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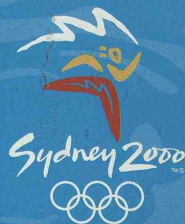
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FRONT COVER: Jeromy Harris battles for the
ball against some rugged Northern Spirit
defence during the Round 4 clash at Suncorp
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Anyone who walked away from Suncorp Metway Stadium last Saturday disappointed must have rocks in their head.

Sure we didn't get the three points we deserved but from an entertainment perspective the game had everything. Goals, plenty of action but overall plenty of great football. And I'm pleased to say most of it was from us.

I know we didn't get the points but in football things tend to even out over time. Last season in Sydney, Spirit tore us to shreds in the first half and could have been 2 or 3 up. We managed to turn it around in the 2nd half and walked away grateful for the point.

Even our first game against the Knights this season was a game where a draw would have been a fair result.

What it comes down to is this - if someone had said to us we'll give you ten points from the first four games including Adelaide Force and Northern Spirit you'd be crazy not to take it.

What we need to concentrate on now is getting 10 points from our next 4 matches and that's going to be tough - Paramatta, Perth, Carlton and Sydney United.

I guess what this start has done is give us belief in our ability to play good, entertaining and winning football at this level. Provided we keep our feet on the ground we can go a long way - all the way if we really want it badly enough.

Too much philosophy. Congratulations to Pete Grierson scoring on debut and playing a fine game. After missing out on Strikers squads in the past, at the tender age of 29 Pete has a lot to offer and a point to prove.

Enjoy the game.

Kossie





It's a funny old game!!! A famous saying from one Jimmy Greaves and that's how I felt Saturday night after our two-all draw with the Northern Spirit.

We dominated the match in both halves and played some attractive football, which was very pleasing from a spectator's viewpoint.

However, unfortunately we let it slip at the death and even though it was disappointing, we played some great football

There is no doubt that the side will have to cope with other disappointments this season as we search for our second NSL title.

This week, we take on one of the new kids on the block in Parramatta Power and I am sure they will be out to prove their pedigree and give us a run for our money on home soil.

It should be an intriguing match and hopefully, the high level of football that we have enjoyed so far this season at Suncorp Metway stadium will continue tonight.

Our draw with Northern Spirit last week has meant that Carlton have joined us at the top of the NSL ladder.

They have started the season with a bang and their superior goal difference means the Strikers are now in second place.

Some of the bigger clubs have yet to blaze a trail (ie: Marconi and South Melbourne), but as someone was quick to point out to me, this is not a sprint but a marathon.



Paul Foster in action

It's where you are come the end of May that matters most.

Please be sure to cheer the boys on tonight as I know they appreciate your support.

Have a great evening.

Tony Petty
Chairman

STRIKERS Next Home Game V's Carlton



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Around the Grounds

Results from NSL - Round 4

Parramatta Power 2 (J Griffiths 25', 48') v Canberra Cosmos 3 (D Watkins 58', I De Jesus 4', 25')

Cautions: D Winnie (CC) 2', M Blagovevic (PP) 2'. **D Milan (CC) 9', G Barlow (CC) 25', R Plesa (PP) 30', I De Jesus (CC) 64'** **Red Card:** David Milan (CC) 63', Gabriel Gonzalex (CC) 86'

Venue: Parramatta Stadium **Referee:** Derek Rugg
Crowd 99/00: 5,100 **Crowd 98/99:** n/a

Carlton 2 (A Marth 51', L Lapsansky 70') v Melbourne Knights 1 (M Trupkovic 85')
Cautions: A Kovacevic (MK) 22', A Packer (C) 26', D McPerson (C) 43', G Nastevski (MK) 37', S Douglas (C) 44', D Terminello (C) 51', J Yukadin (MK) 59' **Red Card:** Mark Silic (MK) 88'

Venue: Olympic Park **Referee:** Matthew Breeze
Crowd 99/00: 4,105 **Crowd 98/99:** 4,590

Newcastle Breakers 1 (G Buonavoglia 4') v Football Kingz 1 (W Rufer 82')

Cautions: D Mennillo (FK) 17', I Vichelich (FK) 88'

Venue: Breakers Stadium **Referee:** Con Diomis
Crowd 99/00: 6,045 **Crowd 98/99:** n/a

Sydney United 1 (D Longo (og) 19') v Marconi Stallions 2 (V Savocca (og) 66', B Malong 52')

Cautions: D Mc Donal (MS) 32', Z Babic (MS) 64', B Malong (MS) 73', D Invincible (MS) 80'
Red Card: Mark Babic (MS) 40', M Jermen (SU) 72'

Venue: Sydney United Sports **Referee:** Mark Shield
Crowd 99/00: 3,036 **Crowd 98/99:** 6,498

Perth Glory 0 v Adelaide Force 0

Cautions: A Vidmar (AF) 34', M Cartwright (AF) 44', C Veart (AF) 62', S Miller (PG) 76'

Venue: Perth Oval **Referee:** Eddie Lenny
Crowd 99/00: 13,390 **Crowd 98/99:** 12,290

South Melbourne 3 (M Curcija 33', 71', C Blatsis 57') v Gippsland Falcons 0

Cautions: Blatsis (SM) 26', V Coveny (SM) 39', D Fak (GF) 40', A Savage (GF) 57', C Bell (GF) 60', J Nilo (GF) 65', D Clarkson (SM) 72', F Di Amicis (SM) 79'

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium **Referee:** Simon Micallef
Crowd 99/00: 7,863 **Crowd 98/99:** 7,230

Sydney Olympic 1 (P Tsekenis 77') v Wollongong Wolves 1 (S Young 77')

Cautions: Nil

Venue: Belmor Sports Ground **Referee:** Brett Hugo
Crowd 99/00: 5,035 **Crowd 98/99:** 4,360

Match Review

STRIKERS V's Northern Spirit

An opportunist goal in the final minute of play denied the Brisbane Strikers of a fourth consecutive victory in the National Soccer League last Saturday night.

The equaliser from Abbas Saad, was not the prettiest of goals, with the former Socceroo on the spot to tap home Clint Bolton's parry from a Matthew Bingley bullet.

The goal allowed the Spirit to draw level at 2-2 to snatch a vital competition point and deny the Strikers of another two, although Brisbane's unbeaten record remained intact.

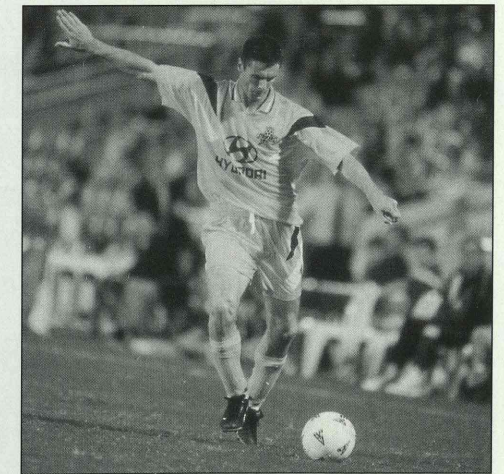
Strikers coach John Kosmina, although a touch disappointed with the result, was extremely pleased with the performance of his charges.

"I was very happy with the way the boys played. We were a bit unlucky to concede two goals that really came from decision-making mistakes, but having said that, the boys played some wonderful football, which would have kept the thousands of Strikers supporters very happy," Kosmina said.

Brisbane started the match in the best possible fashion, when Paul Foster converted from a set piece corner. His powerful volley flew past the Spirit keeper in the seventh minute to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

That appeared to spur the Strikers on, with the side giving the Brisbane fans plenty to cheer about for the remainder of the first half, producing some creative football and a number of genuine scoring opportunities.

Kosmina's tactical changes looked as though they were proving too much for Graham Arnold and his men, with National League debutante Peter Grierson causing all sorts of problems up front with Foster, and



Peter Dwyer making his mark on the left side of the park.

However the Strikers missed opportunities would serve to haunt the Brisbane players and supporters in the 35th minute.

The Spirit worked a quality movement through Luke Casserley and former Brisbane midfielder Sean Cranney, to allow Matthew Bingley enough space to ease his shot past Bolton and into the back of the net.

The equaliser did not phase the Strikers though with the home side remaining composed and striking back in the 40th minute through new signing Peter Grierson, who slammed home from close range after good lead up work from Paul Foster.

That gave the Strikers a 2-1 lead going into the break, a lead they held onto for the majority of the second stanza.

Despite several chances though, the Strikers could not penetrate further, and the last minute lapse allowed the Spirit to steal a draw.



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Match Preview

The Parramatta Power will be a team on a mission tonight, according to Strikers coach John Kosmina.

The Strikers coach believes last weekend's 3-2 loss to Canberra, in front of their Parramatta Stadium supporters, should be enough to motivate the talented Power outfit to have a big game this evening.

"It's a very similar situation to our last game," Kosmina said, "... they are coming up here and they feel they have a point to prove after a disappointing result the previous week.

"But that hasn't worried us so far this season and I'm not expecting it to worry us again tonight."

Although Brisbane had a disappointing end to last weekend's match, the Strikers coach played down media reports of "de-ja vu" for the team.

"That's rubbish! It wasn't the best note to finish the match on, but that's part of the game," the Strikers coach said.

"Statistics all around the world show that there are plenty of goals scored in the last five minutes of the first half and the last five minutes of the second half, so I'm not concerned about those comments at all.

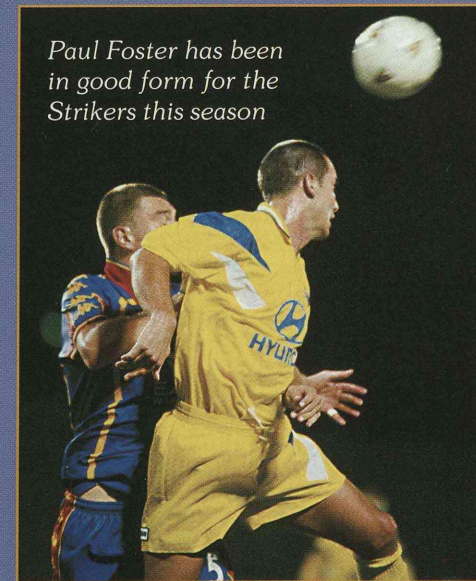
Sydney's newest franchise in the National Soccer League, the Parramatta Power has prompted plenty of interest from soccer pundits right around Australia.

The team is made up of a host of former Sydney United players, with several other big names joining an impressive list of recruits.

Names such as Milan Blagojevic and Walter Ardone are the ones that readily come to mind, but last week it was the speed and skill of Joel Griffiths that came to the fore.

Griffiths scored both his side's goals in their

Paul Foster has been in good form for the Strikers this season



3-2 loss to the Cosmos, a statistic that did not go unnoticed by Kosmina.

"He's very quick and he has a lot of skill, but there are plenty of other dangerous players in the side as well," Kosmina said.

Despite the talent that lies within the Power however, Kosmina believes the new club is possibly a bit vulnerable at the moment, as it adjusts to the demands of the NSL.

"I think they are a little out of sorts at the moment and it's not because they haven't played together for a long time, because most of the players have been together, so David Mitchell has got a good foundation to work from," the Strikers tactician said.

"I think it's more likely that some of their players are still coming to terms with the transition from part-time players to full-time professionals.

"In saying that though, they will hit their straps at some point, but we will be out to make things very difficult for them tonight."

Talking Tactics

with Kossie

Although it was a little disappointing to come away from last week's match against the Spirit with a draw, I really can't fault the way we played.

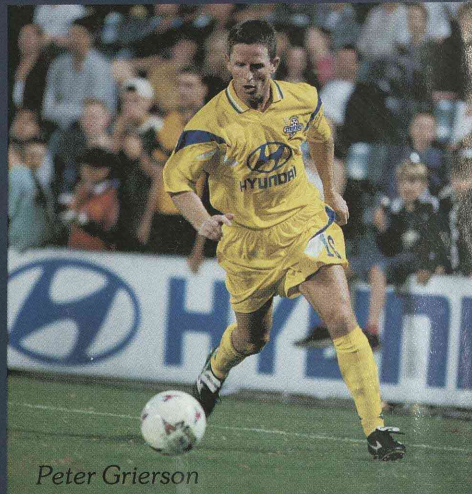
Apart from a couple of defensive errors, the boys put together some excellent football, and for that reason, I really don't see a great need to change things too much.

The positional changes we made last week worked very well, with Peter Grierson complementing Fossy up front superbly, and Pete Dwyer looking very comfortable back on the left side.

Tonight's match will be much like our last two home games, in that we are coming up against a side that is on the back of a loss.

For that reason, I'm sure the Power will be extremely fired up tonight and it won't be easy to take the three points that are on offer.

I'm expecting nothing but class from (Milan) Blagojevic. He is an excellent player technically and he can cause plenty of headaches for opposing teams.



Peter Grierson

Sterjovski has also been in good form of late and Joel Griffiths is lightning fast, so they'll be another two we'll have to watch.

The key thing for us tonight though will be to continue with our current game plan, which has been working for us, and to eliminate our defensive errors so we don't allow the Power to score any soft goals.

To watch the young man in action, it is hard to believe he has just four National League caps to his name. However "Pili" is quickly making his mark in the NSL, with his decisive midfield play.

It is quite clear, he has carried the lessons learned from his time with the QAS and the experience gained playing with this year's XXXX League premiers Rochedale, into this, his latest challenge.

Guts, determination and persistence personify this talented young man, who will be one to watch for, during this evening's clash with the Parramatta Power.

WHO'S HOT

He may not be the most physically intimidating man to grace the football field, but what Dave Pilic lacks in size, he more than makes up for in spirit.

And that could not have been illustrated better than in last weekend's match against Sydney glamour side Northern Spirit.

Despite copping a bad knock to the head, the plucky 21 year old returned to the pitch (with stitches to a head wound), where he continued to make his presence felt.

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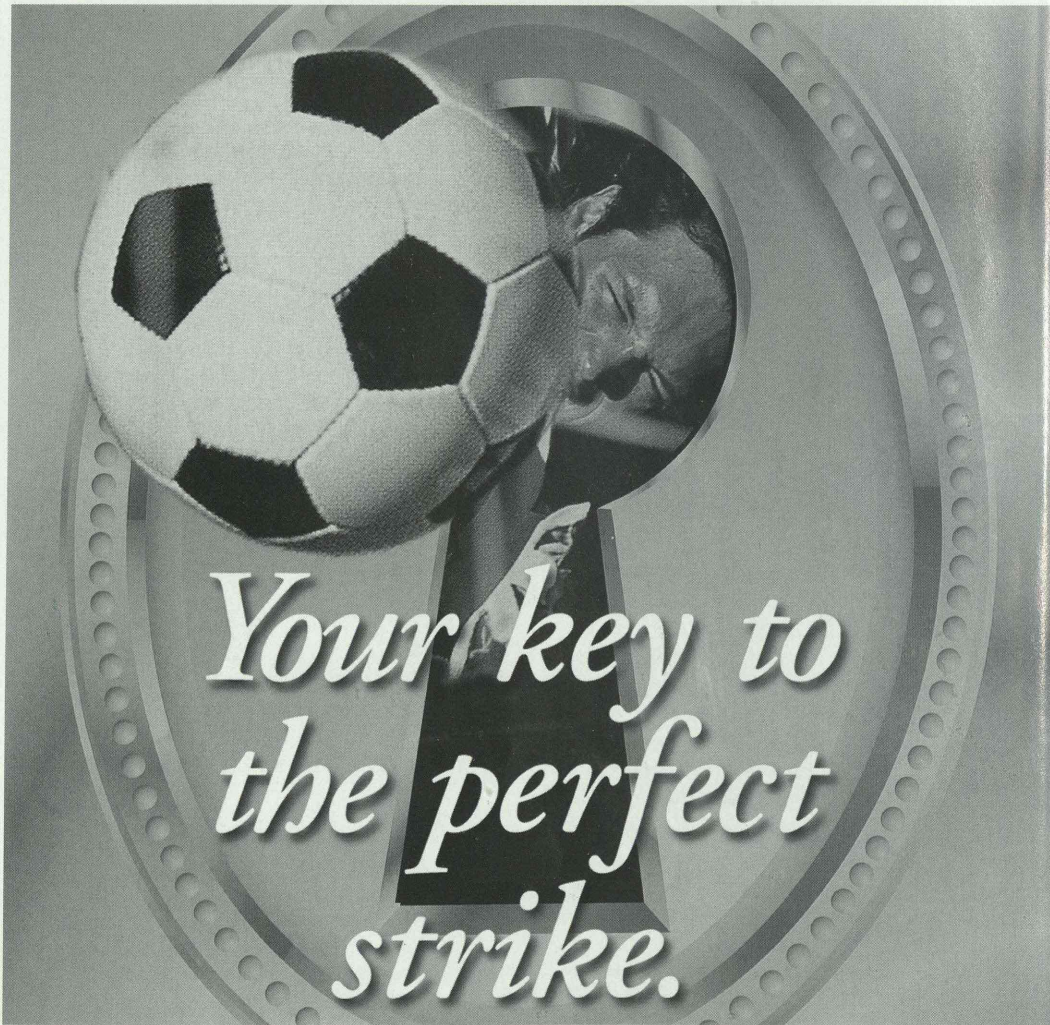
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The world game is getting stronger and produces better players in certain areas of the globe and indeed certain areas of this country, or so the media would have us believe.

I'm sure I won't send shock waves around Suncorp-Metway Stadium tonight when I say that Queensland is not recognised by the media (particularly south of the border) as one of these areas.

Now is this because there is a genuine lack of talent in the Sunshine State? I think not!

I know I need not remind anyone here tonight (with the possible exception of any media persons visiting from interstate) of the number of Queensland players who have made and are continuing to make an impact both locally and overseas.

So is this failure to acknowledge successful Queensland players and teams because they don't like us?

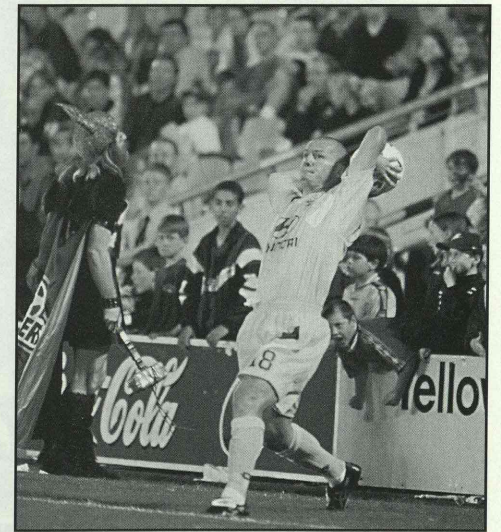
Possibly, or is it because they are too full of their own self importance?

What ever the reasons the early stages of this season have proved my case.

With a strikers team comprised mainly of Queenslanders making one of their best ever starts to the season you would think that the way the team was performing would be a major reason for us being equal top of the table.

Not so - Instead experts are providing us with several other reasons e.g. The 'Big Teams' may take 6 or 7 games to warm up.

I for one hope this proves to be the case as this 'Warm-up' will give us the chance to put a few points between us and the so called 'Big Teams!'



*Nick Meredith awarded
"Gump of The Week"*

I wonder also if these experts have ever stopped to think that maybe WE are only warming up!

I would like to add that media coverage in our own state has, as you would expect, been positive.

My only gripe is that we don't get enough of it. This, however, is something we are hoping to rectify.

Taking over from Baldy as 'Gump of The Week' is Nick Meredith.

He earned the award for claiming that the ball hit someone's arm so hard it nearly broke their 'Tibia'!!!!!!!!!!

Nick has promised (or threatened) to add some strange odors to the 'Gump Shirt' before handing it over! More on that next time. Thanks for your support.

Stuart McLaren.



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Strikers Profile

Brad Ditton

Two Seasons ago many wrote him off as another National League discard... a young man who just a few seasons earlier had the world at his feet, but had unfortunately succumbed to injuries and other perils associated with top league football.

Mid-way through the post Grand Final season, it came as no surprise when he, like many others before him, fell into the National League wilderness.

But after two seasons of relative obscurity, and now four matches back in the country's top competition, it is quite obvious Brad Ditton is back.

"I ummed and ahed for ages about the decision to return," Brad said, "...and it really did take me a long time to decide to go for another season with the Strikers."

And it was a decision that coach John Kosmina and Strikers fans around the country would no doubt be very happy with, after seeing the sort of form this talented young midfielder has been in recently.

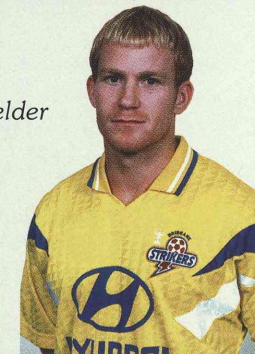
Formerly from Mackay, "Ditts", as he is affectionately known, was spotted at an early age and soon became a Young Socceroo.

It wasn't long before he had a host of National League clubs vying for his signature, however being a true-blue Queenslander it didn't take much to persuade the young man to sign with the newly formed Brisbane United.

After playing with United and then with the Strikers, Ditts trialed with English First Division side Oldham, before playing a season with Second Division club Chesterfield.

After a year in England the young midfielder

Strikers midfielder
Brad Ditton
#6



returned to Australia where he took up a place with the Strikers again, however before long, injury set in and some personality differences with coaches had Ditts in a state of disillusionment.

"Things probably weren't going my way and I guess I got sick of putting in such a big commitment and never getting on the paddock," Brad said.

"So I gave it away mid way through the season after we won the Grand Final, returned to the XXXX League and started up my own personal training business."

After playing a starring role with Beenleigh, Ditts was picked up by Rochedale, the club with which he played an instrumental role in winning their first ever premierships this year.

With such a good season behind him, Brad was offered another chance with the Strikers, and after much deliberation and consultation with his girlfriend, he took the opportunity.

"I think I really had some unfinished business to do in the National League," Brad said.

"I didn't reach my full potential previously and I was really eager to show people that I could cut it in the top competition.

"Kossie offered me another chance and after a lot of thought I decided I would give it another go.



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Tables

National Soccer League Table After Round 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlton SC	4	3	1	0	10	2	10
STRIKERS	4	3	1	0	6	3	10
Sydney Olympic	4	2	2	0	8	3	8
Perth Glory	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
South Melbourne	4	2	0	2	6	3	6
Canberra Cosmos	4	2	0	2	6	4	6
Newcastle Breakers	4	1	3	0	7	5	6
Marconi Stallions	4	1	2	1	6	9	5
Wollongong Wolves	4	1	2	1	5	8	5
Parramatta Power	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Northern Spirit	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Sydney United	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Adelaide Force	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Football Kingz	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Gippsland Falcons	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
Melbourne Knights	4	0	0	4	2	8	0

National Youth League 99/00 Northern Division Table as at 17 October 1999

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	4	3	0	0	20	1	12
Parramatta Power	4	4	0	0	17	0	12
QAS	3	2	1	0	14	3	7
Northern Spirit	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Sydney Olympic	2	2	0	0	6	0	6
Wollongong Wolves	4	2	0	2	3	6	6
Northern Spirit Colts	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
NSW IS	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
ACT AS	3	1	1	1	5	9	4
Newcastle Breakers	4	1	0	3	1	3	3
Sydney United Colts	4	1	0	3	7	1	3
Marconi Stallions	2	2	0	1	2	6	3
Sydney Olympic Academy	3	1	0	2	7	13	3
Newcastle Breakers Colts	4	0	0	4	3	11	0
Marconi Stallions Colts	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Sydney United	2	0	1	1	0	9	0
Wollongong Wolves Colts	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Other Rd 5 Matches

Northern Spirit	Vs	Sydney Olympic
Adelaide Force	Vs	Carlton
Canberra Cosmos	Vs	Perth Glory
Kingz FC	Vs	W'gong Wolves
Gippsland Falcons	Vs	N'castle Breakers
Marconi Stallions	Vs	South Melbourne
Melbourne Knights	Vs	Sydney United

Leading Goalscorers

Andrew Marth	Carlton	4
Daniel Watkins	Cosmos	4
Zeljko Babic	Marconi	3
Con Boutsianis	Perth	3
Pablo Cardoza	Syd Olym.	3
Michael Curcija	Sth Melb.	3
PAUL FOSTER	STRIKERS	3
Peter Bennett	P'matta	2
Bobby Dexpotovski	Perth	2
Mario Jerman	Syd United	2
Damian Mori	Adelaide	2
Alex Moreira	Carlton	2
Esala Masi	W'gong	2
John Bounavoglia	Breakers	2
Joel Griffiths	P'matta	2


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Brisbane Strikers 99/00 Fixtures

Date	Opponents	FA	1 Bolton	2 Gwynne	3 Stefanutto	4 Davidson	5 Bell	6 Ditton	7 Smeltz	8 Pilic	9 Foster	10 Srhoj	11 Di-Losa	12 Dwyer	13 McLaren	14 North	15 Lagone	16 Grierson	17 Harris	18 Meredith	19 Baldwin	20 Duke
Sun 3/10	Melbourne Knights	A	1-0																			
Sat 9/10	Adelaide Force	H	2-1																			
Fri 15/10	Canberra Cosmos	A	1-0																			
Sat 23/10	Northern Spirit	H																				
Sat 30/10	Parramatta Power	H																				
Sun 7/11	Perth Glory	A																				
Sat 13/11	Carlton	H																				
Sun 21/11	Sydney United	A																				
Sat 27/11	South Melbourne	H																				
Fri 3/12	Newcastle Breakers	A																				
Sat 11/12	Gippsland Falcons	H																				
Sun 19/12	Sydney Olympic	A																				
Tues 28/12	Wollongong Wolves	H																				
Sun 2/1	Northern Spirit	A																				
Sat 8/1	Melbourne Knights	H																				
Sat 15/1	Gippsland Falcons	A																				
Sat 22/1	Marconi	H																				
Wed 26/1	Marconi	A																				
Sat 29/1	Kings FC	A																				
Fri 4/2	Adelaide Force	H																				
Sat 12/2	Canberra Cosmos	H																				
Fri 18/2	Northern Spirit	A																				
Fri 25/2	Parramatta Power	A																				
Sat 4/3	Perth Glory	H																				
Fri 10/3	Carlton	A																				
Sat 18/3	Sydney United	A																				
Sun 26/3	South Melbourne	A																				
Sat 1/4	Newcastle Breakers	H																				
Sat 8/4	Gippsland Falcons	A																				
Sat 15/4	Sydney Olympic	H																				
Sat 22/4	Wollongong Wolves	A																				
Tues 25/4	Northern Spirit	H																				
Fri 28/4	Kings FC	A																				
Sun 7/5	Gippsland Falcons	H																				

LEGEND:

▲ = Played

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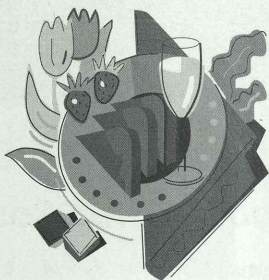
○ = Non playing substitute

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Ask Kossie



Dear Kossie

Can you tell me how many points the Strikers will need to make the final six.

Alistar Quinn, Aged 6

Dear Alistair

The Brisbane Strikers will need to achieve at least 51 points to make the final six this season. We have an excellent team this year and a great chance of making the final six so keep up your enthusiastic support. We all appreciate it.

Kossie

Dear Kossie

What position did you play when you were a Socceroo and how many goals did you score?

Kerrod Smith

Dear Kerrod

I was a striker for the national team and scored 43 goals in 102 games.

Kossie

Dear Kossie

I know that the Strikers are full of new players but they seem to be playing with more confidence. Have the new players helped with that or have you changed your motivation or coaching tactics?

Why did you make the change of captain?

Corey Merrick

Dear Corey

You are right ! Most of the players are playing with more confidence. The new team is not only full of more confidence but they are also full of enthusiasm.

The players now have a very good attitude - much better than the team we had last year.

This makes it much easier for me to motivate and train the team. The players come to each game ready to lay hard and do their best.

I made Stuart Mc Laren captain this year because he is the best player for the job.

Kossie

Dear Kossie

Do any players have a good luck charm?

Do you know where Nick Meredith played when he was a junior?

>From Daniel Coonan

Dear Daniel

Most players have some sort of 'lucky charm' - whether it be an article of clothing or one specific boot before the other each week.

Kossie

Dear Kossie

How come Stuart Mc Laren looks a completely person from last year.

Evan Bell

Dear Evan

I'll let Stuey answer that one himself.

" I spent most of the off season in Scotland and because there wasn't much sun around my hair because darker. Seriously though, I just decided to stop dying my hair."

Stuart McLaren.



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Cyber Soccer

with Url Cache

Url Cache, an avid Strikers fan and computer buff, will profile some of the more interesting football websites in his Cyber Soccer column each edition. This week, he takes a look at a homegrown site... www.goal.net.au.

www.goal.net.au

If you love soccer and you love to quote obscure statistics as a means of impressing your friends at a backyard BBQ, this is the site for you!

The National Soccer League is covered dating back to the 1996/97 season.

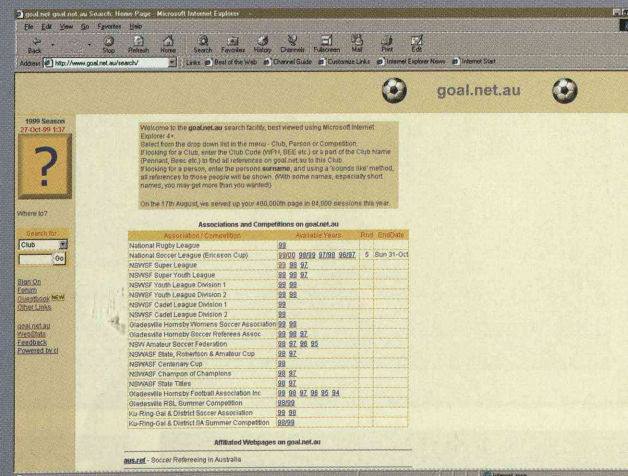
However, if you're after something a little different, the site also covers the Gladesville Hornsby Womens Soccer Association and the Ku-Ring-GAi & District Soccer Association, as well as the National Rugby League competition from this season.

The home page for the site provides some excellent links to other football sites both in Australia and around the world. There is also a guestbook for visitors, which allows individuals to place a supporters message on the site for the world to see.

The NSL information is quite extensive and and more than 43,000 hits is testimony to its quality.

Major events, news items and upcoming games are highlighted, but the really interesting part of the site is the results section.

Once inside the results section, there is a form guide, division summary, leading goal scorers, goal analysis and attendance stats.



And as mentioned earlier, you can compare statistics from the last four seasons.

The goal analysis statistic provides some interesting reading as it documents the various periods throughout the matches that goals have been scored during the first four rounds of the season.

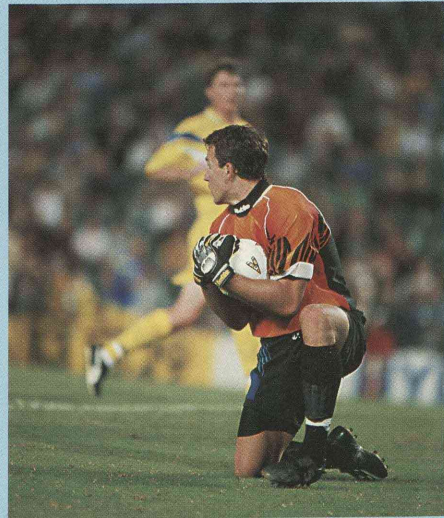
For example, a total of 9 goals have been scored in the first 15 minutes of all matches, while 17 goals have been scored in the last 15 minutes of all matches.

Perhaps the only disappointing thing about the site is the lack of graphics but if you are a hardened stats fan, that will be the least of your worries.

The site is listed as the unofficial website of the NSL and is well worth a look.

Junior Strikers

CONGRATULATIONS CLINT BOLTON

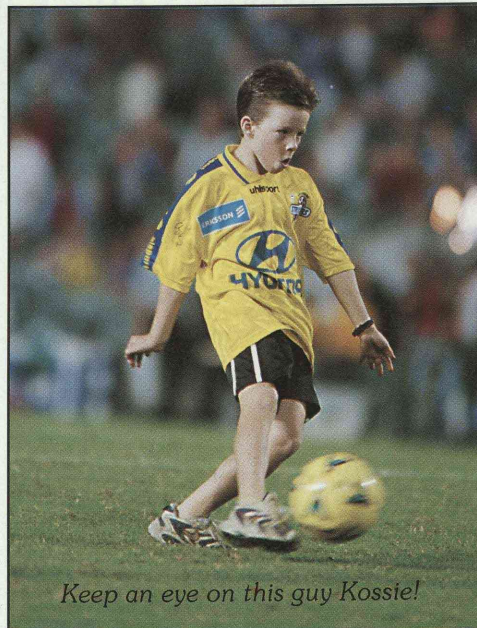


Last week Clint Bolton (pictured right) played his 150th NSL game, on the 23rd October Brisbane Strikers vs Northern Spirit.

Clint [Bootsa] only needs to play two more games to equal Troy Cranney's record of 'Most appearances NSL by a Strikers player'.

Troy played 152 games as a Brisbane Striker before moving south and linking with the Northern Spirit.

Start counting down so that we can all give Clint a huge congratulations on his 153rd game



Keep an eye on this guy Kossie!

TRAINING B-B-Q

Come and meet the players. The Strikers have an early training session on Saturday November 20th and invite you to come and watch them train.

A B-B-Q will be available after training so you can grab a bite to eat and have a chat to your favourite player.

When: 9am - 11am
Saturday 20th November

Where: Perry Park
Abbotsford Rd
Mayne Q 4006

Bring: Your favourite hat, shirt, ball to get autographed.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE NEW PLAYERS?

Fill in the blanks

Christian name	Surname	No.	Position
1) _____	Dwyer	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	6	Midfield
3) Paul	_____	_____	Striker
4) Leo	Langone	_____	_____
5) _____	Baldwin	19	_____
6) Shane	_____	_____	Midfield
7) _____	Di Losa	_____	Striker
8) _____	Grierson	16	_____

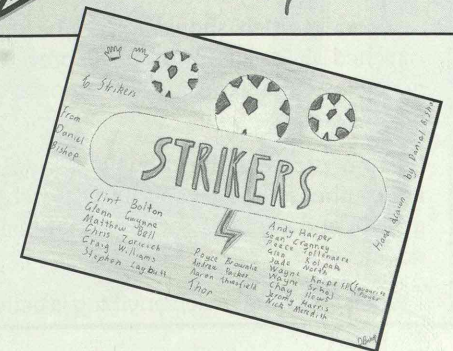
SPARKY COMPETITION

Thank you to our four courageous Sparkies [and one dad] who braved a crowd of 4000 to groove to the Sparky dance at the last home game. All of the Sparkies had fantastic time and I hope it helped you all to learn some of the players nick names.

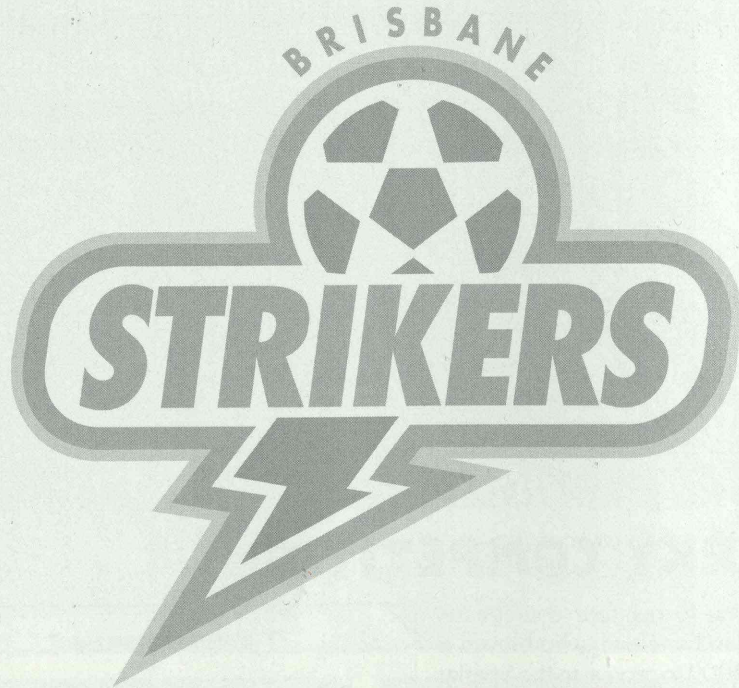
Thor has told us that he needs help leading the cheers and has asked if Sparky could turn his electric energy towards helping him. Sparky will now run out on the field with Thor and help lead the chants at the beginning of the game.

Don't forget to fill out a coupon at the Junior Striker Stand for your chance to be Sparky at the next home game.

The players get really fired up when they hear the crowd roaring in the stands. Help inspire YOUR team, cheer and chant loud enough for the Strikers to hear you on the field.



Autographs



Gwynnie's Guide to Landscaping

This week in gardening with the Strikers I will talk about something that is most important when planning a garden and that is Mulch!!

A good garden should always be well mulched. A thick layer of mulch prevents water loss thus reducing the amount of water needed.

It also prevents the growth of weeds, keeps the soil encouraging good root growth and enriches the soil as it breaks down.

When choosing mulch anything is better

than nothing although lawn clippings should ideally be composted for a month before using.

My personal favourite is Hoop Pine while though expensive is well worth the effort as it is the best mulch for steep or sloping garden beds.

Other mulches include Pine Bark, Sugar Cane Bales and Garden Mulch all of which are more than satisfactory.

Anyhow that's your lot for the week and until next time, happy gardening!

Glen Gwynne



Calendar of Events

Date Event

November

Sat 13 th	Brisbane Strikers v Carlton	
Sat 20 th	Training BBQ	
	Come and watch the Strikers train and then stay for a BBQ	
Sat 27 th	Brisbane Strikers v South Melbourne	

December

Wed 1 st	Ladies Croquet Day	New Farm Park	10am
Wed 8 th	Supporters Christmas Party	Perry Park	
Sat 11 th	Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland		7pm
Sun 12 th	Junior Strikers Christmas Party	Perry Park	5.30pm
Sat 18 th	Training BBQ	Perry Park	9am
	Come and watch the Strikers train and then stay for a BBQ		
Fri 24 th	Mid season Breakfast		7am
Tue 28 th	Brisbane Strikers v Wollongong		7pm

January

Sat 8 th	Brisbane Strikers v Melbourne Knights		7pm
17 th -19 th	Back to School Coaching Clinic	Perry Park	9am
Sat 22 nd	Brisbane Strikers v Marconi		7pm
Sat 29 th	Brisbane Strikers v Kingz FC		7pm

February

Sun 6 th	Pee Wee Carnival	Perry Park	
	Chance for our junior supporters to play a few games on the training grounds of the Strikers		
Sat 12 th	Brisbane Strikers v Canberra Cosmos		7pm
Mon 14 th	Ladies Valentines Lunch		
	Treat yourself to a romantic lunch with the players		
Tue 22 nd	Strikers Networking Golf Day		
	A chance to mix business with pleasure		

March

Sat 4 th	Brisbane Strikers v Perth Glory		7pm
Sat 18 th	Brisbane Strikers v Sydney United		7pm
Sun 19 th	Family Day & Car Rally		
	Just like a treasure hunt on wheels		
Sat 25 th	Supporters Training BBQ		9am

April

Sat 1 st	Brisbane Strikers v Newcastle Breakers		7pm
Sat 15 th	Brisbane Strikers v Sydney Olympic		7pm
Tue 25 th	Brisbane Strikers v Northern Spirit		7pm

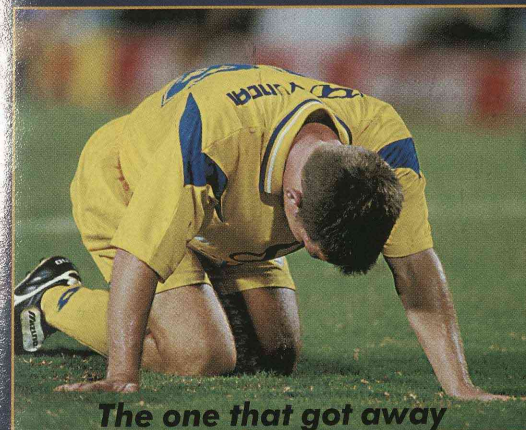
May

Sat 6 th	Supporters Training BBQ		9am
Sun 7 th	Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland		5pm
Sat 21 st	FA Cup Challenge	Perry Park	
June			
Mon 5 th	Gentlemen's Lounge		
Fri 9 th	Presentation Awards		



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Hot Shots
ONE HOUR COLOUR PHOTOS

Jeromy Harris

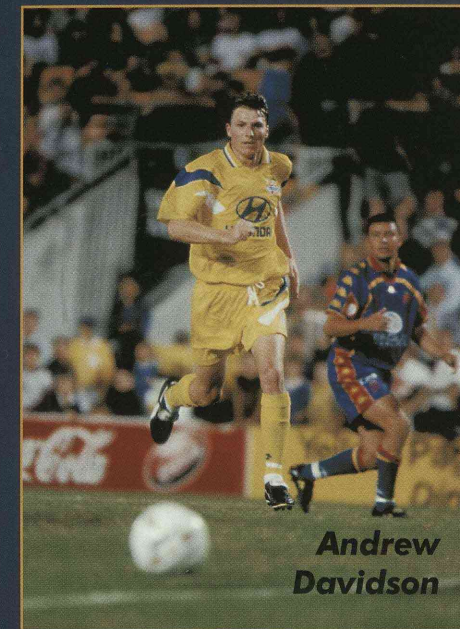


The one that got away

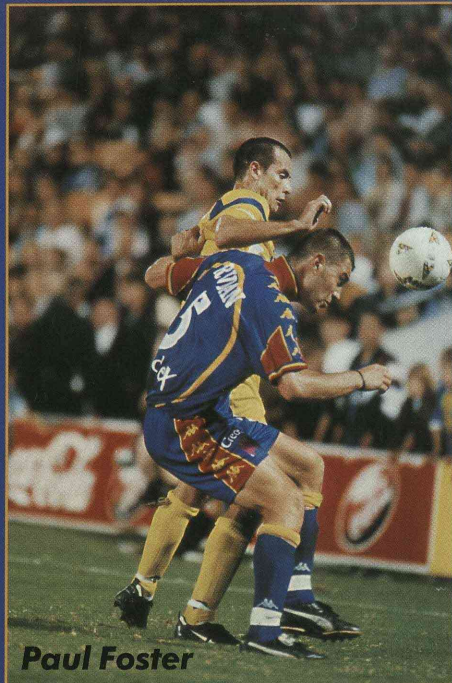
Stuart McLaren



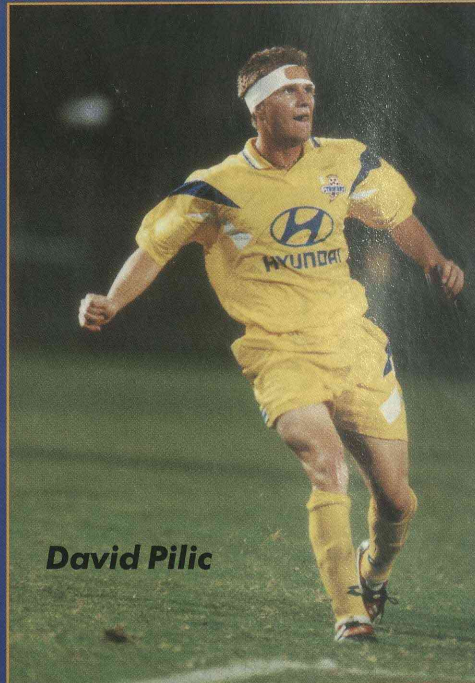
Andrew Davidson



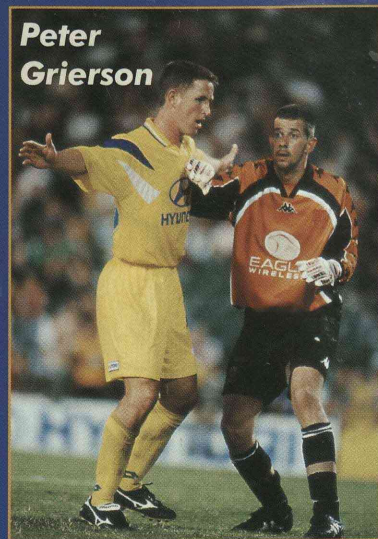
Strikers Snaps



Paul Foster



David Pilic



Peter Grierson

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Parramatta Power

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| 1. Clint Bolton (GK) | 1. Andrew Crews (GK) |
| 2. Glenn Gwynne | 2. David Barrett |
| 3. Shane Stefanutto | 3. Michael Santalab |
| 4. Andrew Davidson | 4. Steve Eagleton |
| 5. Matthew Bell | 5. Richard Plesa |
| 6. Brad Ditton | 6. Joe Vrkic |
| 7. Shane Smeltz | 7. Jacob Burns |
| 8. David Pilic | 8. Walter Ardone |
| 9. Paul Foster | 9. Mile Sterjovski |
| 10. Wayne Srhoj | 10. Joel Griffiths |
| 11. Greg Di Losa | 11. Steve Berry |
| 12. Peter Dwyer | 12. Stephen Laybutt |
| 13. Stuart McLaren | 13. Milan Blagojevic |
| 14. Jade North | 14. John Angelucci |
| 15. Leo Langone | 15. Danny Townsend |
| 16. Peter Grierson | 16. Mark Byrnes |
| 17. Jeromy Harris | 17. Danny Kukucka |
| 18. Nick Meredith | 18. Lachlan Campbell |
| 19. Wade Baldwin | 19. Matt Thompson |
| 20. Daniel Duke (GK) | 20. Barney Smith (GK) |
| | 21. Ahmid Elrich |
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