the most experienced players in the squad.

But perhaps more importantly is the fact that both play in defence.

It is one thing to lose one key defender, but when two go missing, it becomes a real headache for the coach.

But it is at this point that Stephen John Laybutt makes an entrance!

Laybutt has made a big impact at the



Stephen LAYBUTT

Strikers since joining the club in the 1997/98 season.

Former captain Alan Hunter gained a reputation as the "enforcer" in the Strikers ranks before his departure to Carlton.

With Hunter gone, the Strikers needed a new "hard man" in defence and the young Laybutt has proved to be a worthwhile investment for the Strikers.

Born in the famous country New South Wales town of Lithgow on April 3, 1997, Laybutt began his football career with the likes of Albion Park and Illawarra.

He represented New South Wales as a junior and in 10 appearances for his state, he scored 8 goals proving that defenders can score goals.

In 1994-95, Laybutt accepted a scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport before embarking on a national league career with the Wollongong Wolves.

He played with Wollongong during the 95/96 and 96/97 seasons.

In 1997, Laybutt was selected to play for the Olyroos against the highly fancied Brazilian

outfit and Stephen cites this as the highlight of his career to date.

In 1997/98, Laybutt decided to make the move north and begin a new chapter in his career with the Brisbane Strikers.

Stephen had participated in preseason training with the side and in one pre-season game against Marconi Fairfield, he netted the Strikers only goal.

He swears that his love of surfing and music did not persuade him to come and live in the "Sunshine State", but there is no doubt that being so close to many of Australia's best beaches is an added advantage of playing for the Strikers.

Stephen has just returned from injury but already he has put some runs on the board with an impressive performance against Sydney United last week.

Laybutt has played 55 National league matches and given that he has not yet reached his 22nd birthday, he looks set to have a great career ahead of him. And that should definitely bring a smile to the faces of the Strikers management and supporters.



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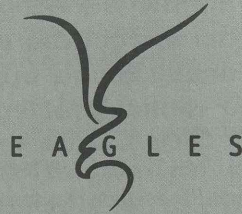
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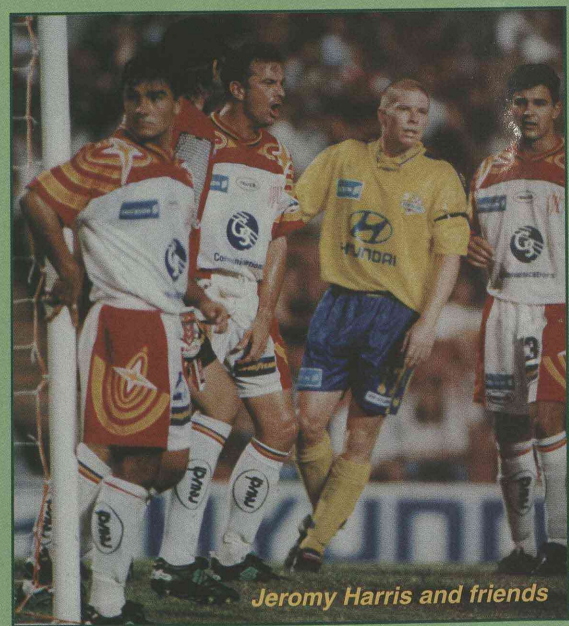
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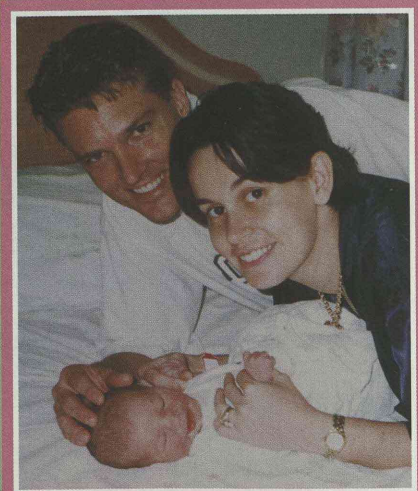
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Jeromy Harris and friends



Chris Zoricich celebrates his goal



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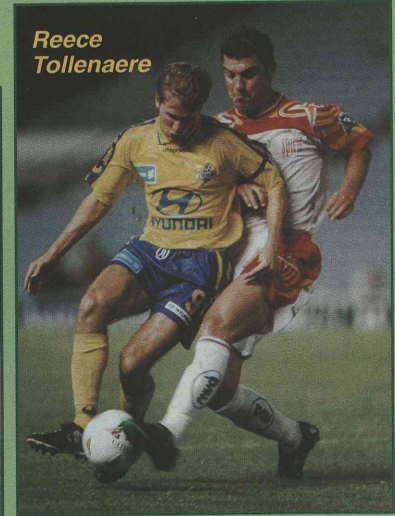
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The powerful Australian Institute of Sport side proved too strong in last weekend's fixture played in Canberra.

We were very competitive in the first half and probably should have been in front but for some missed opportunities.

Down 2-0 at half time we fell away in the second period, lacking intensity, turning over possession regularly. Final score was 4-0. Darryl Hathway, Jade North, Wayne Srhoj and Michael Turnball all played well for the AIS - all 'former' Queenslanders.

Blackburn Rovers Youth Director, Bobby Downes, was an interested spectator at our last home game against Northern Spirit, a couple of lads caught his well trained eye and we hope that something may eventuate in the near future.

Former Blackburn Rovers Manager, Roy Hodgson, is in Australia at present, he held a presentation at the World Football Congress in Sydney during the week and on Monday and Tuesday at the A.I.S. He will be involved in a seminar for full-time coaches, which should be very interesting.

Today's State of Origin clash against NSW ITC could very well determine a semi final spot even at the early stage.

Both teams are on the fringe. NSW convincing winners in Round 1 will no doubt

be keen to maintain their advantage over us, probably as keen as we will be to return the favour.

Suncorp has been famous historically for State of Origin clashes this could be another of those!

Enjoy, Gary Phillips.

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game and can not say enough about it.
Absolutely magnificent !! Every player had a
great game. It is a credit to the players and
coaching team the way the team has turned
around after some bad luck - but we never had
any doubts about our beloved Strikers! Keep
up the great work.

...Wayne & Jaki Flegg

I watched Strikers 5 Vs Spirit 1 last night, and I
watched Sydney United 1 Vs Adelaide City 1 on
TV this afternoon. The TV game put me to sleep.
Last night the Strikers played the most
entertaining and best soccer in the club's
history. Keep it up. It was great. ...John

Congratulations to the team on well fought
matches against Sydney Olympic & Marconi.
The determination and 'never-say-die' attitude
displayed in both games was inspirational and
resulted in two well-deserved victories. We
were fortunate enough to be present at the
Marconi match whilst on holiday in Sydney
recently and hopefully our support, together
with that of a few other Queenslanders at the
game, helped motivate the team. Inspired by
the Marconi game we drove back to Brisbane
on Australia Day in time for the Sydney
Olympic game. It was thoroughly worth it!!
We are planning a sojourn to Melbourne soon
and will aim to coincide our visit with the game
against Carlton. WELL DONE GUYS!! Thanks
for the entertainment.

...The Pennisi Family

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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1998/99 FIXTURES**

Date	Opponents	F-A	1 Bolton	2 Gwerno	3 Bell	4 Zornick	5 Williams	6 LaHair	7 Haber	8 Crumey	9 Melbourne	10 Westmead	11 Kottek	12 North	13 McLean	14 Krieger	15 Inal	16 Harris	17 Harris	18 Merrett	19 Pakker	20 Pakker	21 Pakker	22 Pakker	23 Pakker	24 Pakker	25 Pakker
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	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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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 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Tue 26/1	Sydney Olympic	H 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 6/2	Northern Spirit	H 5-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 14/2	Perth Glory	A 0-6	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 21/2	Carlton	A 2-5	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Individual League Appearances			138	164	28	86	142	55	265	129	40	44	4	12	45	44	11	70	51	200	0	14	8	9	9	0	0
Individual League Goals			0	2	0	8	1	5	91	17	8	6	0	1	3	6	0	1	8	24	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

Please note that fixtures are subject to change as directed by Soccer Australia

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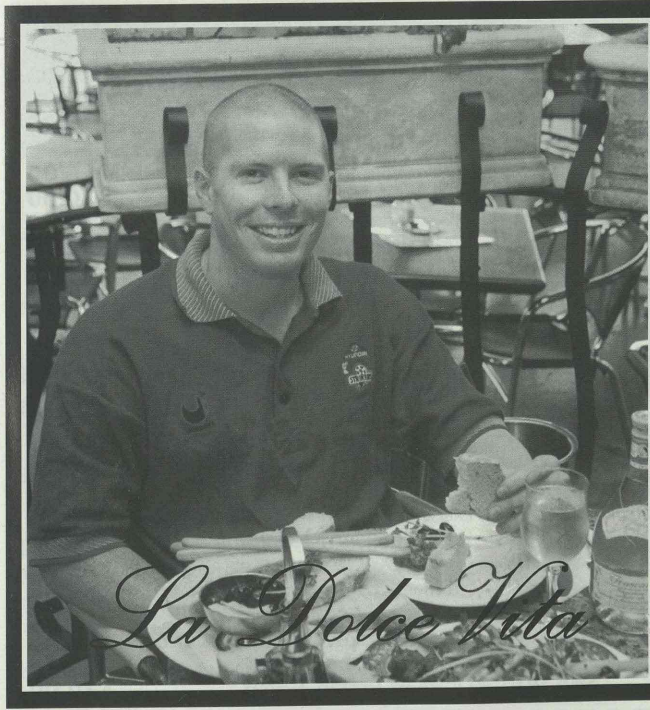
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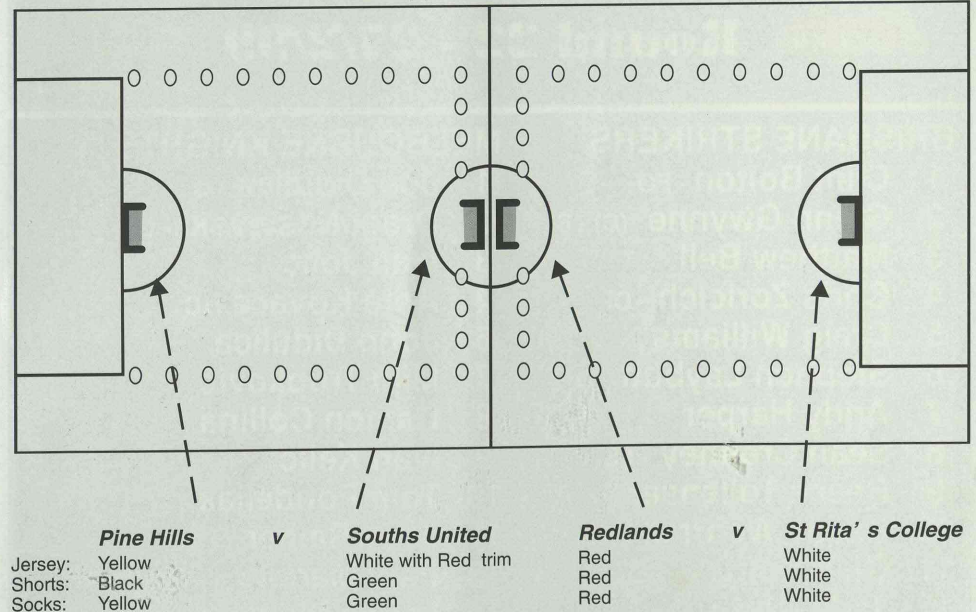
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- 5 Craig Williams
- 6 Stephen Laybutt - o
- 7 Andy Harper
- 8 Sean Cranney - FS
- 9 Reece Tollenare
- 10 Kasey Wehrman - s, o
- 11 Glen Kolpak - FO
- 12 Jade North
- 13 Stuart McLaren
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Wayne Srhoj
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Jeromy Harris
- 18 Nick Meredith
- 21 Andrew Packer
- 23 Des Hughes
- 24 Andrew Davidson
- 25 Shane Stefanutto
- Rgk Daniel Duke
- Coach - John Kosmina

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

- 1 Joe Didulica - o
- 2 Dragi Nastevski - o
- 3 Ivan Jolic
- 4 Ante Kovacevic
- 6 John Didulica
- 7 Mijo Trupkovic
- 8 Damon Collina
- 9 Ivan Kelic
- 10 Tom Pondeljak
- 11 Joey Rajher
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- 16 Alex Kiratzoglou
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- 18 Frank Bazzano
- 19 Ante Deak
- 21 Zeljko Susa - o
- 22 Jason Vukadin
- 23 Michael Reda
- 24 Hrovje Matkovic
- 25 Ice Kutlesovski
- Rgk Martin John - ys
- Coach - Josip Biskic

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	20	13	4	3	39	21	43
Perth Glory	20	11	3	6	43	24	36
Sydney United	20	11	3	6	35	26	36
Northern Spirit	20	11	2	7	27	26	35
Adelaide City	20	10	4	6	33	22	34
Carlton	20	9	4	7	41	29	31
Sydney Olympic	19	9	4	6	35	25	31
STRIKERS	20	8	4	7	29	31	28
Marconi Fairfield	19	8	3	8	31	36	27
Newcastle Breakers	20	7	5	8	19	26	26
Wollongong Wolves	19	5	6	8	29	35	21
Adelaide Sharks	19	5	5	9	27	31	20
Gippsland Falcons	19	4	5	10	12	32	17
Melbourne Knights	19	4	4	11	22	33	16
Canberra Cosmos	19	2	2	15	14	39	8

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aust Inst of Sport	20	14	5	1	68	13	47
Newcastle Breakers	20	13	4	3	45	19	44
Sydney Olympic	19	13	2	4	52	20	41
NSW Inst Sport	18	11	3	4	42	15	36
Marconi Fairfield	16	10	5	1	54	12	35
Northern Spirit	19	11	2	6	32	20	35
QAS	18	11	1	6	50	25	34
Wollongong Wolves	18	10	2	6	48	22	32
Sydney United	19	8	4	7	37	27	28
Marconi Fairfield Colts	19	5	4	10	19	33	19
ACT Acad. Sport	20	4	3	13	29	51	15
Sydney United Colts	18	4	0	14	18	55	12
Northern Spirit Colts	18	2	3	13	17	76	9
Sydney Olympic Acad	19	1	3	15	13	68	6
W'gong Wolves Colts	19	1	3	15	13	82	6

OTHER ROUND 22 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

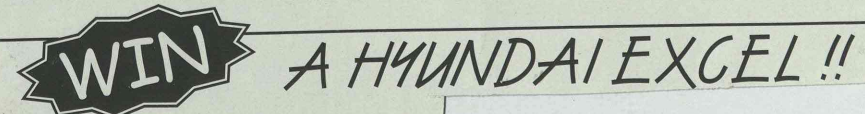
- FRI 26 FEB Newcastle v Adelaide Sharks
- SAT 27 FEB Marconi Fairfield v Gippsland
- SUN 28 FEB Wollongong v Northern Spirit
- SUN 28 FEB Perth Glory v Canberra Cosmos
- SUN 28 FEB Syd Olympic v South Melbourne
- SUN 28 FEB Carlton v Sydney United

ROUND 23 ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- FRI 5 MAR Northern Spirit v Adelaide City
- SAT 6 MAR **STRIKERS v Wollongong**
- SUN 7 MAR Gippsland Falcons v Syd Olympic
- SUN 7 MAR South Melbourne v Perth Glory
- SUN 7 MAR Sydney United v Melb Knights
- SUN 7 MAR Adelaide Sharks v Marconi
- MON 8 MAR Canberra Cosmos v Carlton

ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

- Pablo Cardozo Syd. Olympic 17
- Mile Sterjovski Syd. United 14
- Damian Mori Adelaide City 12
- Alex Moriera Carlton SC 11
- Vaughan Coveny South Melb 11
- John Markovski Perth Glory 9
- Michael Curcija South Melb 8



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