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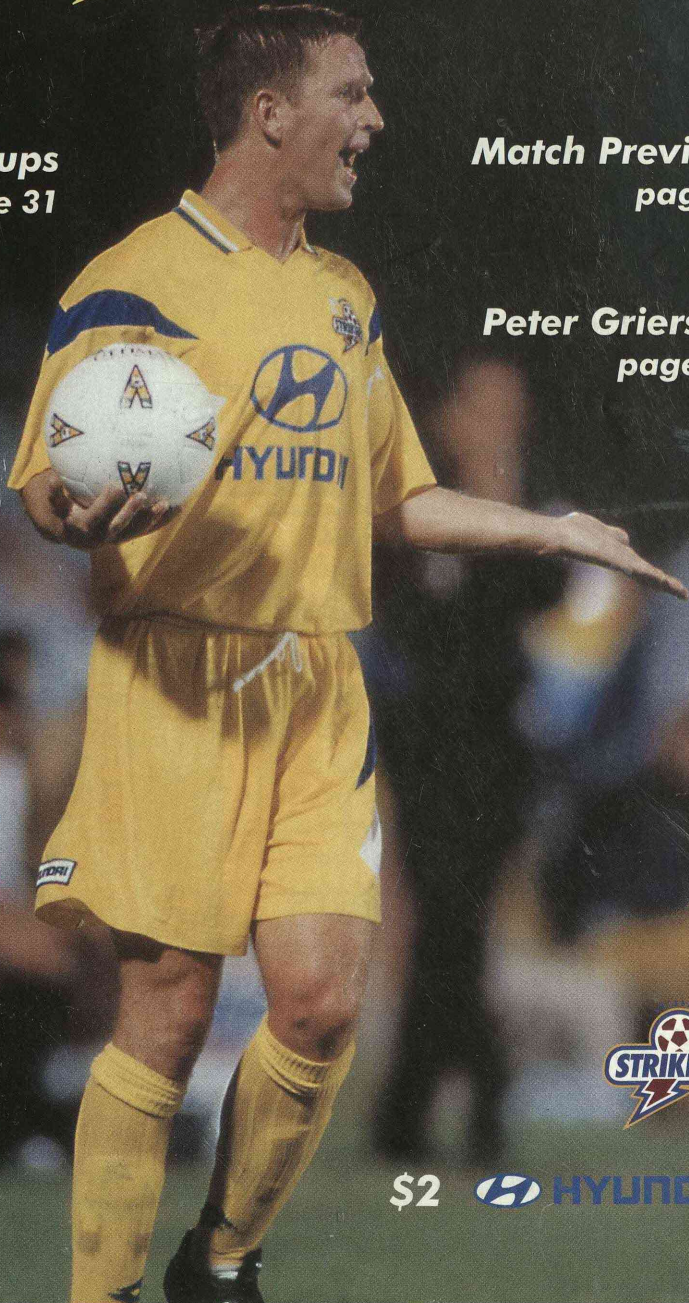
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FRONT COVER: Peter Grierson has proved a
 valuable acquisition since joining the Strikers
 earlier this season. Be sure to read his profile
 on page 15.

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Christmas has passed and New Year approaches and it would be remiss of me not to wish everyone concerned with our club the compliments of the season.

For most, its holiday time, but for the Strikers its business as usual. A game today and another on January 2 gives us little time to spare for festivities - especially given our results of late. But, we will survive - of that I have no doubt.

As I've said so often this squad has a tonne of character and when the football side isn't working that well (and that happens with all teams) its the character in the team that gets you through. It's that inner strength that picks you up when you get knocked down, that never say die attitude that makes you give your all no matter what the circumstances. It's what gives you the strength to take responsibility for not only your own performance but for each and every team-mates performance. Its desire, passion, hunger, desperation - call it what you will but it's what makes the difference between winners and losers. It's what makes champions. Our players HAVE these qualities. Our TEAM has the qualities and that's why we'll be there at the business end of the season. Believe it - I do! and so do the players.

Welcome back to our Joeys, Wayne Srhoj and Jade North and to Chay Hews after a stint in Japan. Srhojey won't actually start training until next week. He's had just 2 days home (Mareeba) since last Xmas and I have given him a few extra days off before moving back down for a busy playing schedule. Jade and Chay live in Brisbane and see their families all the time so they are both back in full training. Their presence will give us the depth we've surely needed.

Once again I wish you all a happy & prosperous New Year.

**Enjoy the game.
 Kossie**



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A couple of weeks can make quite a difference in this funny old game we call soccer!

It wasn't that long ago that the Strikers held a handy buffer at the top of the national soccer league ladder.

Confidence was sky high in the camp and the lads were playing an extremely exciting brand of football.

However, three straight losses and we now find ourselves a couple of points back from the top teams, although still maintain a top six spot.

The recent losses have been disappointing because I firmly believed leading up to those games we were good enough to win them.

And while the lads will probably admit that they have not produced some of their best football in recent weeks, there have been other factors at play that have contributed to their woes.

The much publicised "politicking" that has been going on at the Strikers in recent weeks has almost certainly had an effect on the team.

The players have enough to deal with on the pitch and they certainly do not need to be burdened with boardroom issues.

I took the opportunity recently to address the players and assure them that the future of the Strikers is secure.

The club's finances have never been in better shape and as for that large debt that hangs over the club... well, that is simply not true!



The Strikers will be looking for a strong performance from Jeromy Harris tonight as the side looks to get back in the winner's circle.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this article this evening, all those issues will be cleared up and the Strikers can concentrate on winning their second national league title.

And as for the title race, tonight we face some stiff opposition in the Wollongong Wolves.

However, after a bit of a rest leading up to and over Christmas, the team will be primed for a big match and I'm expecting a big performance from Kossie's men.

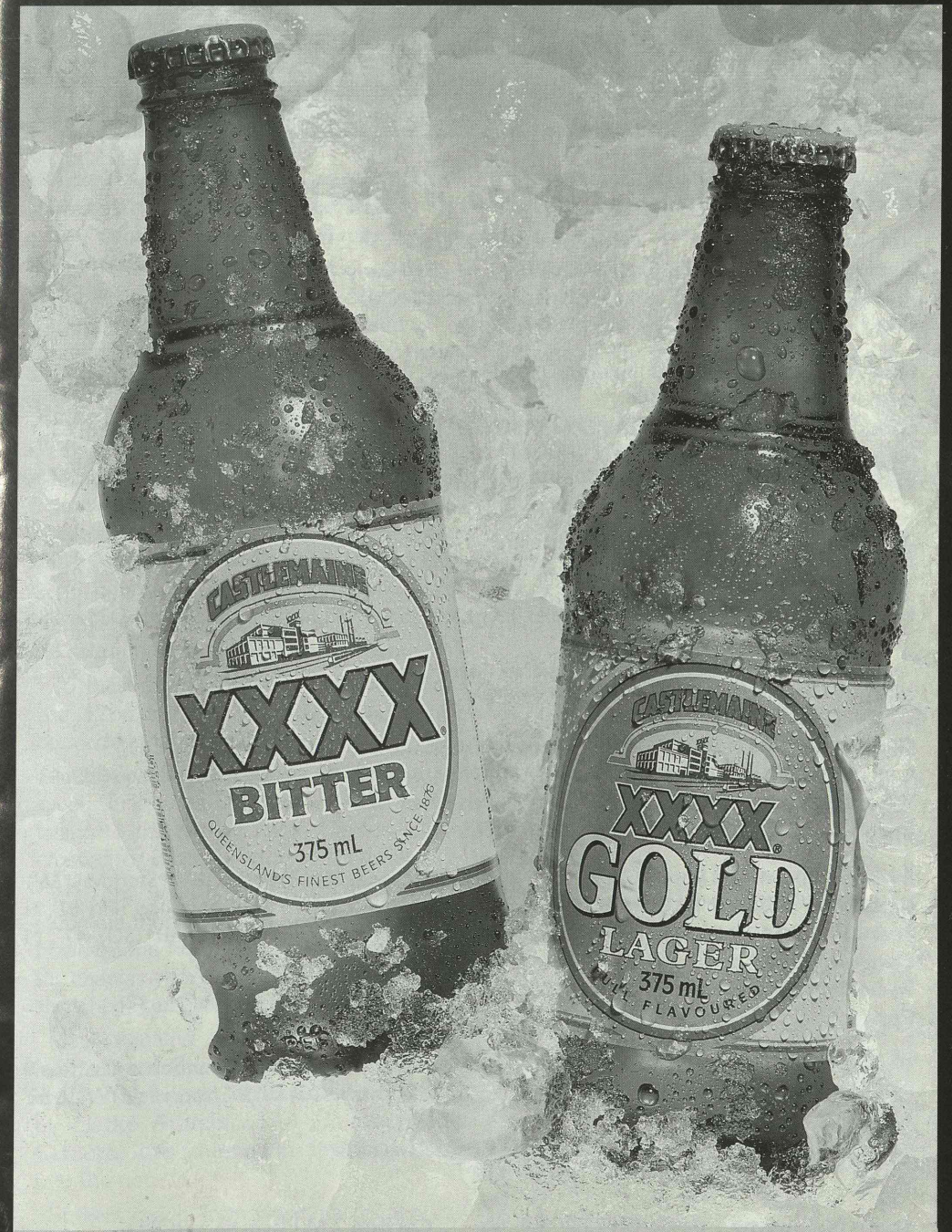
We have our chance to get back in the winner's circle tonight and I can think of no better way to thank our loyal supporters than with a win against the Wolves.

Enjoy the game and Happy Millenium

Tony Petty
Chairman

STRIKERS Next Home Game V's Melbourne Knights

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Around the Grounds

Results from NSL - Round 12

Northern Spirit 0 v's **Adelaide Force 3** (D Mori 34', 58', 78')

Cautions: P Moss (NS) 43', L Brain (AC) 70' Red Cards: Nil

Venue: North Sydney Oval Referee: Simon Micallef

Crowd 99/00: 6,106 98/99: 15,104

Newcastle Breakers 3 (J Buonavoglia 19', S Prye 24', T Dodd 44') v's **Perth Glory 2** (B

Despotovski 28', T Halpin 34')

Cautions: R Trajkovski (PG) 41', A Roberts (NB) 43', J Harnwell (PG) 43', B Wiczorek (NB) 63', T Halpin (PG) 77' Red Cards: Nil

Venue: Breakers Stadium Referee: Con Diomis

Crowd 99/00: 4,127 98/99: 3,637

Football Kingz 3 (H Ngata 43' pen, 69' pen, J Perry 83') v's **Melbourne Knights 3** (I Kelic 35', 56', B Vassallo 75')

Cautions: D Nastevski (MK) 6', D Mennillo (FK) 12', M John (MK) 69' Red Cards: D Mennillo (FK) 44', D Nastevski (MK) 68'

Venue: North Harbour Stadium Referee: Gerry Connolly

Crowd 99/00: 3,572 98/99: n/a

Gippsland Falcons 0 v's **Marconi Stallions 2** (B Maloney 74', V Zoric 89')

Cautions: B Maloney (MS) 4', A Vargas (GF) 18', B Renaud (MS) 71' Red Cards: D Longo (MS) 83'

Venue: Falcons Stadium Referee: Perry Mur

Crowd 99/00: 2,245 98/99: 3,765

Sydney United 1 (N Bosevski 69') v's **P'matta Power 2** (S Eagleton 18', M Sterjovski 56')

Cautions: V Kupresak (SU) 14', N arrarte (SU) 21', W Ardone (PP) 36', J Angelucci (PP) 52', N Bosevski (SU) 64', D Barrett (PP) 65', T Pondeljaj (SU) 89' Red Cards: R Younis (SU) 47', M Blagojevic (PP) 36'

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre Referee: Mathew Breeze

Crowd 99/00: 4,565 98/99: n/a

Wollongong Wolves 3 (S Pedrovski 15', 83', S Chipperfield 77') v's **Canberra Cosmos 0**

Cautions: N Spencer (WW) 14', P Roberts (CC) 20', T Popovich (CC) 60', S Chipperfield (WW) 62' Red Cards: Nil

Venue: Brandon Park Referee: David Dwight

Crowd 99/00: 2,487 98/99: 3,047

South Melbourne 1 (M Curcija 73') v's **Carlton 2** (A Marth 85' pen, 89')

Cautions: G Goutzoulis (SM) 10', A Marth (C) 34', J Markovski (C) 34', C Blatsis (SM) 34', G Lozanovski (SM) 42', S Panopoulos (SM) 65' Red Cards: G Lozanovski (SM) 42', D McPherson (C) 70'

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium Referee: Eddie Lennie

Crowd 99/00: 12,864 98/99: 11,200

Match Review

The Brisbane Strikers sank to their third straight loss last weekend, when they tackled league leaders Sydney Olympic at Belmore Oval.

Belmore has never been a happy hunting ground for the Strikers, with the team yet to bring back three points from any visit there.

And last weekend was to prove no different for Brisbane, which was trying desperately to turn around a two-match losing streak.

From the outset it was clear Olympic had come out to impress their supporters, with the home side also enjoying the benefit of a massive breeze in the first half.

The Strikers struggled to come to terms with the hideous conditions, evident by an eight-nil count in the "corners" department.

To their credit Brisbane held strong until the 42nd minute, when Olympic finally converted the pressure into a goal.

A Gabriel Mendez free kick was not cleared successfully by the Brisbane defence, the ball falling to the feet of Pablo Cardozo, who crossed for Brett Emerton to head home.

With the wind behind them the Strikers came out much stronger in the second half, however the home side quickly adapted to the changing conditions and before long had stretched the advantage to two goals.

Playing against his old side, New Zealand International Chris Zoricich sent a looping cross to the far post, which was headed down by Zlatko Arambasic to an ever-ready Cardozo, who smashed his first time volley into the net.

Strikers coach John Kosmina praised the Olympic side, although he was a little disappointed Brisbane didn't come away with a competition point.

"They are an extremely skillful side and quite

easily one of the better teams we've come up against so far this season," the Strikers coach said.

"In saying that however, I think we probably allowed them to play a lot more than we should have and I really do think we did enough in the game to come away with a point."

The loss allowed Olympic to further their lead atop the competition table, while at the same time relegated Brisbane to fifth on goal difference.

Despite this Kosmina remains optimistic about Brisbane's performances, suggesting the side was doing exceptionally well to be placed in the top six after the first 12 rounds.

"A lot of people had written us off at the start of the year and to be where we are at the moment is testimony to the players and the club," Kosmina said.

"I've got no doubt we can turn things around. There's still 22 games to go and I think the side has a lot more winning left in it just yet."

In other round 12 action, Damien Mori sparked an amazing return to form for Adelaide Force, with a hat trick against Northern Spirit in a 3-0 win.

Newcastle surprised Perth Glory 3-2, the Football Kingz were fortunate to snatch a 3-3 draw with the Melbourne Knights, Marconi scored a solid 2-0 win over Gippsland, Parramatta downed Sydney United 2-1, with Carlton enjoying the same scoreline over South Melbourne, and Wollongong were 3-0 winners over Canberra.





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Brisbane will come into tonight's match against the Wollongong Wolves, desperate to turn things around, following three successive losses.

After running away to an impressive lead on the NSL Table, Brisbane has stumbled in recent weeks, although the side still remains in the top six.

A victory tonight against Wollongong however, is crucial for several reasons.

Firstly it will see the Strikers return to some much-needed winning form, secondly it will keep them in the top six, and thirdly it will allow them to overtake Wollongong on the league ladder.

The task won't be an easy one for Brisbane however, with Wollongong one of the form sides of the competition and coming off a solid 3-0 victory against Canberra last week.

To complicate matters for Brisbane, not only is Nick Meredith sidelined due to suspension, the side is also possibly down on a little confidence following a series of off-field media reports.

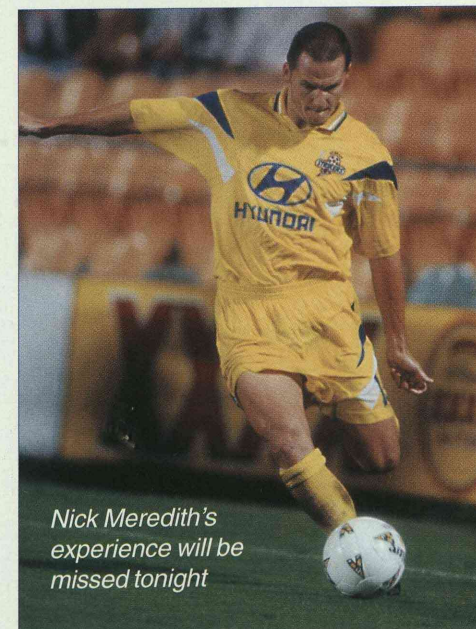
And that is something coach John Kosmina would like to put behind the players.

"I'm starting to think some of these negative stories are having an effect on the way the boys have been playing, because quite simply, before all of the reports the team was in a very good state of harmony," Kosmina said.

But Kosmina refuses to use the current off-field drama as an excuse for the side's recent performances.

"I think we've started to complicate our game a little in recent weeks and that was evident in last weekend's loss to Olympic," the Strikers coach said.

"If we just try to simplify things and get back to basics by playing our style of football, I'm



Nick Meredith's experience will be missed tonight

sure we'll come up with the goods soon enough.

"In terms of tonight's game, we're expecting some very tough opposition from Wollongong.

"They are one of the form teams of the competition at present and they have some quality players amongst their ranks.

"They've got a couple of blokes who have been scoring regularly for them and there's no doubt we'll have to be at our best to come away with the win."

Up front, Sasho Petrovski and Scott Chipperfield have been in lethal form, with Petrovski just two goals short of Paul Foster on the leading scorers list.

Both netted last weekend for the Wolves and they will no doubt be looking to add to their tallies at Suncorp-Metway Stadium tonight.

Talking Tactics

with Kossie

With Wollongong one of the form sides at present, we are certainly going to have to be at our best tonight.

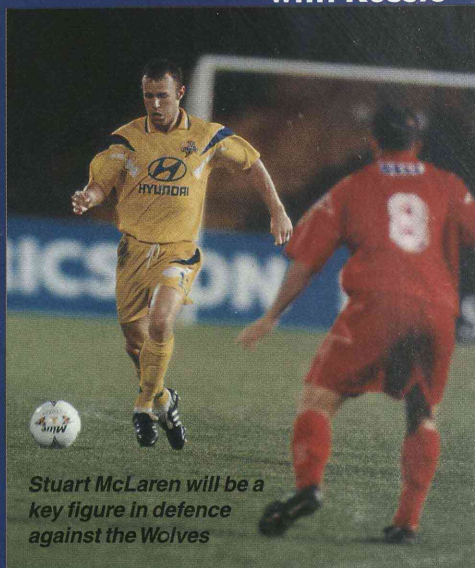
Despite our recent losses, I think we have pin-pointed several areas that we will be working hard to improve on this evening.

The Wolves have got a good mixture of quality right across the park and their strikers have been in excellent form of late.

We will be out to mark them fairly closely tonight and we will certainly be looking to give them very little time on the ball.

That is one area where we haven't been doing as well lately and if you give quality players too much time on the ball, then they will make you pay for it.

At the same time, we'll be looking for a return to the sort of football that allowed us to go through the first nine matches of the season undefeated.



Stuart McLaren will be a key figure in defence against the Wolves

That means a return to the basics, simplifying our game and balancing up off one another, a little better than what we have done in our past few outings.

WHO'S HOT

In a team, which has not really fired in the past few weeks, there are still a number of players who continue to shine despite adversity.

One of those is talented attacking utility Peter Grierson, who at 29 years of age, only this season made the step up into Australia's top competition.

Although lacking somewhat in the pace department, Grierson more than makes up for it in his technical ability.

A highly skillful player, Grierson showed he was well and truly up to the rigours of

the NSL, when he scored on debut for Brisbane earlier this season.

He then followed up the following week to make it two goals from as many matches, and although he has not scored since, he still continues to be a source of inspiration for the rest of the team.

Coach John Kosmina has been using Grierson a little differently these days, by pulling him back into midfield during matches.

Despite this Grierson has adapted well and is clearly relishing the opportunity of stepping up into the National League ranks.

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Strikers Mercy Dash South

Adam Barnes is 17 years young, plays First Division Soccer for Goonelkabah (Lismore) and cricket for the Marist Brothers Club. But most of all Adam is a keen Strikers Fan.

football manager Jack Baren traveled to Lismore Hospital to personally present Adam with a personally autographed Strikers shirt and other Strikers memorabilia.

To see the smile on Adam's face was worth the trip alone.

Paul Foster, who started his career in Lismore, is his hero and the Brisbane Strikers are his favourite Australian Soccer Team.

On behalf of all the Strikers players, management and supporters we once again wish Adam a speedy and complete recovery.

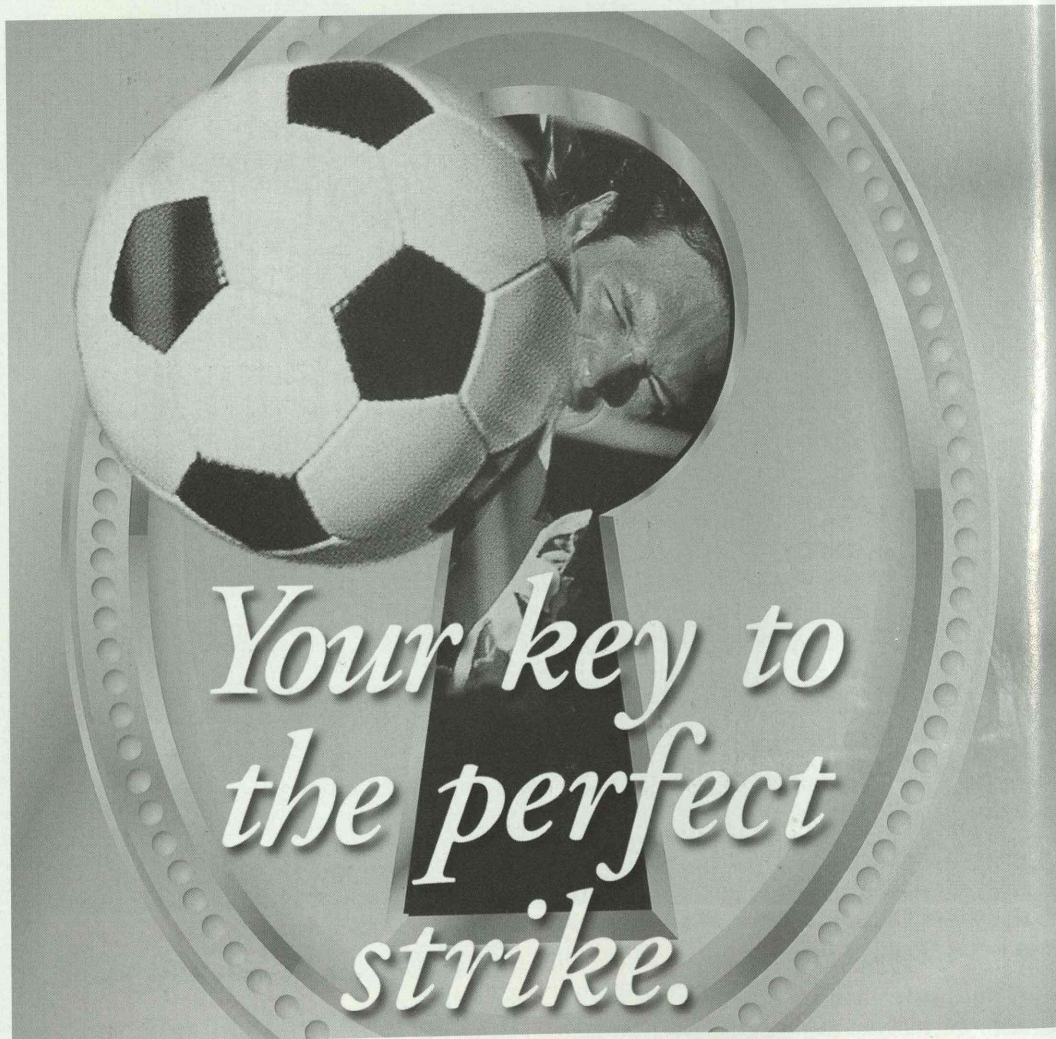
On November 19th, Adam was thrown from his trail bike and was taken to Lismore Base Hospital with head and spinal injuries.

In order to cheer him up Adam's father sent us a fax asking Paul Foster to send him a fax wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

The Strikers went one better, and on Wednesday 15th of December a Strikers contingent consisting of coach John Kosmina, Captain Stuart Mc Laren, Paul Foster, Andrew Davidson, Wade Baldwin and

Don't forget to send your Ask Kossie questions via email.

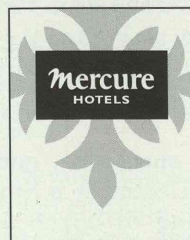
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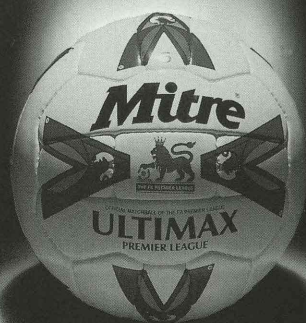


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Strikers Profile

Peter Grierson

Listening to the man, you would think he had just stepped off a British Airways flight, two hours earlier. In fact it was six years ago, Peter Grierson moved to Australia, but his Liverpool accent is as strong as ever.

In those six years, Grierson has moved through the ranks of Queensland soccer in a fairly steady fashion.

From the local Gold Coast competition with Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach, and into the XXXX League with Gold Coast City, Grierson is now a regular in the National Soccer League with the Brisbane Strikers.

And the 29 year old is delighted with his newest challenge.

"It has been a big step up into the National League, mainly in terms of speed, fitness and certainly skill levels," Grierson said.

"But the more I play, the more I get used to the level of competition that is required."

And for that matter, it really didn't take the Englishman long to adapt to the standard of the NSL at all.

In fact it took less than 90 minutes in a Strikers jersey, for the talented striker to score his first NSL goal.

The next week he showed it was certainly no fluke, when he found the back of the net again, in just his second outing.

"In my first match I was extremely nervous and I really wanted to do the right thing by my team mates and by myself... I really didn't know how I would go," Grierson said.

"So when I scored I was delighted because it took a huge weight off my shoulders."

After two very successful stints with Gold Coast City in the XXXX League, Grierson



came into the Strikers with high expectations and big wraps from coach John Kosmina.

After nine matches in the top competition, those wraps continue to come from the Strikers coach, who has placed him technically, in the same category as South Melbourne's Paul Trimboli.

And that could explain why Kosmina has been pulling Grierson back into the midfield during his last few outings, a move that does not phase the 29 year old utility.

"I feel fairly comfortable in both positions and to be honest I really don't have a preference between either," Grierson said.

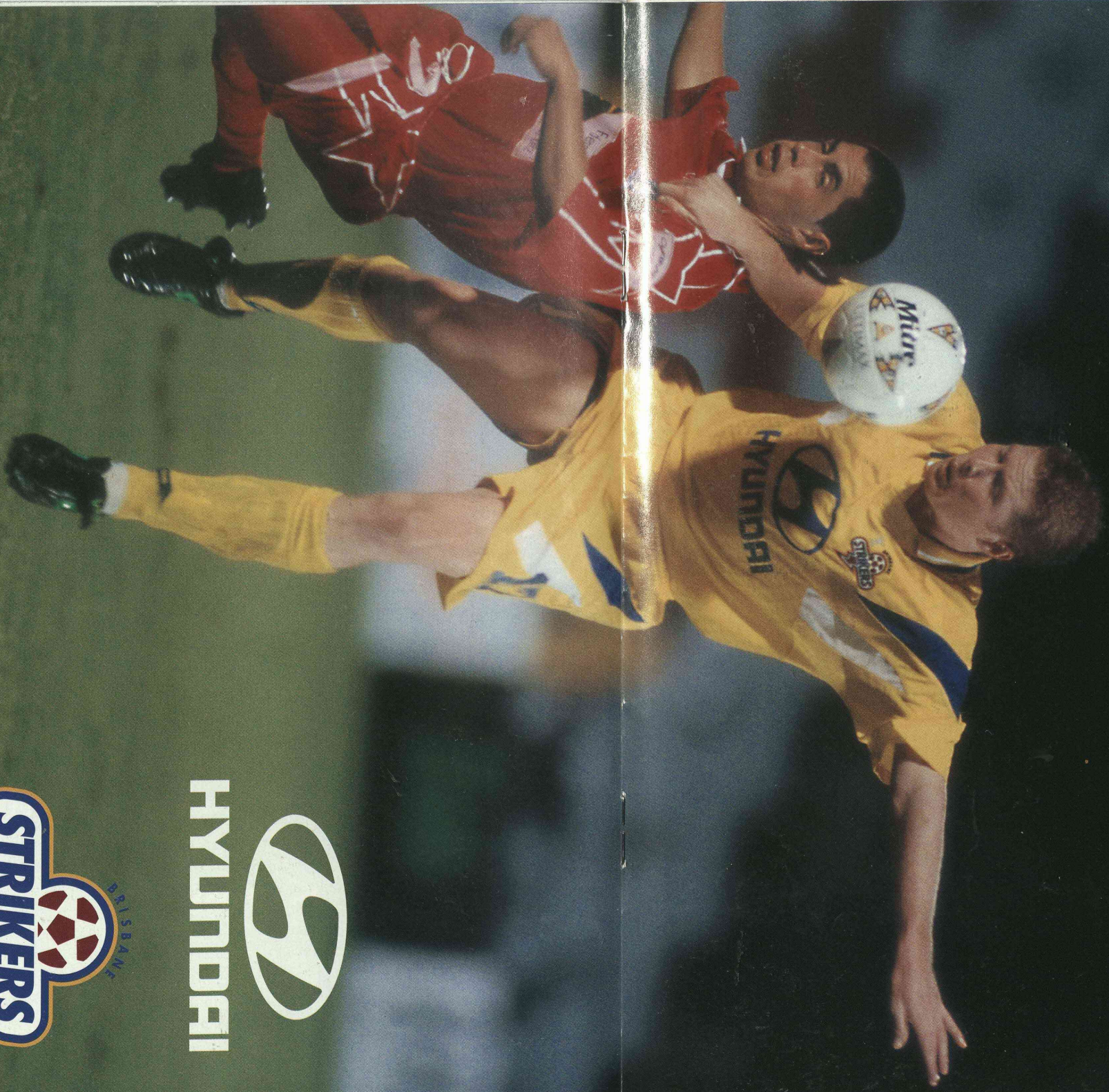
"I'm quite happy to be playing wherever 'Kossie' feels I'm best suited. So long as I can get on the pitch, I'm happy."

At 29 Grierson realises that he is a late starter in the NSL, although he believes he still has several good playing years left in him.

"I just want to keep playing at the highest level I can, and that means I just have to keep fit and continue to adjust to the standard of the NSL," Grierson said.

"I've signed a two year contract, so I guess it will be up to the club what happens after that."

Jeromy Harris



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Tables

National Soccer League Table After Round 12

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Sydney Olympic | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 9 | 26 |
| Carlton SC | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 13 | 24 |
| Perth Glory | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 16 | 21 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 17 | 21 |
| Brisbane Strikers | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 21 |
| Marconi Stallions | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 20 |
| Newcastle Breakers | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 19 |
| Football Kingz | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 23 | 16 |
| Parramatta Power | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 20 | 15 |
| South Melbourne | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 20 | 14 |
| Gippsland Falcons | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 13 |
| Melbourne Knights | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 23 | 13 |
| Northern Spirit | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 18 | 13 |
| Canberra Cosmos | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 22 | 11 |
| Adelaide Force | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 10 |
| Sydney United | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 17 | 9 |

National Youth League 99/00 Northern Division Table

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Parramatta Power | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 6 | 29 |
| AIS | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 14 | 29 |
| QAS | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 32 | 18 | 22 |
| Sydney Olympic | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 29 | 7 | 24 |
| Northern Spirit | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 19 |
| Marconi Stallions | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 18 |
| Newcastle Breakers | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 16 | 19 |
| NSWIS | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 10 | 14 |
| Sydney United | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| ACTAS | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 24 | 15 |
| Sydney Olympic Academy | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 39 | 12 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 10 |
| Newcastle Breakers Colts | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 29 | 10 |
| Marconi Stallion Colts | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 26 | 9 |
| Northern Spirit Colts | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 8 |
| Sydney United Colts | 13 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 35 | 5 |
| Wollongong Wolves Colts | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 39 | 1 |

Other Rd 13 Matches

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|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| South Melbourne v's Wollongong Wolves | Dec 23, 7.30pm | Bob Jane Stadium |
| Adelaide Force v's Kingz FC | Dec 28, 8pm | Hindmarsh Stadium |
| Canberra Cosmos v's Northern Spirit | Dec 28, 7.30pm | Bruce Stadium |
| Parramatta Power v's Sydney Olympic | Dec 28, 7.30pm | Parramatta Stadium |
| Perth Glory v's Marconi Stallions | Dec 28, 5pm | Perth Oval |
| Carlton SC v's Newcastle Breakers | Dec 28, 7.30pm | Olympic Park |
| Sydney United v's South Melbourne | Dec 28, 6pm | Sydney United Sports Centre |
| Melbourne Knights v's Gippsland Falcons | Dec 28, 6pm | Knights Stadium |

Leading Goalscorers

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|---|
| PAUL FOSTER | STRIKERS | 9 |
| Alex Moreira | Carlton | 9 |
| John Bounavoglia | Breakers | 7 |
| Michael Curcija | Sth Melb. | 7 |
| Joel Griffiths | P'matta | 6 |
| Sasho Petrovski | Wolves | 7 |



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| 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 | 2-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 30/10 | Parramatta Power | H | 3-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 7/11 | Perth Glory | A | 2-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 13/11 | Carlton | H | 1-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 21/11 | Sydney United | A | 0-0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 27/11 | South Melbourne | H | 5-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 15/11 | Gippsland Falcons | A | 1-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 11/12 | Gippsland Falcons | H | 0-1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 19/12 | Sydney Olympic | A | 0-2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 4/2 | Adelaide Force | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12/2 | Canberra Cosmos | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 18/2 | Northern Spirit | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 25/2 | Perth Glory | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 4/3 | Perth Glory | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 10/3 | Carlton | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 18/3 | Sydney United | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 26/4 | Kings FC | A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 7/5 | Gippsland Falcons | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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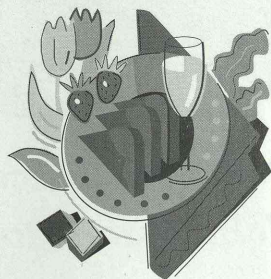
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3. Police may be requested to remove any unauthorised persons who remain after the stipulated time.
4. The setting alight of, or the igniting or discharging of any type of object, including fireworks, signal or smoke flares, is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be arrested and charged.

Strikers Fan Mail

Dear Strikers Fan Mail

My name is George and I am a committed Strikers fan. I am 13 years old and my friend and I go to every match in the rain, hail or shine with our Strikers jerseys on. We talk about the Strikers all the time at school.

But to our dismay the Strikers have started losing. We know that a big reason behind this is that crowd attendance has been averaging at 4300 people per home match, this is bad. The Strikers people in charge aren't advertising games or giving out tickets to schools who play soccer. We need crowds of about 8000 if we want any hope of making the finals.

I am writing this letter on behalf of all the dedicated supporters out there who are sick of seeing the Strikers go down just because the people in charge couldn't care less.

You've got to spend money to make money.

George

13 years A true fan.

Dear George

Thank you for your letter expressing your concerns about the Strikers.

Firstly I would like to assure you that the Strikers are not losing games because of the average number of people attending games. The players are a dedicated and professional group. They know that they have many loyal fans in Brisbane and they receive many e-mails, faxes and letters to reassure them.

It is a difficult, if not impossible task, to win EVERY game. We still believe the team has what it takes to make the top six and MORE. We hope you don't lose faith in them because they have lost two out of eleven games. The team needs its supporters to remain loyal through the good times and the bad.

The lack of crowds affects the atmosphere

at the stadium but most of our current fans are very good at cheering the team on. The concern with not having paying supporters is that we don't raise enough money to do all the advertising that people like yourself would like us to be doing nor to add all the extra entertainment trimmings.

As you can imagine advertising on the TV and major papers is extremely expensive. We do what we can on a tight budget.

This is what we have done so far this season:

- * Advertise before all home games in the Courier Mail and TV Scene

- * Advertise on Triple M radio before games

- * Send all radio stations 'Community News Lines' information on upcoming games and events

- * Players regularly attend 4KQ Big Breakfast shows on the Friday before games

- * Players perform promotional shows at shopping centres during school holidays and on request and regularly attend school and community fairs and sports carnivals

- * Four of our players currently visit state primary schools to run 1 hour fun sessions and hand out School Passes to the games. They currently attend up to two schools a day.

- * Offer Training BBQ's for public attendance

- * Offer many kids activities such as the Kids Christmas Party, Pee Wee carnival and Family Fun Day, Supporters Party and Functions.

These are just a few of the wonderful things our players and staff do to promote the team. We are very active just not financial enough to afford TV ads. You have to make money to spend money!

The Operations Executive
PS I'm a big Strikers Fan too!



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with Url Cache

Url Cache has been busy battenning down the hatches as he prepares to weather the Y2K bug in only a few short days. However, he still managed to visit the cyber home of football around the world....

www.fifa.com

WHOOAAAAAAAAAAAA!
Translated, that's techo talk for this is one serious website!

It is fitting that the governing body of football around the globe should have developed one of the most comprehensive sites that I have visited.

There is so much information on the home page that it is almost a little daunting when you first log on.

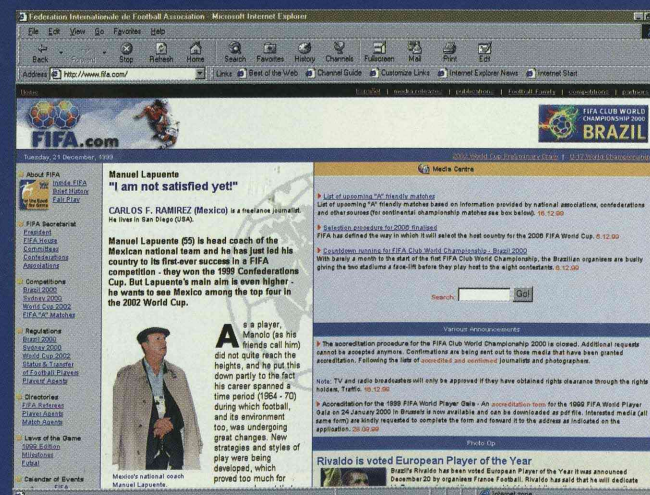
Fottballing news from around the world can be easily accessed.

Upcoming Fifa competitions have been given their own section and our very own Sydney 2000 Football Tournament is listed.

Curiosity got the better of me so I clicked on the Sydney 2000 listing and gave it the quick once-over.

The information never stops!!! The competition schedule, the Road to Sydney for both the men and women, the History of Olympic Soccer, regulations for the tournament and a link to the official Sydney 2000 website are all listed.

Back to the Fifa home page and one of the interesting things I noticed was that a directory of Fifa referees, players agents and match agents is provided.



For a brief moment, I did consider contacting Julio Cesar Villate Jessen from Santafe De Bogota in Colombia to see whether I might be a chance to get a run in one of the South American leagues but thankfully, sanity prevailed I decided to gie it a miss this time.

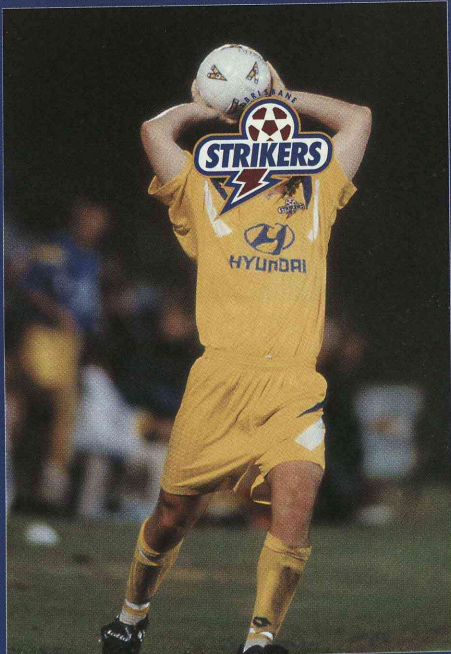
An up-to-date edition of the *Laws of the Game* has been included as well as some milestones from soccer history.

Did you know in 1848 the first Cambridge Rules were drawn up?

A Calendar of Events is also available as well as access to various publications and the latest media releases from Fifa.

And just to cap it off, the site can be viewed in Spanish mode. Definitely worth a look!!!

Junior Strikers



Mystery Player Competition

Hidden behind the Brisbane Strikers logo is the face of this week's mystery player.

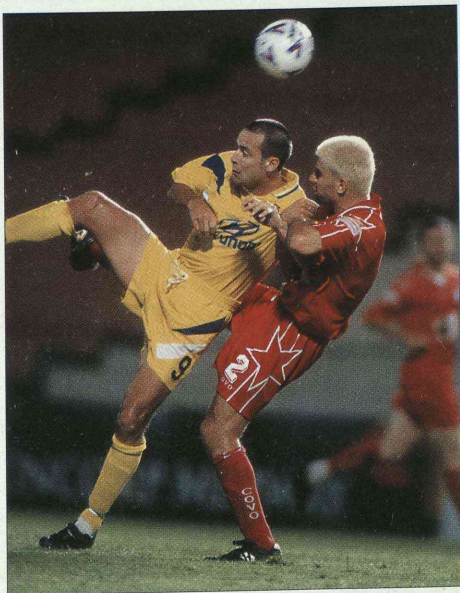
If you think you know who the player is, fill in the answer in the space below, cut it out and send your answer to :

Mystery Player Competition, Brisbane Strikers Perry Park, Abbotsford Road Mayne, 4006.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mystery Player: _____



FUNNY PHOTO OF THE WEEK!
Not only is Paul Foster the league's leading goalscorer, he is also pretty handy on the dance floor. He was photographed during the Strikers last home game against the Gippsland Falcons giving some free advice to the opposition

The Brisbane Strikers Players and Staff wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.



FAN MAIL

Junior Strikers don't forget to send in your fan mail to -

Junior Striker Mailbox, Perry Park
Abbotsford Rd, Mayne Q 4006

You can send in letters to your favourite player, puzzles and quizzes, pictures and drawings, rhymes and riddles, suggestions, war cries and cheers.

We will also publish some of our fan mail in the Kidz Biz section each home game, so keep your eyes peeled for your entry.

'Back To School' Coaching Clinic

To be held at Perry Park 17th - 19th
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Hours of quality coaching per day by Strikers and QAS players

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Pee Wee Carnival

Sunday 6th Feb

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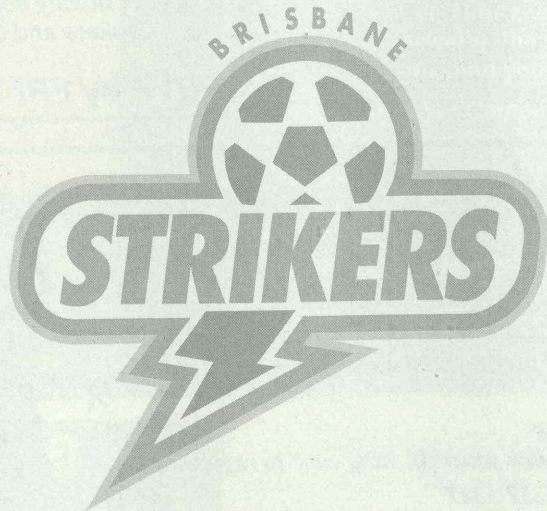
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Club: _____

No. in team: _____



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Calendar of Events

Date Event

Venue Time

December

Tue 28th Brisbane Strikers v Wollongong Wolves

Suncorp Metway 7pm

January

Sat 8th Brisbane Strikers v Melbourne Knights

Suncorp Metway 7pm

17th-19th Back to School Coaching Clinic

Perry Park 9am

Sat 22nd Brisbane Strikers v Marconi

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Sat 29th Brisbane Strikers v Kingz FC

Suncorp Metway 7pm

February

Sun 6th Pee Wee Carnival

Perry Park 9am-1pm

Chance for our junior supporters to play a few games on the

training grounds of the Strikers

Sat 12th Brisbane Strikers v Canberra Cosmos

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Mon 14th Ladies Valentines Lunch

TBA

Treat yourself to a romantic lunch with the players

Tue 22nd Strikers Networking Golf Day

TBA

A chance to mix business with pleasure

March

Sat 4th Brisbane Strikers v Perth Glory

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Sat 18th Brisbane Strikers v Sydney United

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Sun 19th Family Day & Car Rally

TBA

Just like a treasure hunt on wheels

Sat 25th Supporters Training BBQ

Perry Park

9am

April

Sat 1st Brisbane Strikers v Newcastle Breakers

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Sat 15th Brisbane Strikers v Sydney Olympic

Suncorp Metway 7pm

Tue 25th Brisbane Strikers v Northern Spirit

Suncorp Metway 7pm

May

Sat 6th Supporters Training BBQ

Perry Park 9am

11.30am

Sun 7th Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland

Suncorp Metway 5pm

Sat 21st FA Cup Challenge

Perry Park TBA

June

Mon 5th Gentlemen's Lounge

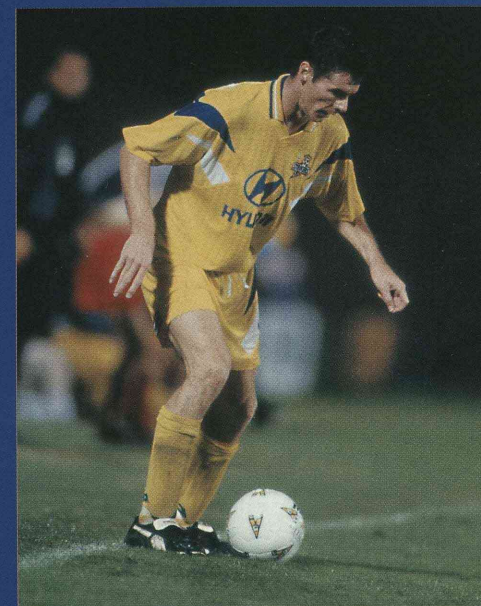
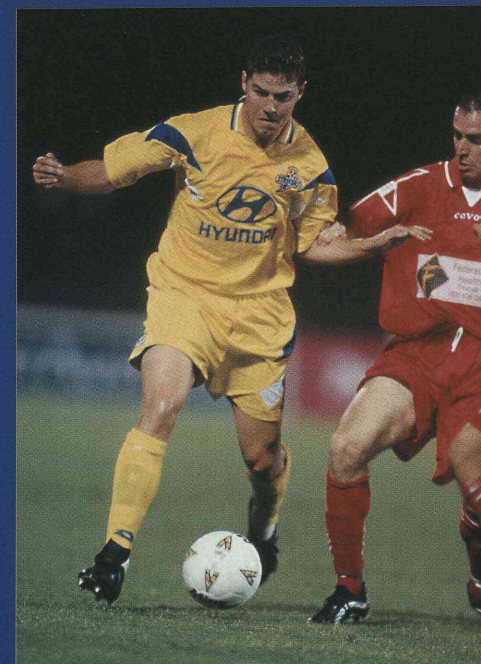
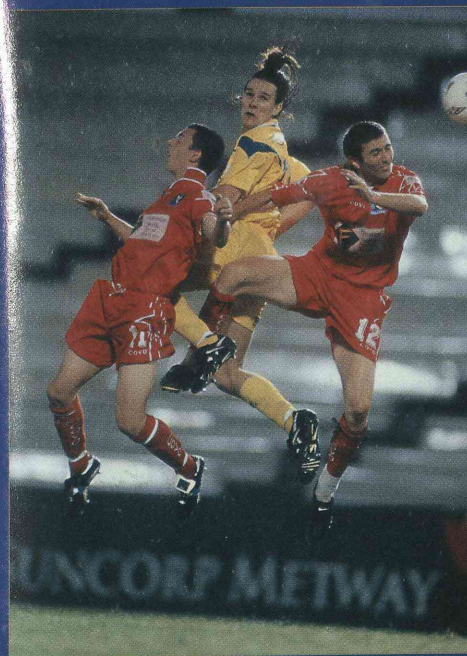
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Fri 9th Presentation Awards

TBA



DON GARDINER'S
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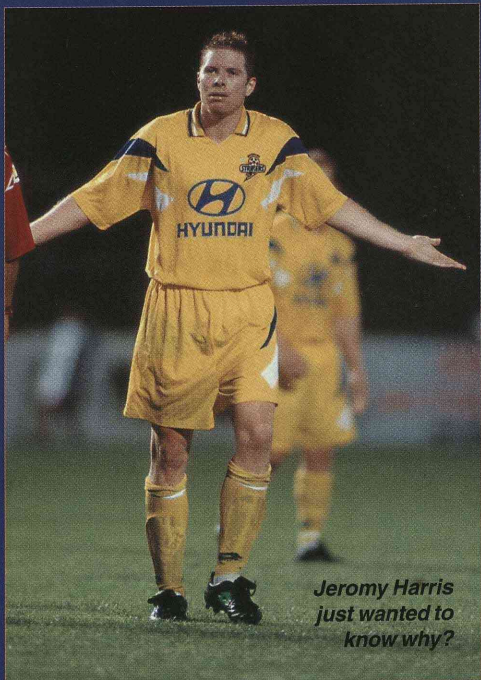


Clockwise from left, Greg Di Losa does his best to impersonate a bird as he soars above his opponents, Wade Baldwin utilises his strength to shrug off a defender and Peter Dwyer is a picture of concentration as he conjures his next move.

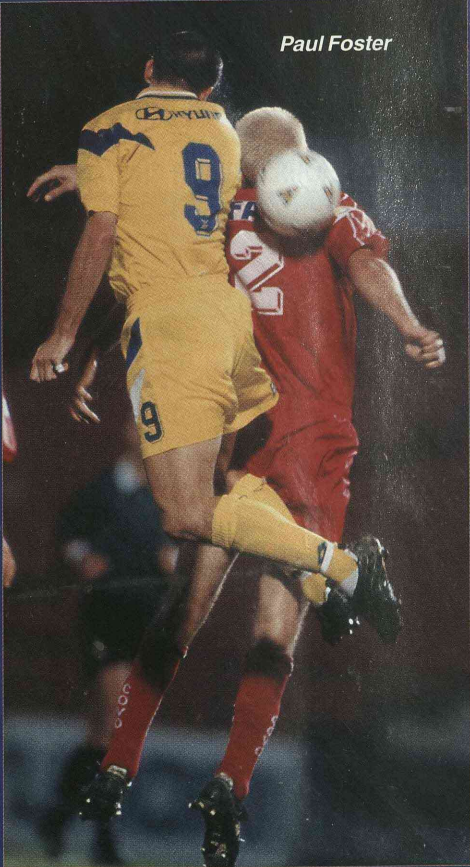
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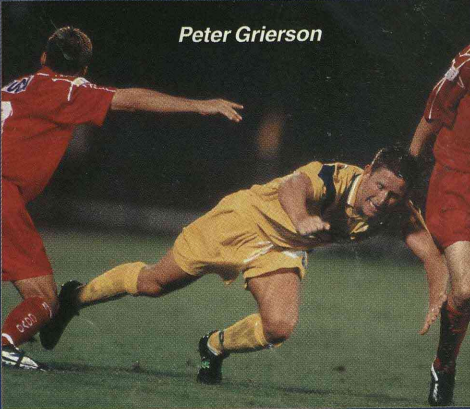
Strikers Snaps



Jeromy Harris just wanted to know why?



Paul Foster



Peter Grierson

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Wollongong Wolves

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| 2. Glenn Gwynne | 2. George Souris |
| 3. Shane Stefanutto | 3. Alvin Ceccoli |
| 4. Andrew Davidson | 4. Robert Stanton |
| 5. Matthew Bell | 5. David Cervinski |
| 6. Brad Ditton | 6. Matthew Horsley |
| 7. Shane Smeltz | 7. Paul Reid |
| 8. David Pilic | 8. Antony Surjan |
| 9. Paul Foster | 9. Sasho Dimoski |
| 10. Wayne Srhoj | 11. Scott Chipperfield |
| 11. Greg Di Losa | 12. Neil Harlock |
| 12. Peter Dwyer | 13. Noel Spencer |
| 13. Stuart McLaren | 14. Sasho Petrovski |
| 14. Jade North | 15. David Huxley |
| 15. Leo Langone | 16. Peter Lahanas |
| 16. Peter Grierson | 17. Esala Masi |
| 17. Jeromy Harris | 18. Chad Bishop |
| 18. Nick Meredith | 19. Paul Dimech |
| 19. Wade Baldwin | 20. Daniel Beltrame (GK) |
| 20. Daniel Duke (GK) | 21. Christain Zelvis |



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