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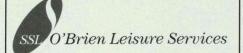
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FRONT COVER: Strikers forward Peter Dwyer will miss tonight's match with the Cosmos through suspension.

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The first thing I have to do in my spiel this week is make a correction regarding my last column. I suggested that Lionel Ritchie sang "When the going gets tough, the tough get going", during the Eighties- in actual fact it was Billy Ocean, as I found out at the first training session last week when I was awarded the 'gump' shirt for my error- a minor oversight on my part in my opinion given that there was so much meaningless and shallow music during that time. But I wore it through the week nonetheless and wore it with pride. After all I'm only human and everyone makes mistakes.

We made a few mistakes last week against Adelaide Force- the scoreline flattered them, given the general state of the game. But part of the game is capitalising on errors made by your opponents as much as it is about outplaying them and the experience of the Adelaide players was a major factor in punishing us for our errors. The trick now is to recognise those errors and try to make sure it doesn't happen again. It's also about individuals accepting they made mistakes, accepting responsibility for those mistakes and trying not to repeat it. Rather than viewing it as a criticism it should be as something to learn from that makes you a better player.

There's been a lot of talk in recent years about how professional the game has become in this country. In the "physical" sense it has. More players, more coaches and more administrators now make a living out of the game. From a philosophical viewpoint however the game is far from professional. Recognising, learning and acting on previous mistakes is part of being a professional- instigating change, not just for change sake but for necessity. Being professional is more a state of mind. You can be part-time with a professional attitude but you can't be professional with a part-time attitude. Sometimes we all need to sit back and really look at which category we are in.

Enjoy the game. Kossie



The Kingz were well and truly dethroned at our last meeting at Suncorp Metway Stadium with Peter Grierson having an outstanding match.

To be honest, I thought the team had a great game, so it should come as no surprise that it hurt like hell to come down with such a bump at Adelaide last week.

But that seems to be the way the results are going for us of late.

One week getting ourselves deep into the pack with a strong win only to to let that advantage slip the next week.

However, I'm still confident we will make

the play-offs, and do ourselves proud by the end of the season.

I have no doubts that a few of the southern clubs will be looking over their shoulder come finals time!

On a different note, congratulations goes out this week to Clint Bolton who was selected in the Socceroo's squad to tour Chile. We wish him all the best overseas.

Once again have a great evening and lets hope for another good performance from the Boys!

> **Tony Petty** Chairman

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Match Review

Playing without three of their bigger names, the Strikers succumbed 6-2 to the Adelaide Force last weekend.

Despite the scoreline though, the contest was much closer with the Force allowed to run away with the match after a fifteen-minute frenzy, which saw them score four unanswered goals.

Regardless, it was Adelaide which started the better, capitalising on a Strikers side that was without the services of experienced trio Paul Foster, Nick Meredith and Jeromy Harris.

The scorers were first troubled in the 23rd minute, when a looping far post cross found the head of Aurelio Vidmar, who made no mistake from close range. Seven minutes later the Strikers hit back however, when a pin-

point Brad Ditton long ball was perfectly controlled by Peter Dwyer, who expertly chipped a stranded Vilson Knezevic in the Force goal.

After dominating the play for the next quarter of an hour, the Strikers took the lead just before half time.

Dwyer repeated the dose for the visitors, this time after Stuart McLaren caught the Force defence out of position with another long switch of play.

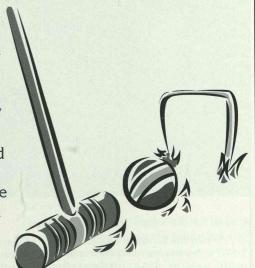
Chasing a one goal deficit after the break, the Force came out firing and found the equaliser in the 59th minute, when Vidmar converted a superbly taken free kick.

The score remained 2-2 until the 73rd minute, there is no doubt that the 6-2 scoreling flattered the home side.

Ladies, if you can't make the Romantic Valentines Lunch then why not have a bash at a few balls instead!!!

The Strikers are holding the best ever Ladies Croquet Day at New Farm Park.

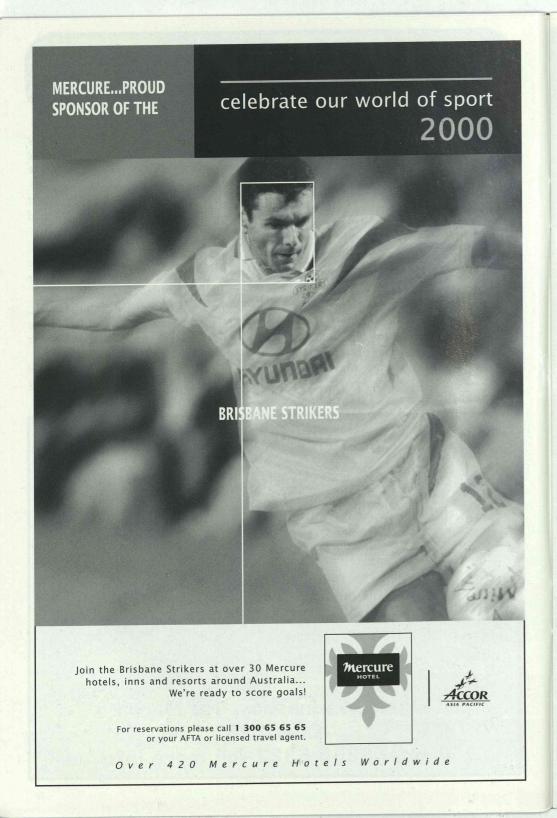
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Match Preview

Motivation will not be a problem for the Strikers this evening, as they attempt to put behind them last weekend's loss and get their top six campaign back on track.

While a 6-2 loss at first appears to be a drubbing, the reality is that Brisbane, who led 2-1 in the match right up until the 60th minute, could have won the match.

"It possibly was a missed opportunity and certainly the score was not a true indication of the game," coach John Kosmina said.

"But still, we were a bit sloppy in patches, particularly towards the end of the match and we were punished by an extremely talented and experienced side."

Despite the loss, Kossie said there was a few positives to draw from the Adelaide encounter.

"We took a fairly inexperienced side down to Adelaide in terms of National League experience and to their credit I think they showed a lot of character to get to 2-1 midway through the second half," Kossie said.

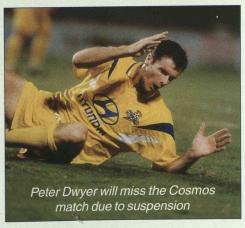
"We also got behind their defense quite a bit throughout the match and created a lot of opportunities for our strikers, so it wasn't a total loss."

The Strikers coach said the side had chosen not to talk too much on last weekend's loss, choosing instead to focus on the task at hand against Canberra tonight.

"I think all of the players realised that there are a few things that came out of last weekend's match that need to be addressed.

But at the end of the day I've said before that this is a side full of character, and I know that character will hold them in good stead for the match against Canberra," Kossie said.

"They all realise that there is a home game



to be won this week and they know what they have to do to win it."

But Kosmina warned that Canberra would not be the easy-beats many people might suggest they would be.

"They are a strong side and to be honest I'm extremely surprised to see where they are on the competition table at present," the Strikers coach said.

"We beat them in the first round down in Canberra and that was a very tough encounter. We're expecting nothing less from them tonight."

Ivo De Jesus is one man the Strikers will have to wary of tonight. He is currently the Cosmos leading scorer and still managed to collect a double in his side's 7-3 loss to Sydney Olympic last weekend.

For the Strikers, Paul Foster will not be back and could be another two to four weeks off a return. Peter Dwyer must serve a one-match suspension after receiving another yellow card last weekend.

Daniel Duke will make his second appearance for the club in goals tonight, replacing Clint Bolton who is on Socceroo duties.

Talking Tagties 2

with Kossie

Canberra have been on the end of a few results that in all reality they probably haven't deserved.

They are a much better side than their position on the ladder would indicate and their coach Tom Sermanni has got them extremely well drilled.

For that reason we will have to be at our best to get the three points tonight.

I really think that because Canberra play a similar style of football to ourselves, tonight's match will be more a mental game than anything else.

There will be some very intriguing individual battles throughout the evening and I believe they will be the highlight tonight.

With 'Fossy' out of action again and Pete Dwyer suspended, we will stick with the combination of Wade Baldwin and Peter Grierson up front.

In terms of defence, tonight will be a case of rectifying some of the things that went wrong last weekend, particularly from set play situations.



Wade Baldwin will be out to impress tonight with a strong showing up front

Communication will have to be a lot better and there will be no excuses for ball-watches.

WHO'S HOT

Despite last week's 6-2 loss, there was no reason for skipper Stuart McLaren to hang his head after the match.

Once again McLaren proved to be a rock in the Strikers defensive line and a real thorn in the side of some of the most experienced and deadly target men in the National League.

His work rate was incredible and his defensive game nearly flawless.

Even though the side was down, McLaren

showed a lot of character and worked hard right up to the last whistle.

Stuey is a great communicator and a natural role model for the younger players in the team.

And with this sort of professional attitude highlighting his style of play, there is little doubt the Strikers skipper will continue to be one of the foundation stones of the side's defence.

For that reason, no one can deny that Stuart McLaren is hot and should sizzle during tonight's match with the Cosmos.



Following our 5-1 victory over South Melbourne earlier in the season we felt that it was a good performance.

The final scoreline was as large as it was, due to a little bit of luck as much as anything else.

But as we all know, as we also said after our win over the champs, luck is something which tends to even itself out over the course of a season.

This is the only way, without going into to great detail, of explaining our 6 - 2 defeat by Adelaide Force.

Sure, there were a few errors on our behalf, particularly in the second half, but we did not deserve to be on the end of a thrashing and could possibly have come away with a share of the points.

But anyway, what's done is done. We now have to endeavour to get back to our best and grind out some results when the luck is against us - and hopefully pick up some extra points when we have the rub of the green.



Nick Meredith will bring a wealth of experience to the side when he returns to the pitch tonight against the Cosmos

If we manage to do this then we will stand a more than decent chance of that top six finish which so many people outside the club still think is beyond us.

Finally, at the risk of some stiff punishment I would like to make public the fact that Kossie was awarded the Gump Shirt after our victory over the Kingz a fortnight ago.

He was a runaway winner after announcing in the match programme that "when the going gets tough the tough get going was sung by Lionel Ritchie" and not Billy Ocean as all us 80' pop music fanatics know it was!

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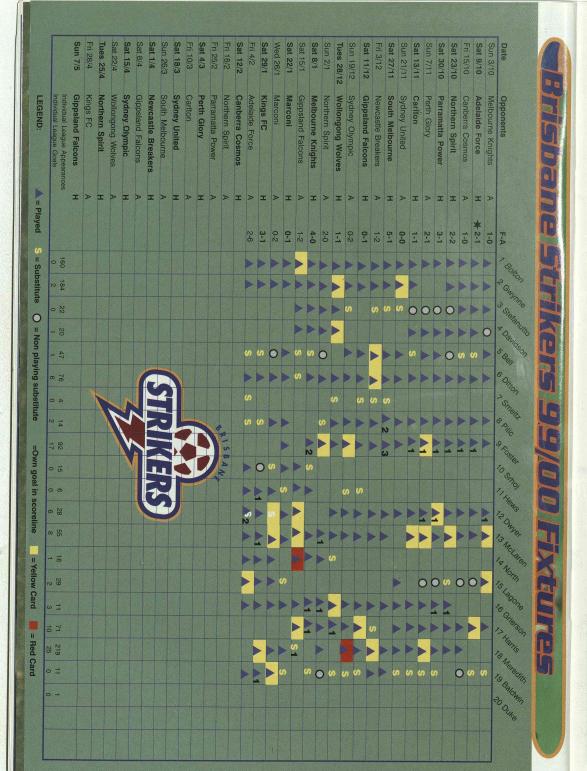
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Each game prior we will give you instructions on how to win a copy of 'This is Soccer' (M). You must bring your entries to the game and hand them in at the Junior Striker stand at Gate 1. Entries will be judged at half time.

For the last game of the season (Gippsland Falcons) you could win not only a game of 'This is Soccel' — but also a Sony PlayStation !! The banner must incorporate the Strikers and Sony PlayStation logos with the words: 'This Is Soccel' . So get cracking on getting your entries in, and start planning your banner now.









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| Foetball Kingz | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 32 | 31 | 26 |
| South Melbourne | 19 | 7 . | 5 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 26 |
| Adelaide City Force | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 26 | 23 | 25 |
| Paraamatta Power | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 34 | 31 | |
| Northern Spirit | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 24 | 31 | 24 |
| Gippsland Falcons | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 14 | 25 | 21 |
| Melbourne Knights | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 36 | 20 |
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| Northern Spirit | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 41 | 18 | 29 |
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| Newcastle Breakers | 15 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 27 | 17 | 25 |
| Sydney United | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 22 | 25 | 22 |
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| Sydney Olympic | v's | Wollongong Wolves | Feb 13, 6.30pm | Belmor |
| Perth Glory | v's | Melbourne Knights | Feb 13, 4pm | Perth (|
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| Alex Moreira | Carlton | 11 |
| Sasho Petrovski | Wolves | 9 |
| Esala Masi | W'gong | 9 |



Date Event

Venue Time

Perry Park

9am

February

| Sun 6th | Pee Wee Carnival | Perry Park | 9am- |
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| | Chance for our junior supporters to play a few game | es on the | 1pm |
| | 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 | | |

March

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| Sat 4th | Brisbane Strikers v Perth Glory | Suncorp Metway | 7pm |
| Sat 18th | Brisbane Strikers v Sydney United | Suncorp Metway | 7pm |
| Tue 21 | Strikers Networking Golf Day | TBA | |
| | A chance to mix business with pleasure | | |

April

Sat 25th

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

| May Sat 6 th | Supporters Training BBQ | Perry Park | 9am 11.30am |
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| Sun 7 th Sat 21 st | Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland FA Cup Challenge | Suncorp Metway Perry Park | 5pm TBA |

June

| Fri 9 th | Presentation Awards | TBA |
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Supporters Training BBQ

Queensland Soccer Season Begins!

The Brisbane Strikers would like to take the opportunity to wish all Queensland Soccer Clubs and players a successful season in 2000. With the Olympic Soccer on our doorstep this year there should be plenty of action to inspire the young players (and the not so young!!).

The Strikers are hoping to have a season of working closely with the local and state clubs.

If there is anyway in which we can help over the season please contact Jane or Derryn on 3252 5327.

Junior Strikers

PEE WEE CARNIVAL SUCCESS

On Sunday 7th February the Strikers held what we hope to be an annual event - the PEE WEE C. RNIVAL. The carnival was organised to coincide with soccer sign-on weekend.

I was aimed at inspiring and motivating U/7 - U/8 fo the season ahead. There was certainly no shortage of nspiration, but not all of it was limited to the young conpetitors. I'm sure everyone who attended would agree that a lot of fun was had by everyone-parents, players, the 60 children and staff alike.

I was inspired by the effort and sportsmanship exhibited by our young participants, as I was by their impeccable behaviour. Many of the teams were made up of individuals who had never met before but the common goal of the game brought out an instant bond and team ownership.

I was inspired by the support shown by the parents, not only towards their children but also for the game and the Strikers. Behind every great soccer player there are great parents who have spent many hours driving to far away fields, tending tuckshops and washing smelly Jerseys. So to all those Pee Wee parents "thanks and continue the good work".

I never cease to be inspired by our very own Strikers players and their commitment to junior players. Thankyou Stuart, Stef, Baldy, Davo, Jezza and Fozzie for your tireless efforts refereeing games, 'mucking around' with the kids and inspiring young players.

Volunteers who wake up at a not so inspiring hour on a Sunday morning to help out inspire just about everyone. Special thanks to Chris Knight, Cathy the-Wonder-Girl Gwen Evans and the fabulous Derryn with out whom we couldn't have managed to keep things

Thank again

Jane Hardley Operations

Strikers War Cry

Thanks to Junior Striker, Cameron Ziggliotto, for the great war cry he sent in. Perhaps all our Junior Strikers could learn it by heart and sing it at the games.

Everywhere we go
Everywhere we go
People want to know
People want to know
Who we are
Who we are
And where do we come from
Where do we come from
So we tell them
So we tell them

"We are yellow and we are blue we're the STRIKERS, who are you?

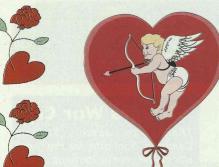
Did you know?

Wade Baldwin celebrated his birthday on Saturday 5th February. Happy B'day Baldy! Clint Bolton is in Chile playing for the Socceroos.

Glenn Gwynne will soon celebrate his 150 NSL game with the Strikers. Can YOU guess which game it will be? Write in with your answer.

Mark Battistin (No.15) is 192 cm tall, played for the Strikers in the 96/97 season but missed the grand final due to injury, has 12 individual league gaols to his credit and played for Brisbane City's XXXX Premiership side in 1999.

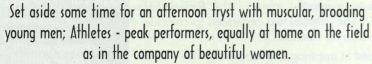
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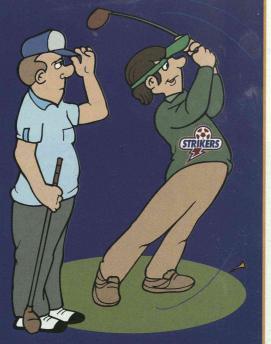
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Strikers Golf Day

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Mark Battistin

To see him even take the field for this year's National League was a minor miracle in itself. And when Mark Battistin resumed his position with the Strikers against Marconi in Round 17, it was quite obvious there was only one thing that got him there... pure determination.

Two years ago it seemed unlikely the tall defender would play National League soccer again, after he went through a horror time with injuries.

After debuting with the Strikers in 1995 and proving his worth as a defender who could also score goals, Battistin looked prime for a long and successful career in the National League.

However things turned sour for Battistin, six weeks prior to Brisbane's historical Grand Final victory, when his ankles finally gave way after years of wear and tear.

"I had to have four operations in two years and it put me out of the game for more than 18 months," the big defender said.

"I had an arthroscopy on my left ankle, a reconstruction on my right nine months later and then another operation to fix things up again a couple of months after that.

"To complicate things even further I had a hernia problem soon after the last operation that was related to my ankle problems.

"When they opened me up the first time,

there were 12 bone chips floating around and my ligaments and tendons were stretched right out of place, so there was a lot of rehabilitating to be done."

Through all of the tribulation you would not have blamed Battistin to give the game up entirely, but that thought was the furthest from his mind.

Hard work and a lot of determination to play in the country's top competition eventually paid dividends for the talented player, however the fact remains that he has still lost 18 months from his career.

"It was a very frustrating period because you kept watching other people going past you in terms of skill and ability and there was absolutely nothing you could do about it," the self-employed builder said.

"I've certainly lost a yard of pace that I used to have as well as a few other things, but I guess you just have to be smart and make up for the losses in other ways."

Those problems don't seem to have held Battistin back this past twelve months however. He led Brisbane City to a surprise XXXX League Championship late last year and then received a call up back to the Brisbane Strikers.

"It was a great feeling to make the Strikers again and as long as my ankles can hold out, I'd like to think that I'd have another three or four seasons in the National League," Battistin said.

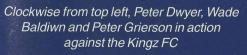
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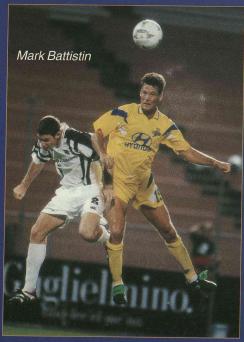


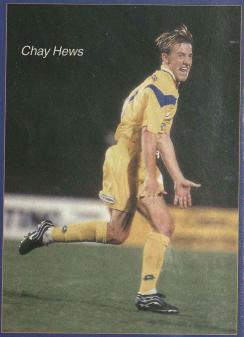
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- 3. Shane Stefanutto
- 4. Andrew Davidson
- 5. Matthew Bell
- 6. Brad Ditton
- 7. Shane Smeltz
- 8. David Pilic
- 9. Paul Foster
- 10. Wayne Srhoj
- 11. Chay Hews
- 12. Peter Dwyer
- 13. Stuart McLaren
- 14. Jade North
- 15. Mark Battistin
- 16. Peter Grierson
- 17. Jeromy Harris
- 18. Nick Meredith
- 19. Wade Baldwin
- 20. Daniel Duke (GK)

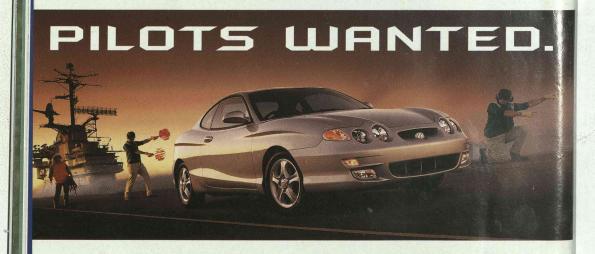
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- 6. Jason Polak
- 8. Daniel Watkins
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- 10. Michael Musitano
- 11. David Arranz
- 14. Harry James
- 15. Glen Kolpak
- 16. Ilija Prenzoski
- 18. Nikola Mrdja
- 19. Geoff Howarth
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