

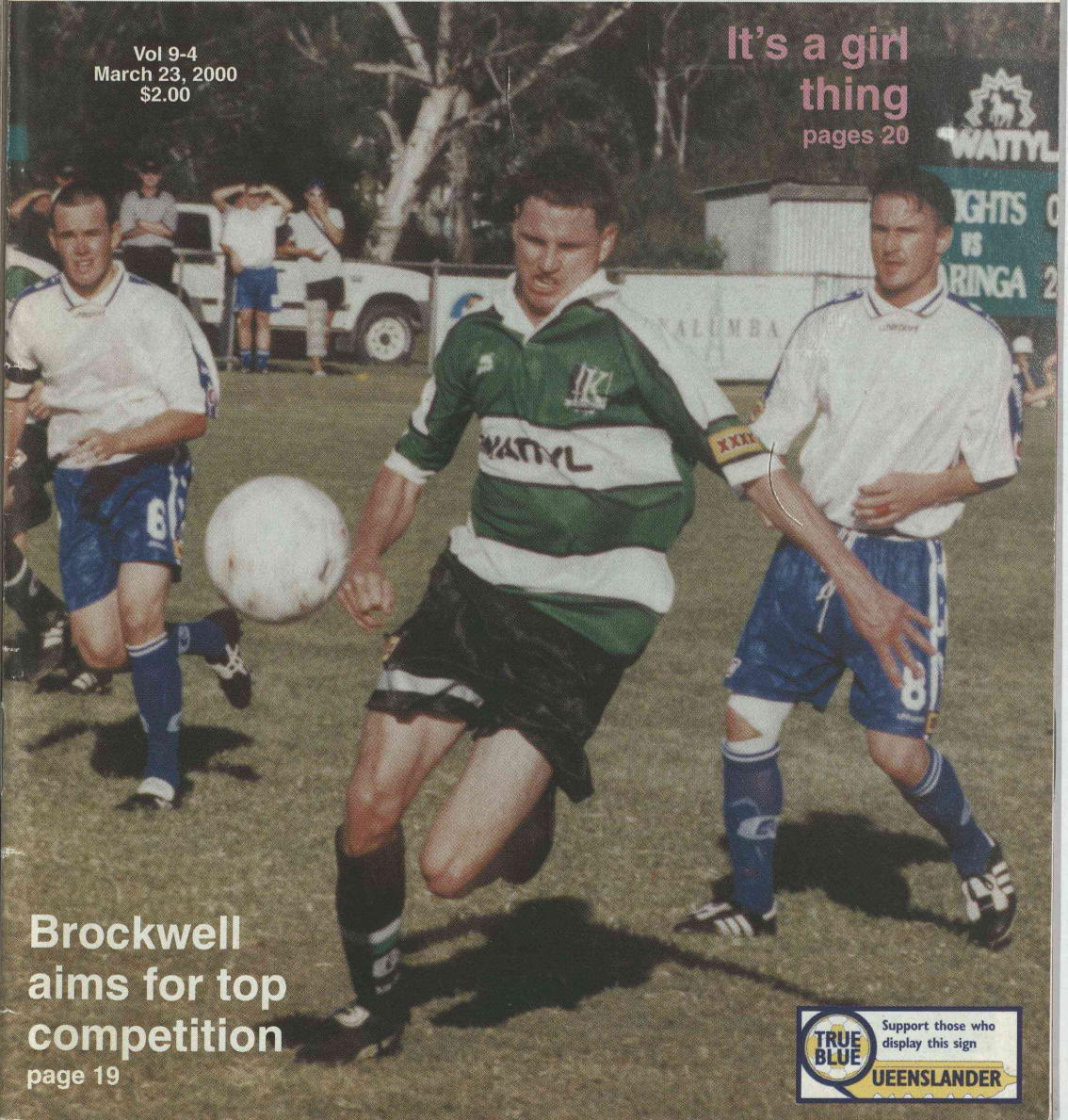
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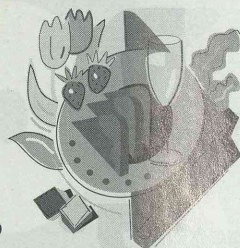
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*Cover: Ipswich Knights' attacker Steven Hughes in full flight as he approaches the Taringa goalmouth having evaded the defence of Craig Collins and Craig Barnes. However, Taringa won the day 2-0 at Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba.*

# Editorial

**The quicker the Premier League becomes a true state competition the better.**

The successful additions of the Gold Coast, Bundaberg and Toowoomba in recent years has shown that risks need to be taken in order to strengthen the state of soccer in Queensland.

Brisbane City coach Danny Wright was rapt with the setup in Toowoomba when he took his charges to Gold Park last Sunday to meet the Raiders.

Wright said the country atmosphere and the support the Raiders had were great advocates for a Premier League competition involving cities and centres throughout Queensland.

It is almost certain that the Sunshine Coast will be part of the Premier League within three years. The area already has a successful Youth League team, whose players will be the backbone of a future top-level side.

The Sunshine Coast's approach of developing a youth side before beginning a Premier League campaign could be the way to go for other regional centres wanting to be part of big-time soccer again.

Looking into a crystal ball, one can only hope that in five or six years time the Premier League will not be dominated by Brisbane clubs.

An ideal competition could involve 14 clubs, including teams from the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Ipswich.

This leaves only five spots available for more traditional clubs. Actually it's probably only four, with the newly-formed Peninsula Power being a perfect Premier League candidate.

With four spots left, it either means Brisbane clubs would have to merge, and hence have a stronger team, or drop to the semi-pro ranks, which shouldn't been seen as a backwards step, but instead an economical decision.

The four Brisbane teams that should be included, based on finances, support, past successes and location are Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Rochedale and Wynnum.

# How round five shaped up

Who can stop Brisbane City? That's the question being asked after five rounds as the boys from Spencer Park move further away from the rest, threatening to turn the premiership into a one horse race.

While there is a long way to go, City is now six points ahead of nearest rival Ipswich and 11 in front of bottom three Mount Gravatt, Bundaberg and the Gold Coast.

City beat Toowoomba 3-0 at Gold Park on Sunday. Goals came from Chris Slater - his seventh in five games - and Barry Wilkinson, plus an own goal from the Toowoomba side sealed victory for City.

Slater's form has impressed his coach Danny Wright, who also believes the former National League player is making a name for himself as a fine captain.

Wright took off a flu-stricken Slater late in the game, keen to save his striker's energy for this Sunday's top-of-the-table clash against the Ipswich Knights at Spencer Park.

The Knights warmed up for the clash in the worst possible way, losing 2-0 at home to the side that was last and without a win before the match, Taringa Rovers.

Damien Volker and Chris Donohue gave Taringa a 2-0 half-time lead, with neither side being able to find the net in the second stanza.

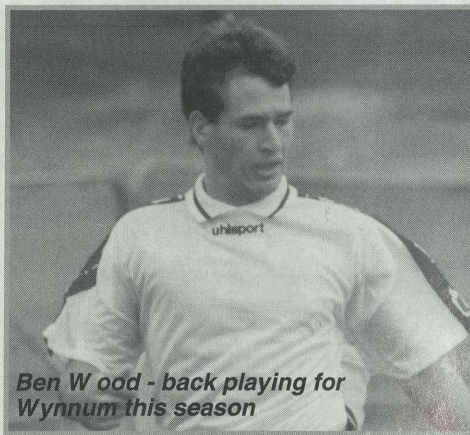
Taringa coach Willie Wallace was relieved to get the win, saying his team had taken time to settle down after losing several players to Lions in the off-season. Injuries have also plagued the side in the early part of the year.

Knights coach Frank Pimblett said his players were far too predictable in the first-half and lacked the enthusiasm and intensity needed to win.

"It's not good enough," he said.

Elsewhere, Lions continued their surge up the ladder with a 4-0 thrashing of Bundaberg at Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Sasa Radulovic scored two for Lions, taking his tally to four for the year, with Raj Kumer



**Ben Wood - back playing for Wynnum this season**

and Scott Robertson also getting on the scoresheet.

After a slow start, Lions are now equal third with the Wynnum Wolves on eight points. Bundaberg is one of three teams at the foot of the table on four points.

The Wolves won 4-1 against Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park, with Mark Alaru, Duncan Easton, Anthony Roche and Ben Wood all scoring goals.

The Wynnum side keeps going about its business with a minimum of fuss and could be the surprise packet of the season.

Mount Gravatt has now conceded 14 goals in five games, the only team to have reached double figures in goals against.

At Underwood Park on Friday night, Gold Coast grabbed a valuable point against Rochedale thanks to a late equaliser from the talented Adam Poric.

Earlier Damian Harris had given the home side a 1-0 lead, but missed chances eventually came back to haunt Rochedale.

Gold Coast coach Ken Lindsay described the match as a game of two halves, while his Rochedale counterpart Peter Bannon saw it as a game of "three-quarters and a quarter".

"We could have had the game won at half-time, but by the end they could have won it," Bannon said.

## PREMIER PREVIEW - WYNNUM v TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS

The Wynnum Wolves go into Saturday night's clash against the Toowoomba Raiders at Carmichael Park knowing victory could propel them into second place on the ladder.

If Ipswich loses to Brisbane City and the Wolves beat the Raiders, Wynnum will leapfrog the Knights and at worst be tied for second spot.

The Wolves will go into the match on a high after thrashing Mount Gravatt 4-1 at Dittmer Park last Sunday and will want to please their home fans with more goals.

The Raiders suffered a 3-0 loss to Brisbane City last Sunday, but their coach John Garside doesn't expect to meet a side as good as City again this season.

"If they (City) don't win the premiership it will be only their fault," Garside said.

"All over the park they are a good team."

Despite Wynnum's good record this season, Garside gave his side a chance of winning at Carmichael Park.

"I'm quite confident. We are improving each week," Garside said.

"We'll be very competitive. If they take us lightly we could be a problem for them."

Garside liked that the match was being played at night, saying the Raiders performed better in cooler conditions.

"They (the players) also like being able to go out after a match on a Saturday night. Playing on a Sunday means they can't really go out the night before.

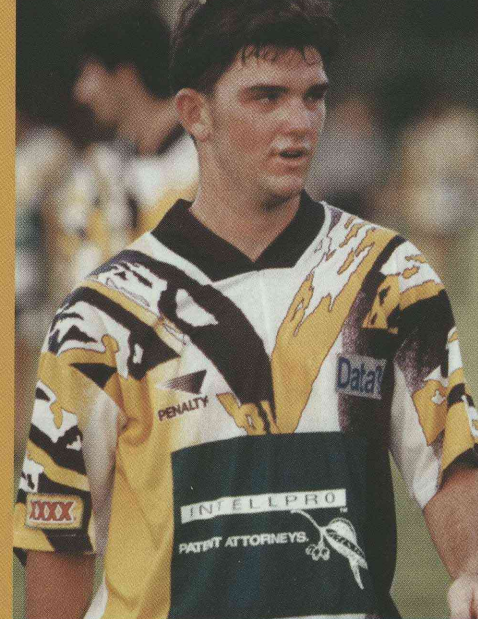
"When they go out together they develop a camaraderie."

**WHO'S HOT:** Ben Wood's form is pleasing Wynnum coach Peter Tokesi. Jason Bosward was impressive in the middle of the park against Brisbane City.

**FORM GUIDE:** Wynnum had a great away win against The Hawks last Sunday. The Raiders held their own against City last week, despite losing 3-0.

**TIP:** Wynnum 3-1

**Shane Gilroy**



### Wynnum v Toowoomba Raiders

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa  
Saturday March 25, 7pm

#### WYNNUM WOLVES

- 1 Garth McCulloch
- 2 Shane Gilroy
- 3 James Gowans
- 4 Steve Foreshaw
- 5 Duncan Easton
- 6 Paul DeVries
- 7 Danny Flaskas
- 8 Anthony Roche
- 9 Stuart Popplewell
- 10 Ben Wood
- 11 Owen Filewood
- 12 Aaron Thiesfield
- 13 B. Travers-Jones
- 14 (Not allocated)
- 15 (Not allocated)
- 16 Luke Dodson
- 17 Mark Alaru
- 18 (Not allocated)
- 19 (Not allocated)
- 20 Damian Rogers

#### TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS

- 1 Trevor Gilliland
- 2 Colin Hackwood
- 3 Martin James
- 4 Adam Nicholson
- 5 Brent Hyslop
- 6 Chris McLeod
- 7 Gavin Fryer
- 8 Leigh Ramia
- 9 Cameron Williams
- 10 Jamie Miller
- 11 Steve Willmot
- 12 Jason Bosward
- 13 Ashley Fox
- 14 Steve Wilkes
- 15 Chris Wilkes
- 16 Shane Biber
- 17 Craig McConnell
- 18 (Not allocated)
- 19 Martin Rees
- 20 Liam Hackwood

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast City v Mt Gravatt

Three Premier League points are vital to both the Gold Coast and Mount Gravatt when the two sides meet at Palm Beach on Sunday.

Both sides are currently at the foot of the ladder on four points. With Brisbane City romping away with 15 points on top of the table, the premiership hopes of both the Coast and Mount Gravatt are slipping further and further away, so victory is essential.

Gold Coast takes the better form going into the match, after grabbing a point against Rochedale at Underwood Park last Friday night.

Mount Gravatt lost 4-1 to the Wynnum Wolves last Sunday in a match where a closer result may have been expected considering the match was played at the Hawks' home ground, Dittmer Park.

But Gold Coast coach Ken Lindsay won't underestimate Mt Gravatt, knowing the season has been littered with surprise results thus far.

Lindsay will again look to former National League player Adam Poric, who capped off several weeks of great form by grabbing the Coast's late equaliser against Rochedale.

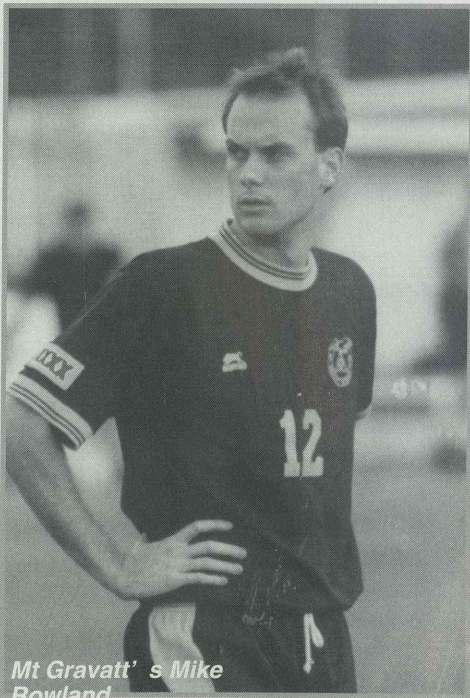
However, Lindsay will also be encouraged by the form of his other players, who as a unit easily could have taken all three points back to Palm Beach last Friday night after a barnstorming finish at Underwood Park.

For Mount Gravatt coach Mal Bland, Sunday's match represents another challenge for his young side which has shown some form throughout the year, but only in patches.

**WHO'S HOT:** Gold Coast defender Nathan Woodbridge played well at the back against Rochedale. Mt Gravatt's defender Kieran Galloway grabbed his side's only goal against Wynnum.

**FORM GUIDE:** Mount Gravatt has lost its past two matches, while the Coast has only one win in five games.

**TIP:** Gold Coast 2-0



Mt Gravatt's Mike Rowland

### Gold Coast City v Mt Gravatt

Palm Beach SC, Palm Beach  
Sunday March 26, 2.45pm

GOLD COAST CITY	MT GRAVATT
1 Jamie Irwin	1 Adam Lebian
2 Adam Evans	2 Kieran Galloway
3 Robbie Boxall	3 Ben Stabler
4 Cameron Watson	4 Richard Holliday
5 Nathan Woodbridge	5 Nathan Fairley
6 Neil Ferguson	6 Brett Jones
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Joel Smith
8 Adam Hayward	8 Anthony McCullough
9 Lee Vernon	9 Brendan Seipel
10 Tony Pearcey	10 Drew Oberle
11 Kris Dodd	11 Calvin Gnech
12 Colin Bethell	12 Mike Rowland
13 (Not allocated)	13 Max Scott
14 Nathan Thompson	14 (Not allocated)
15 Wade Cannon	15 (Not allocated)
16 Adam Poric	16 Robin Gosney
17 Rgk. Glenn Moss	17 Lincoln Greaves
	18 Naoki Uemura

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Brisbane City v Ipswich Knights

It's first versus second at Spencer Park on Sunday when the undefeated Brisbane City take on a talented, yet inconsistent Ipswich Knights side.

Despite the clubs proximity in ladder positions, the gap between the pair is six points as City charge further and further away from the nine other Premier League clubs.

But City coach Danny Wright won't take anything for granted against Ipswich, despite the Knights disappointing effort in their 2-0 loss to Taringa last Sunday.

The main reason Wright will be wary of the visitors is because of their coach - the brilliant Frank Pimblett.

"I've got a lot of respect for Pimmo as a bloke and a coach. He was also a tremendous player," Wright said.

"There's no doubt he'll have his side ready with a plan to beat us."

While Pimblett will have cast a watchful eye over City, he will have been more concerned with getting his own house in order.

Inconsistency has plagued the Knights this year. They've mixed fine wins over Rochedale, Mount Gravatt and Bundaberg, with poor losses to Toowoomba and Taringa.

Pimblett said his side was flat in losing 2-0 to Taringa at Eric Evans Reserve last Sunday. A similar effort against City this weekend is certain to mean the Knights return to Ipswich with no points.

To win the Knights will have to overcome their problem of playing in the daytime.

**WHO'S HOT:** City's 17-year-old Pablo Aviles has shone recently and attracted outside interest. Knights sweeper Scott Stenzel was solid last weekend.

**FORM GUIDE:** Five wins from five games - what more could City coach Danny Wright ask for? The Knights first-half against Taringa last Sunday was their worst all year.

**TIP:** Brisbane City 2-1



Knights midfielder Tim Reece

### Brisbane City v Ipswich Knights

Spencer Park, Mt Gravatt  
Sunday March 26, 2.45pm

BRISBANE CITY	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
1 Mark Bland	1 Jason Lucas
2 Warren Cooley	2 Ken Caldwell
3 Aaron Aldridge	3 Trent Scott
4 Clifford Tuck	4 Andrew King
5 Wayne Strange	5 Clint Scott
6 Scott Elliott	6 Peter Hinks
7 Pablo Aviles	7 (Not Allocated)
8 Demetri Theochari	8 John Clark
9 Vedran Becirbegovic	9 Trent Griffiths
10 Chris Slater	10 Peter McKendrick
11 Allan Cameron	11 Steven Hughes
12 Christopher Spurr	12 Tony Cotton
13 Bojan Vilic	13 Stewart Drinkeld
14 Nathan Carlos	14 Scott Stenzel
15 Damien Waugh	15 Adam Le Flay
16 Michael Grammatico	16 Wayne Adams
17 Barry Wilkinson	17 Andrej Gacesa
18 Stephen Starr	18 (Not Allocated)
19 Robbie Kidd	19 Richard Hilli
20 Scott Higgins	20 Robbie Cleaver

## PREMIER PREVIEW - TARINGA ROV v BUNDABERG WAVES

Taringa Rovers can finally build on a positive result when they meet the struggling Bundaberg Waves this Sunday.

After a long wait, Rovers broke their Premier League 2000 winning drought with a surprise 2-0 victory against Ipswich Knights at Eric Evans Reserve last Sunday.

It was a good reward for the young side, which was much maligned after opening the season with two draws and two losses.

But there is more work to be done to ensure Taringa continue its climb up the ladder and it starts against a Waves side which has conceded six goals and scored none in two matches.

Making the situation worse for Waves was the fact the 4-0 loss they suffered against Lions last weekend was in front of their home fans.

Waves coach Tony Walmsley prides himself on the thought that his side is harder to beat at home, however results this season haven't always followed this theory.

Bundaberg's season is in danger of capitulating, with a defeat against Taringa meaning a third straight loss.

But Taringa won't underestimate Waves, knowing form can be turned around in one match. Their victory on Sunday proved that.

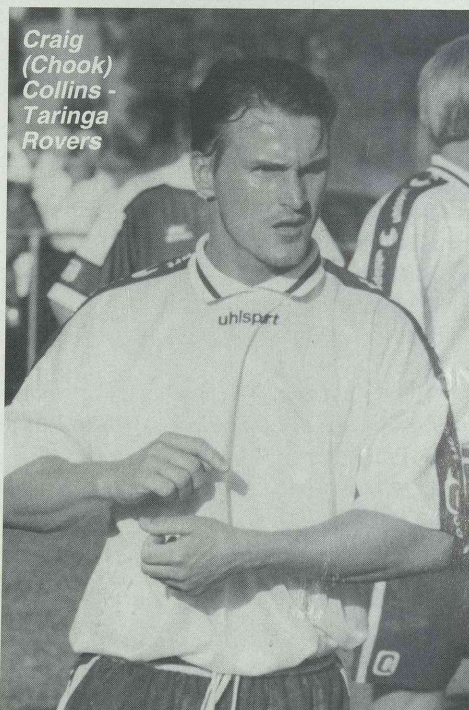
Coach Willie Wallace wants his side's good form to continue against Waves and believes it can for a number of reasons.

These include Taringa looking more organised on the park, the team's younger players finding its feet at a higher level and a previously large injury toll now thinning out.

**WHO'S HOT:** Taringa 16-year-old striker Cameron Donohue proved against Ipswich last Sunday that age is no barrier to scoring. It's hard to single out an in-form Waves player currently.

**FORM GUIDE:** Taringa has four points from its last two matches, only one less than its season tally. Waves have lost three of their five matches.

**TIP:** Taringa 3-0



Craig  
(Chook)  
Collins -  
Taringa  
Rovers

### Taringa Rov v Bundaberg Waves

Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly  
Sunday March 26, 2.45pm

TARINGA ROVERS	BUNDABERG WAVES
1 Clint Dal Santo	1 Michael Bainbridge
2 Shane Barnes	2 (Not Allocated)
4 Damien Volker	3 Robert Thatcher
5 Craig Slaughter	4 Dale Zimmerlie
6 Craig Barnes	5 Lucas Read
7 Francis Cosson	6 Tony Roebuck
8 Craig Collins	7 Jason Chapman
9 Cameron Donohue	8 Jacob Noe
10 Steve Dawe	9 Troy Hews
11 Daryl Hathaway	10 Michael Giovannoni
12 Cameron Williamson	11 Rodney Cooper
13 Mathew Bastion	12 Nick Maas
14 Niki Kuyper	13 (Not Allocated)
15 Daniel Pitkin	14 Peter Bock
16 Neil Reed	15 Rob Prendergast
17 Michael Oslar	16 Jason Keune
18 Gianni Culp	17 Brett Kitching
19 Willie Carter	20 Corey Baldock

## PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS v ROCHEDALE ROV

Two glamour clubs of the Premier League - Brisbane Lions and Rochedale Rovers - meet at Richlands on Sunday in a match vital to both sides' premiership chances.

Despite it being early in the season, Brisbane City's phenomenal start means the pressure is on all clubs to bridge the widening gap.

Lions and Rochedale are on eight and seven points respectively, some way behind City's total of 15. Both clubs can't afford to drop too far off the pace.

Lions coach John Ogden conceded Rochedale would be tough, but was confident his side could win at home, particularly after breaking a goalscoring slump by finding the net four times against Bundaberg last Saturday night.

"We had been creating chances, but to put them away makes the difference," Ogden said.

Rovers will have to watch the dangerous Sasa Radulovic, who scored twice for Lions against Bundaberg.

Also dangerous is young Rochedale striker Matt Olley, who despite not finding the net last weekend in his side's 1-all draw with the Gold Coast, has scored four times this season.

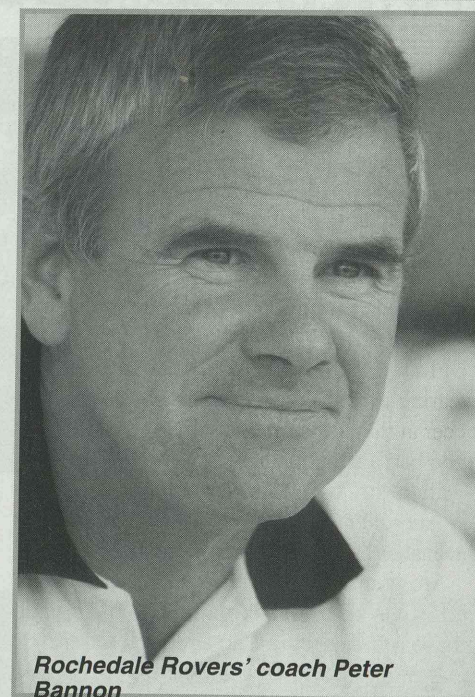
Rochedale Rovers coach Peter Bannon hopes his side can continue its good away form. Both matches Rovers have won this season have come away from Underwood Park.

But to win Rovers will have to take their chances, something they failed to do against the Gold Coast. This resulted in them only grabbing a point in front of their home fans.

**WHO'S HOT:** Lions sweeper Steve Jackson has years of experience and his knowledge of the game shows. Rochedale goalkeeper Graham Ross did well against the Gold Coast.

**FORM GUIDE:** Lions have only lost once this season, but two draws have hurt them. Rochedale is good away.

**TIP:** Lions 2-0



Rochedale Rovers' coach Peter Bannon

### Brisbane Lions v Rochedale Rov

Lions Stadium, Richlands  
Sunday March 26, 4.00pm

BRISBANE LIONS	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
1 Anthony Brearden	1 Graham Ross
2 Jamie Lowndes	2 Paul Grugan
3 Darren Sime	3 Ross Davidson
4 Raj Kumer	4 Dwayne Good
5 Chris Day	5 Damian Harris
6 Darren Hillier	6 Alun Evans
7 Steve Jackson	7 Nick Seeley
8 Des Hughes	8 Michael Legg
9 Royce Brownlie	9 Matt Olley
10 Scott Robertson	10 Clayton Koch
11 Sasa Radulovic	11 Gareth Dorey
12 B. Lewandowski	12 Roy Huth
13 Luke Farinazzo	13 Nenad Skulic
14 Warren Moon	14 Danny Stowers
15 Anthony Brown	15 Greg Anderson
16 Sean Molenda	16 Adam Watson
17 Steve Bland	18 Andy Monement
18 Glenn Farinazzo	19 Darren Bender
19 Ryan Hanger	20 Todd Rumble
20 Anthony Scodellaro	
21 Brett Dickens	



*Letters to the Editor are welcome. All letters must bear the name and address of the writer otherwise they will not be published. Names will be withheld from publication if requested.*

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a couple of stories in your last edition of *Eye On Soccer*.

Firstly I would like to mention, that if swearing is the biggest problem in Queensland soccer at the moment, then I believe we are not in too bad a situation.

I honestly wish this were true.

Are you aware that we are not having any Queensland Cup or finals series this year?

Are you aware that at a recent meeting of clubs it was voted that the clubs did in fact want to have a Queensland Cup and final series?

Are you aware that we have not received anything to say that we could have a Queensland Cup and finals series this year?

Yes, you probably are aware of all this but no, you choose not to mention it.

Come on Ed, fair is fair. If you are a true soccer magazine then you should be supporting the clubs in their quest to leave the season as it should be.

We as clubs are supposed to be the Queensland Soccer Federation and as your magazine is supposed to be the Official magazine of the Federation, then I suggest to you that you do a little bit of research and start printing some of the bigger issues.

I realise swearing has no part in the game but you must admit, you could use the space you have to promote something a little bit bigger than that.

Secondly, regarding Brent Read's column. I know Brent quite well and I like him as a person and as a reporter. But it seems to me that he is getting confused with a couple of issues.

Firstly we are sick to death of hearing about

the exploits of the Fish, or Giggles or the Lees' brothers or Super Starr or any of his other mates. Give us a break Ready and go out and get some quality stories.

Secondly in response to Ready's suggestion that he is disappointed in Rochedale's stance not to feed our opposition players after a game.

Well Ready, as you are aware, and as you have been part of our hospitality in the past, you will or should know that we are sick and tired of clubs not showing the same kind of hospitality to our players. Call it what you like.

We as a club have tried to lift the professional image of our game over the years by introducing such functions. Unfortunately some other clubs have not followed suit.

We as a club have decided that only those clubs that look after our players after a game will be welcome to join these functions.

We as a club have decided to spend the money we normally reserve for the opposition for the feeding of our own Reserve and Youth team players.

Like I said, call this what you like, I would call it looking after number one, because nobody else will.

PS. If other clubs decide to go into liquidation and we as a club decide to do the same then we will do that as well.

**Kieran Cooper - Football Administration Officer, Rochedale Rovers Soccer Club**

*Thank you for your letter, it makes for interesting reading.*

*On the swearing issue, it is the single most topic that has been and is complained about every week for the past three seasons.*

*It is a fact! Families, individuals and mothers no longer attend a football game in Brisbane, with swearing being the sole reason - nothing else matters in their books.*

*By contrast, you are the first person to raise the topic of a finals series and cup competition and I know that was handled at board level and at a clubs' general meeting twelve months ago.*

*However, I do not think the swearing problem is a small issue, not by the amount of complaints received over this desk.* ED.

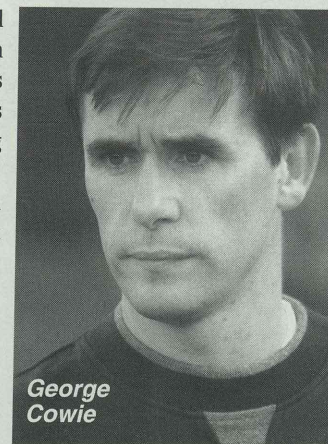
## International friendlies for SEQ

**The Solomon Islands will play three friendly matches in Brisbane in upcoming weeks as coach George Cowie begins his World Cup qualifying tournament preparations.**

Cowie, the former Wynnum coach and ex-Sunshine Coast director of coaching, was recently appointed as the Solomon Islands coach.

He has used his links with Queensland soccer to organise much-needed matches before his team plays in annual tournament in Fiji.

The Solomon Islands will play a full-strength Premier League Wynnum Wolves team



George Cowie

at Carmichael Park, Tingalpa at 7pm on Thursday, March 30. Admission will be free.

They follow that with a match against a Sunshine Coast select side at 7pm on Saturday, April 1.

Then, on Tuesday, April 4, the Solomon Islands take on the Brisbane Strikers at Perry Park from 7pm.

The team will train every day during its visit at Carmichael Park, except for the Sunday after the Sunshine

Coast fixture. Soccer fans are welcome to watch the visitors go through their training routine at Tingalpa.

## UEFA honours top Brisbane referee in rare appointment

*The career of Brisbane referee Mark Shield continues to rise, with the 26-year-old being chosen to officiate in May's UEFA under 16 championships in Israel.*

The appointment comes hot on the heels of Shield's officiating duties in last year's World Youth Cup in New Zealand.

His talent has obviously been noted because it is rare for a referee from outside of Europe to officiate in a UEFA tournament.

Shield is elated about the opportunity to further improve his refereeing skills at an international level.

"It's going to be great," Shield said.

A five-year National League veteran, Shield said the appointment was another stepping stone towards his ultimate goal - refereeing in the World Cup.

He said the 2002 cup in Japan and South Korea could be too soon for him, with the 2006 Cup being his target.

"But if they ask me to referee in the 2002 Cup I wouldn't say no!"

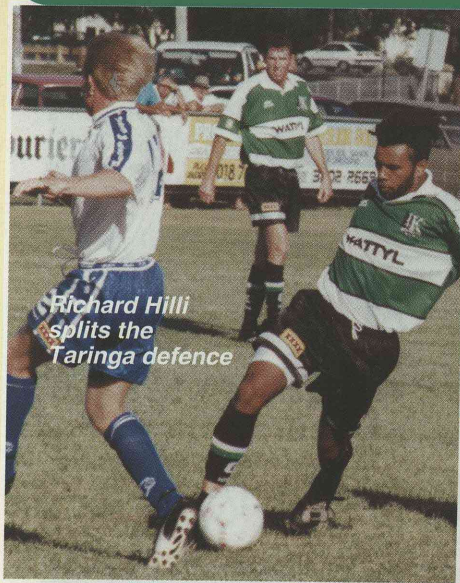
Queensland director of refereeing Alan Kibbler said Shield fully deserved his initial European appointment.

Kibbler went on to say that Shield's appointment highlighted the great standard of refereeing that existed in Australia. *Eye On Soccer* congratulates Mark on this milestone.

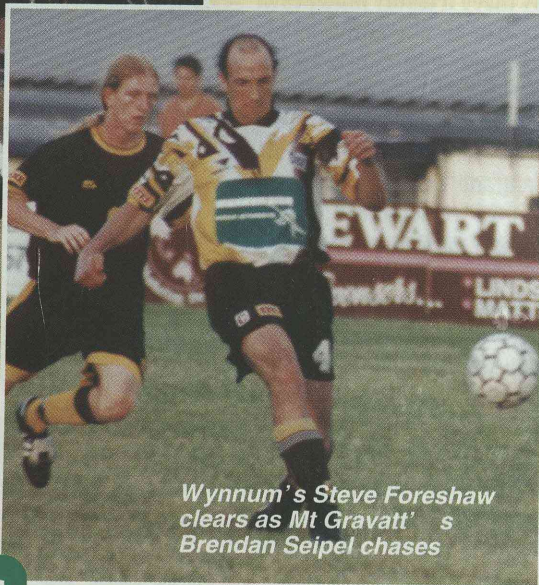


A jubilant Mark

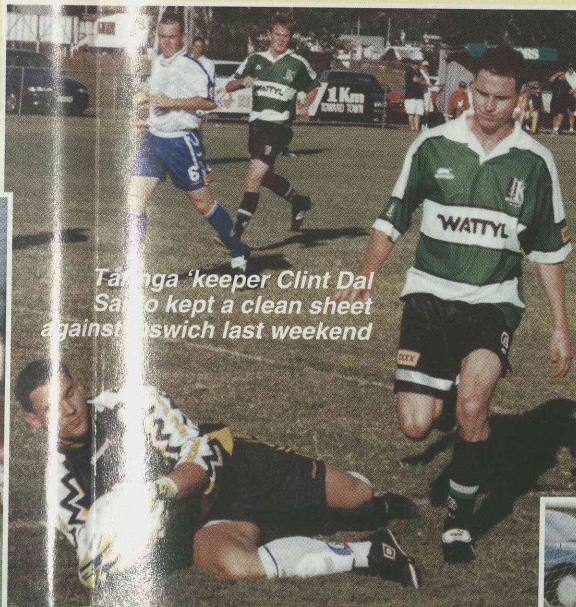
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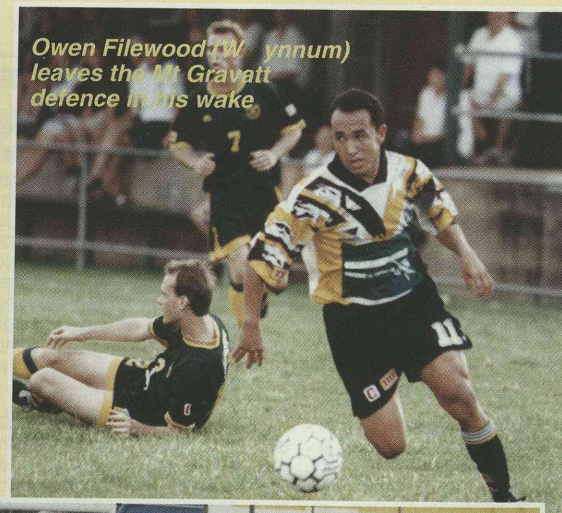
Richard Hilli splits the Taringa defence



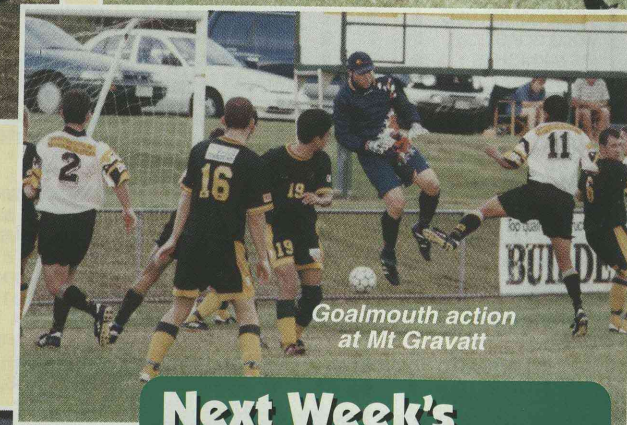
Wynnum's Steve Foreshaw clears as Mt Gravatt's Brendan Seipel chases



Taringa keeper Clint Dal Santo kept a clean sheet against Ipswich last weekend



Owen Filewood (Wynnum) leaves the Mt Gravatt defence in his wake



Goalmouth action at Mt Gravatt

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## Semi Pro Matches (Round 6)

### Saturday March 25

Beenleigh v Olympic Utd  
7pm - Chris Green Park, Beenleigh

Souths Utd v Capalaba  
7pm - Wakerley Park, Runcorn

Redlands Utd v Slacks Creek  
6pm - Show Grnd C'plex, Cleveland

Acacia Ridge v Rocklea Utd  
6pm - Ron Proud Field, Acacia Ridge

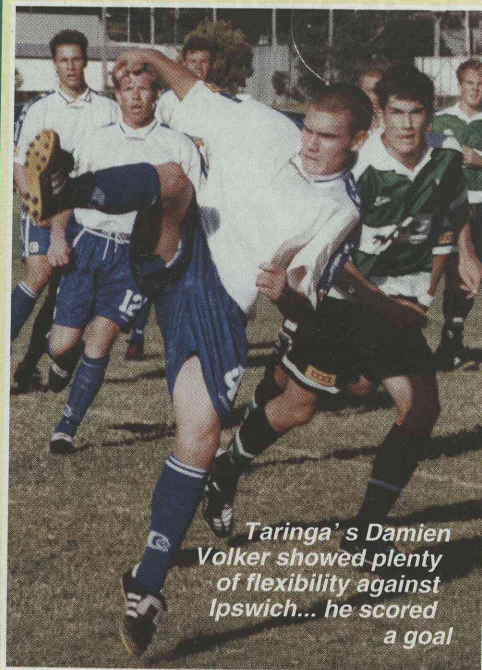
North Pine v Albany Creek  
7pm - Bob Brock Park, Dakabin

Newmarket v North Star  
7pm - McCook Park, Newmarket

Grange Thistle v Pine Rivers  
7pm - Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange

### Sunday March 26

Uni of Qld v Mitchelton  
2.45pm - Oval 3, St Lucia Campus



Taringa's Damien Volker showed plenty of flexibility against Ipswich... he scored a goal



Trent Grif fith (Ipswich) outmanoeuvres a Taringa opponent

## Next Week's Premier League (Round 7)

### Saturday April 1

Bundaberg Waves v Rochedale Rovers  
7pm - Thabeban Sport C'plex, Bundaberg

### Sunday April 2

Mt Gravatt v Brisbane Lions  
2.45pm - Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt

Ipswich Knights v Wynnum Wolves  
2.45pm - Eric Evans Resv., Bundamba

Taringa Rovers v Brisbane City  
2.45pm - Jack Speare Pk, Indooroopilly

Toowoomba Raiders v Gold Coast City  
4.00pm - Gold Park, Toowoomba

# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	5	5	0	0	15	3	15
IPSW KNIGHTS	5	3	0	2	10	5	9
WYNNUM	5	2	2	1	11	7	8
BRISBANE LIONS	5	2	2	1	6	3	8
ROCHEDALE ROV	5	2	1	2	9	8	7
TOOWOOMBA UTD	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
TARINGA ROVERS	5	1	2	2	4	9	5
B'BERG WAVES	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
GOLD COAST	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
MT GRAVATT	5	1	1	3	7	14	4

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	5	5	0	0	27	7	15
BRISBANE CITY	5	4	0	1	15	12	12
ROCHEDALE ROV	5	4	0	1	10	7	12
TOOWOOMBA UTD	5	3	1	1	10	4	10
GOLD COAST	5	2	0	3	15	13	6
IPSW KNIGHTS	5	2	0	3	6	7	6
MT GRAVATT	5	1	2	2	11	11	5
WYNNUM	5	1	1	3	9	15	4
B'BERG WAVES	5	1	0	4	8	22	3
TARINGA ROVERS	5	0	0	5	1	14	0

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ROCHEDALE ROV	5	5	0	0	19	3	15
SUNSHINE COAST	5	3	2	0	10	2	11
BRISBANE LIONS	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
TARINGA ROVERS	5	2	1	2	13	8	7
WYNNUM	5	2	1	2	10	15	7
BRISBANE CITY	5	2	0	3	9	12	6
GOLD COAST	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
IPSW KNIGHTS	5	1	1	3	8	16	4
TOOWOOMBA UTD	5	1	1	3	3	11	4
MT GRAVATT	5	0	1	4	5	13	1

## PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

- 7 Goals Chris Slater - Brisbane City
- 4 Goals Matt Olley - Rochedale Rovers
- 4 Goals Sasa Radulovic - Brisbane Lions
- 3 Goals Brendan Seipel - Mt Gravatt
- 3 Goals Wayne Adams - Ipswich Knights
- 3 Goals Mark Alaru - Wynnum Wolves

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORTH STAR	4	4	0	0	13	2	12
UNI OF QLD	4	3	0	1	17	7	9
NORTH PINE	5	3	0	2	12	10	9
MITCHELTON	4	2	1	1	10	9	7
NEWMARKET	5	1	4	0	10	9	7
PINE RIVERS UTD	4	1	1	2	8	8	4
ALBANY CREEK	5	1	1	3	8	17	4
THE GAP	5	1	0	4	8	15	3
GRANGE THISTLE	4	0	1	3	3	12	1

SEMIPRO DIV 1 N RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NEWMARKET	5	3	1	1	14	9	10
UNI OF QLD	4	3	0	1	13	3	9
THE GAP	5	3	0	2	15	11	9
NORTH STAR	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
MITCHELTON	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
PINE RIVERS UTD	4	2	0	2	9	10	6
GRANGE THISTLE	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
ALBANY CREEK	5	1	1	3	11	21	4
NORTH PINE	5	0	1	4	3	13	1

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PENINSULA POWER	5	5	0	0	13	4	15
NORTH STAR	5	3	0	2	16	7	9
PINE RIVERS UTD	5	3	0	2	13	8	9
MITCHELTON	5	3	0	2	8	7	9
THE GAP	5	3	0	2	7	15	9
UNI OF QLD	4	2	0	2	10	6	6
NORTH PINE	5	2	0	3	15	14	6
ALBANY CREEK	5	2	0	3	6	9	6
NEWMARKET	5	1	0	4	6	9	3
GRANGE THISTLE	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUBS	5	4	1	0	17	5	13
OLYMPIC UTD	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
ROCKLEA UTD	5	2	2	1	12	8	8
ACACIA RIDGE	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
SOUTHS UTD	4	1	3	0	7	3	6
CAPALABA	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
SLACKS CREEK	5	1	1	3	5	15	4
BEENLEIGH	5	1	0	4	7	17	3
REDLANDS UTD	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTHS UTD	4	4	0	0	22	1	12
CAPALABA	4	4	0	0	18	2	12
REDLANDS UTD	4	3	0	1	10	9	9
ROCKLEA UTD	5	3	0	2	13	14	9
OLYMPIC UTD	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
EASTERN SUBS	5	1	1	3	9	12	4
SLACKS CREEK	5	1	1	3	10	14	4
ACACIA RIDGE	4	1	0	3	3	10	3
BEENLEIGH	5	0	0	5	0	23	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	4	4	0	0	24	5	12
SLACKS CREEK	5	3	1	1	23	3	10
EASTERN SUBS	5	3	0	2	20	11	9
SOUTHS UTD	4	2	2	0	20	5	8
ROCKLEA UTD	5	2	0	3	13	12	6
REDLANDS UTD	3	1	1	1	16	10	4
OLYMPIC UTD	4	1	0	3	1	21	3
ACACIA RIDGE	4	1	0	3	4	31	3
BEENLEIGH	4	0	0	4	6	29	0

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AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INALA CITY	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
MOGILL UTD	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
DARRA UTD	2	2	0	0	5	3	6
ANNERLEY	2	1	0	1	7	2	3
IPSWICH CITY	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
BROTHERS UTD	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
PENINSULA POWER	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
SOUTH STAR	2	1	0	1	3	7	3
SAMFORD	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
JIMBOOMBA	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
GOODNA & DIST	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LOGAN CITY KINGS	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
BRIGHTON DIST	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
PARK RIDGE	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
EASTS PINEAPPLE	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
PENINSULA POWER	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
KINGSRIDGE	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
MOGILL UTD	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
ANNERLEY	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
GREENBANK	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
SAMFORD	1	0	0	1	2	7	0
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	2	2	0	0	11	1	6
UNI OF QLD	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
WYNNUM	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
SOUTHS UTD	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
MT GRAVATT	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
TARINGA ROVERS	2	1	0	1	5	7	3
MITCHELTON	2	0	2	0	5	5	2
BRISBANE CITY	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
NEWMARKET	2	0	1	1	3	8	1
IPSW KNIGHTS	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
THE GAP	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
CAPALABA	2	0	0	2	0	12	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IPSW KNIGHTS	2	2	0	0	31	1	6
ACACIA RIDGE	2	2	0	0	14	5	6
GRANGE THISTLE	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
UNI OF QLD	2	1	1	0	23	1	4
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	1	0	9	5	4
NORTH STAR	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
NORTH PINE	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
PINE RIVERS UTD	2	0	0	2	4	9	0
SOUTHS UTD	2	0	0	2	6	13	0
ALBANY CREEK	2	0	0	2	4	22	0
PARK RIDGE	2	0	0	2	0	40	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	3	3	0	0	20	0	9
CAPALABA	3	3	0	0	21	2	9
TARINGA ROVERS	3	3	0	0	17	2	9
NEWMARKET	3	2	0	1	13	7	6
NORTH STAR	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
REDLANDS UTD	3	2	0	1	9	8	6
EASTS PINEAPPLE	3	1	1	1	8	10	4
BRISBANE CITY	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
SLACKS CREEK	2	1	0	1	6	7	3
OXLEY UTD	3	1	0	2	2	12	3
PINE RIVERS UTD	3	0	1	2	4	18	1
SAMFORD	3	0	0	3	2	13	0
IPSW KNIGHTS	3	0	0	3	0	12	0
ALBANY CREEK	3	0	0	3	1	18	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S'SIDE EAGLES	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
IPSWICH CITY	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
MOGILL UTD	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
JIMBOOMBA	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
BROTHERS UTD	2	1	0	1	7	5	3
ANNERLEY	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
DARRA UTD	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
SAMFORD	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
PENINSULA POWER	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
INALA CITY	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
GOODNA & DIST	2	0	0	2	2	8	0
SOUTH STAR	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BETHANIA RAMS	3	3	0	0	18	1	9
PARK RIDGE	3	3	0	0	10	4	9
CLAIRVAUX	3	2	1	0	11	4	7
OXLEY UTD	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
BAYSIDE UTD	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
PINE HILLS	4	1	1	2	7	13	4
LOGAN CITY KINGS	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
WILSTON ATHLETIC	3	1	0	2	6	8	3
WOODRIDGE	4	0	1	3	9	15	1
MOOROONDU	3	0	0	3	3	18	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BETHANIA RAMS	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
PARK RIDGE	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
LOGAN CITY KINGS	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
CLAIRVAUX	3	2	0	1	6	2	6
OXLEY UTD	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
PINE HILLS	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
BAYSIDE UTD	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
WILSTON ATHLETIC	4	2	0	2	6	9	6



## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

**Newcomers North Pine have continued to impress in the northern semi-pro competition following an emphatic 5-1 victory over The Gap.**

The win has really given North Pine a major boost, rocketing the club to outright second on the ladder with nine points and rectifying what was beginning to look like a fairly ordinary goal difference.

The club hopes the momentum will continue to go its way this weekend when it takes on close neighbours Albany Creek at Bob Brock Park, Dakabin.

Another victory for the newcomers would certainly see their status in the northern division rise somewhat, but it would also put some distance between them and the rest of the competition.

Albany Creek is coming off a 2-1 victory over Grange Thistle, although the club's early form has been nothing short of patchy.

In fact, last week's win was the first for Albany Creek this season, so there has been very little for the Creekers to crow about to date.

Defence seems to be Albany Creek's biggest problem at the moment, with the side letting in 17 goals already this year.

Grange Thistle is another side that has had lots of problems with its defence this year, but worse still is the team's attacking record.

Thistle has scored just three times this season, with an attack that lacks potency.

The situation will not get any better for Grange this weekend, when they take the Pine Rivers outfit.

Rivers are coming off a 3-1 loss to the University of Queensland, and even though it has not been the best of starts for the club, they are still placed mid-table on four points.

Home ground advantage falls in the favour of Thistle for this weekend's encounter, but that will amount to little if the side's strikers do not hit top gear.

North Star will have a great opportunity to increase its competition lead this weekend at McCook Park, when the premiers take on Newmarket.

The competition front runners are undoubtedly the form side of the league at present and they do not look as though they are about to falter.

Newmarket at home has always been a tough proposition, and this year is no different. The side has toughened up even more since last season and their early form has been a credit to the club.

Last weekend's 2-2 draw with Mitchelton was as tough a match as any and certainly a good warm up for their encounter with the reigning premiers this Saturday night.

The same can be said for Mitchelton, which under the guidance of former Socceroo and ex-Brisbane Strikers assistant coach Garry McDowall, has also toughened up immensely from last year.

Mitchelton has only lost the one game so far this season and they look to be a genuine premiership contender.

McDowall's troops must travel to Saint Lucia this weekend to take on the University of Queensland, another side which has promised much for this year.

So far the students had shown only a few glimpses of brilliance, and last weekend's 3-1 win over Pine Rivers was certainly a high point in their season thus far.

A victory this weekend will help them consolidate their position at the upper end of the table.

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

**The battle of the competition heavyweights Easts and Olympic proved to be very much a one-sided affair, with the Tigers running out comfortable 4-0 winners.**

Marc Flemington did most of the damage for Eastern Suburbs, scoring a timely double for his club.

Amazingly, the match was over by half-time, with the Tigers up 3-0 by the break, courtesy of some creative play and staunch defence.

Import player/coach Per van Hansen, who moved into the midfield for the match, heaped plenty of praise on his fellow players after the match.

"That was a very strong performance, probably the best I have seen from the club to date," van Hansen said.

"The way that we played they never really had a chance. We were very solid in defence in extremely good in attack, and I also think that we probably got them on a bad day."

It appears the hard work the Tigers have been putting in with respect to their attack is really paying dividends for the club, which has now scored 17 goals from its opening five fixtures.

"One of the things we are concentrating on this season is playing a much more attacking style of football, similar to the way the Europeans play the game," van Hansen said.

The Tigers enjoy a break from regular fixtures this weekend, but will take on The Gap in an early round Ansett Cup match.

Olympic on the other hand will be hoping to bounce back from that somewhat humiliating loss to Easts, when it travels to Beenleigh, another club desperate for a victory.

The Lions came close at Capalaba last weekend, with the Bulldogs just getting up 4-3 at the final whistle.

Despite the unfavourable result, Beenleigh can still take heart from that match, with points extremely hard to come by at Capalaba for most sides.

Back in front of their own supporters this Saturday night, Beenleigh will be a much different proposition to the team that is currently languishing second from the bottom on the competition ladder.

Capalaba meanwhile will require a greater level of commitment if it is to register a second win of the season against reigning premiers Souths United.

Souths has had a fairly mediocre start to its title defence by its own admission, however last week the club gave a fairly strong indication that it was back, when it hammered Slacks Creek 5-1.

With the strikers in such devastating form, this weekend's match against Capalaba is shaping up to be a beauty.

Rocklea also looks to have hit some form in recent weeks, with its latest result being a comprehensive 4-1 victory over Redlands.

They will get their chance to close the gap on the competition leaders this Saturday night when they travel to neighbouring Acacia Ridge.

And despite what may look to be a one-sided affair on paper, Ridge coach Tom Pike is quietly confident of an upset.

"Rocklea will be a tough match, there's no doubt about that," Pike said.

"But I'm hoping to have a new signing cleared before the start of the match and his presence should give us a lot more substance in the middle of the park.

"We're still lacking some quality in a couple of areas and I guess I'm still on the hunt for a few more players to strengthen our stocks. But we're fit and enthusiastic and reasonably well organised so I'm confident we can pull out an upset this weekend."

In the remaining round six clash, Redlands and Slacks Creek will be fighting for three competition points, as both sides attempt to put the memories of a couple of heavy defeats well behind them.

## Injuries dash Steer's hope

**At just 28 years of age, Craig Steer is a player who sadly is now in the twilight of his career. Despite being a very accomplished defender, injury has cut short a promising career, and the young man realises that his playing days are somewhat numbered.**

"I had to have a knee reconstruction a few years back after a bad tackle against Newmarket," Steer said.

"There wasn't really anything anyone could do about it... it was just one of those things, but unfortunately my knee has never been the same since it happened, and it probably never will be."

The injury dashed Steer's hopes of playing in the XXXX League, but worse still it prevented the young man from taking the paddock again for an entire season.

"I came back from that injury about twelve months later, but I was always in and out of action because of my knee, so it's never fully recovered," the 28 year old said.

Steer sustained the injury while playing for his old club Albany Creek, where he played all of his junior football.

It was at Albany Creek where Steer began to forge a name for himself among junior representative ranks. Then the adventurous side of the defender came out and he went overseas on a working holiday for two years.

After returning home, Steer went back to play for the Creek in the semi-pro's once more and it was soon after his arrival that he sustained the injury.

"When I finally got back on to the field after the initial injury, I was pretty enthusiastic, but the recurring problems dampened that enthusiasm a bit," Steer said.

Not surprisingly, after months of ongoing problems, Steer finally decided to give the game away.

But a phone call from new Gap coach Ashley Hempstead late last year prompted the relatively young Steer back to the game.

Hempstead, a former coach of Steer's during his days with Albany Creek, still had plans for the defender in a new look Gap outfit.

"Ashley was the main reason I decided to get involved again," Steer said. "We had a very good association at the Creek and we're both mad punters.

"He's doing a few new things at The Gap and I think he'll be able to turn things around for the club, as far as their on-field performances are concerned."

But the call-up was only half the battle for Steer, who once again sustained some recurring problems with his knee at the beginning of the season.

"One of my staples from the original knee construction was coming out so I had to get that fixed up, and that's kept me out for the season so far," Steer said.

"At this stage I'm another two weeks off at least but I am starting to get my fitness back at least."

Steer said that his XXXX League aspirations were now a thing of the past, although he did not harbour any disappointment about missing out on an opportunity to show his wares in the top grade.

Right now his aspirations are far simpler than that. First and foremost he would like to finish his Podiatry degree at QUT.

Secondly he would like to make it to the end of the season without any further injuries.

Beyond that, Steer is sure of one thing... that he will always be involved in soccer even if he cannot take the field and play to the capacity that he would dearly love.

## Brockwell aims for top comp

**To say this man has blue blood running through his veins would be an understatement. From the age of eight, Michael Brockwell has been a North Star man through and through. And even with his aspirations of returning to the XXXX League playing ranks, the 29-year-old is confident of playing his days out with the club.**

"I'd like to stay at North Star and if the club keeps going in the direction that it has been going, I don't think I'll have any reason to leave," Brockwell said.

"The intention is to break back into the XXXX League ranks in the next year or so and I definitely think we're up to it.

"In all honesty, I believe we probably could've played XXXX League this year, and I think we showed that we were up to it when we were narrowly beaten in the quarter-final of the Queensland Cup last year."

Confident words coming from a man who has played senior football from the age of 14 and a good majority of that time in the XXXX League.

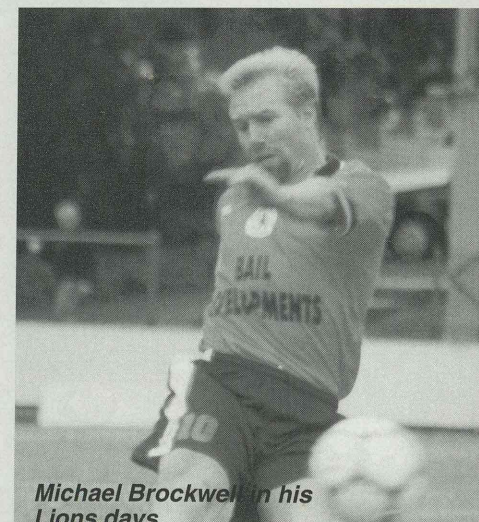
But the issue for North Star in the past has not been the club's playing stocks. Indeed Brockwell was a part of the North Star sides in 1992 and 1994 which took out the coveted premierships/grand final double.

Playing alongside the likes of Jim McDonagh, Shane Haddow and Fraser Cuba, Brockwell and his crew were certainly among the best outfits the XXXX League has seen in recent years.

The real problems for North Star came about through some administrative woes, which resulted in the club turning amateur in 1996.

"I was a bit shirty over that decision at the time it was made, but looking back it was the best thing and really the only option the club had," Brockwell said.

"It's no good bringing a club to breaking point just to win a premiership, and I think that's where a lot of clubs went wrong in the nineties.



**Michael Brockwell in his Lions days**

"To North Star's credit, they bit the bullet in 1996, made a tough decision, but I think now when you look back, it was the best thing that could have happened for the club."

Brockwell remained with North Star in the early stages of the club's amateur status, loyalty being the major factor in his decision. However, the persistence of former coach Miron Bleiberg finally lured the speedy midfielder across to high fliers Brisbane Lions in 1998.

The year-long stint at Lions proved fruitful for Brockwell, who added another championship medal to his mantle piece.

But the call back to North Star proved too strong the following year, when Brockwell decided to return to his club of first choice.

Another premiership/grand final double followed and despite being semi-professional titles, Brockwell said he rated those victories extremely high.

"Last year was very satisfying for me because it was great to achieve what we did, with a team of primarily former North Star juniors," the Stars skipper said.

"I think our performance showed people that we would be able to mix it with the Premier clubs and be competitive in the top grade."

## It's a girl thing

The numbers of young women playing the world game is about to dramatically increase thanks to the introduction of girls soccer to the primary schools inter-school sporting program.

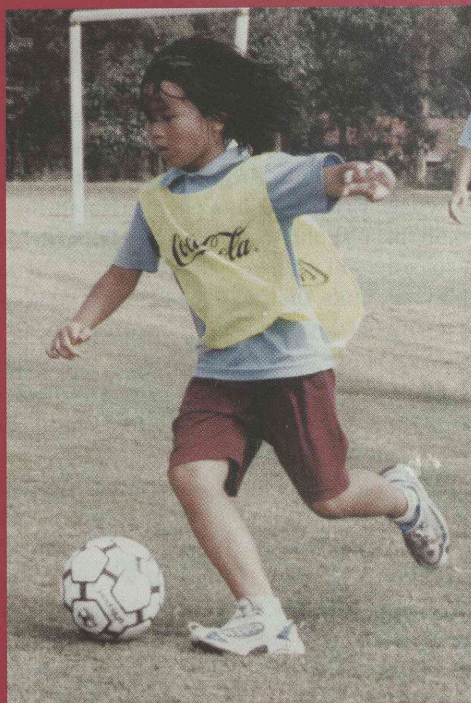
Mixed soccer is currently being offered, with small amount of girls playing but Queensland Soccer Federation schools development director Kevin Meacock said it was important to offer girls their own program.

"The reason is simply the amount of experience that girls have had compared with the boys," Meacock said,

"It does not make sense to expect volumes of girls to suddenly, at the age of 10, be excited about playing 11-a-side soccer with and against boys who have had four or five years experience that the girls haven't had.

"In many instances girls playing in the mixed competition run around the field worrying about which position they are playing and whether they are offside, without actually touching the ball.

"The other scenario is that they choose not to play at all and never find an opportunity that



entices them to have a go."

A pilot program for girls will be held in the Inala District Primary Schools Sports Association, and will involve 16 teams from seven schools.

Matches will be seven-a-side affairs, and be played on Friday afternoons over 12 weeks.

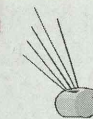
Meacock praised Brisbane Lions for their involvement in the program, saying the club's junior director of coaching John Sime understood the importance of promoting the game to primary schoolgirls. Sime has set up the Lions Soccer Academy for girls.

"Clubs that promote themselves successfully within their communities will sow the seeds that produce positive future outcomes for themselves and the game in general," Meacock said.

For further information about the primary schoolgirls soccer program phone Kevin Meacock on 0413 656 836.



## BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With  
Jim  
Gilbert

Despite this being early days in the season, we already have three teams standing out at the top of Amateur Division 1, with Inala, Moggill and Darra proving to be the pace setters in this division, whilst Bethania and Park Ridge are very much setting Division 2 on fire.

As mentioned, it is only early days, and for one or two teams languishing at, or near, the bottom in these divisions, I don't they think will be there for very much longer.

I took in a brief part of the Annerley versus South Star match last Saturday, and what contrasting styles of football were on show, with the visitors playing their usual one touch on the carpet stuff, with Annerley preferring the more direct style.

The one sided score line would not have been so one sided, if it hadn't have been for some indiscipline by some of the visitors, their niggling fouls really were the main difference, with the continued yellow card count proving to be their downfall.

I some how think the reverse match may be slightly different in terms of score line.

This week I think the victors in Division 1 will be Peninsula and Annerley, with a draw on the cards between Samford and Jimboomba on Saturday night.

On Sunday Brothers and Ipswich will have a tough tussle, I err ever so slightly towards the home side.

There is a local derby between Inala and Darra, and I think the hosts will take out this one, whilst South Star will have another tough one with unbeaten Moggill as their visitors, points shared.

In Division 2 the two unbeaten teams, Bethania and Park Ridge meet on Saturday night, what a classic this will be, goal difference, points towards the hosts, Pine Hills will seek to

avenge their lost points from round one with a victory over the Kings, whilst Bayside should resume their climb up the table at the expense of Wilston.

On Sunday it looks like wins for the visitors with Clairvaux over Mooroondu and Oxley over Woodridge.

Just a reminder, that the washed out matches from two weeks ago are now being caught up, with some scheduled for this coming Wednesday and the remainder the following Wednesday, so the tables will take on some semblance of balanced normality after next week.

Unfortunately we have a bye in Division 3, so the tables will almost always have a slightly off-center look about them, but it is pleasing to see new club Brighton has got off to a great start.

Their match this weekend will certainly test them as they come up against last year's Premiers Easts/ Pineapple.

Peninsula and Kingsridge have started the season with draws, can they keep it up in their match this weekend?

The way the results are going in this division, it looks to be a fairly close battle all year.

In other divisions, 4,5 and 6 there have been some incredibly lopsided scores, hopefully this will not continue very long into the season, or there could be some greatly disheartened players.

The Ipswich Knights certainly now have a huge depth of players, fielding teams in each of these divisions with, it should be hastily pointed out, a very mixed bag of results to date.

Still as they always say, it is early days!

### Qantas Cup

Just a reminder that nominations are being called for entries for the Qantas Cup, and they close at the end of this month, check with your club's Secretary now, to see if your team has been entered.

# READ' between the LINES



It's five weeks into the premiership and Brisbane City has already opened up a six-point lead. But it's far too early for the rest of the competition to throw its hands in the air and give up the title race.

City has looked most impressive in winning its opening four games. From all reports, the side is watertight at the back and an in-form Chris Slater is lapping up the chances his midfield is setting up for him.

Slater has always been a potent finisher. He scored plenty of goals at National League level and two years ago he tore apart the Premier League.

It looks like he's regained that form after a year hindered by injury last season, leaving the league's defences with a headache in trying to stop Slater and the rest of the City juggernaut.

Slater has always had a good all-round game but what used to amaze me was his ability in the air.

He's not a towering giant in the Calvin Daunt mould, but his ability to out-jump defences has often set him apart from the average striker.

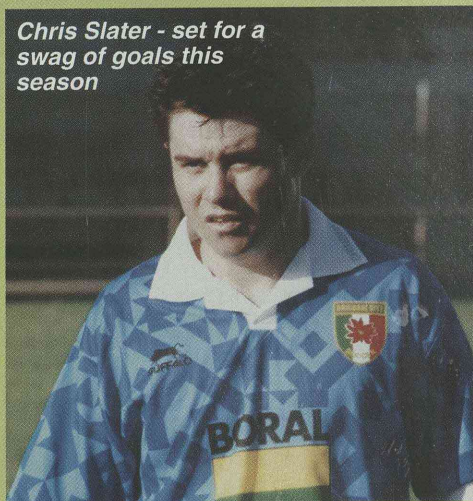
At times it's like he has springs in his legs. He also has a great ability to put the ball where the keeper is taken out of the equation.

Slater is a lay down misere for the competition's leading scorer award and would be picking up plenty of votes from the referees.

Meanwhile, Lions returned to form with a big win in Bundaberg and I get the feeling they could be the team to lead the chasing pack.

They seem to have thrown off their early-season blues and have the talent and goal-scoring ability to beat any team in the competition.

Chris Slater - set for a swag of goals this season



The Knights also remain in contention but I question whether they have the consistency to run down City.

Only Lions and City seem to have the consistency across the park to win the competition. The rest of the teams are capable of getting on a roll but whether they can do enough to overhaul City looks doubtful.

Already the competition has shown that on any given day any team is capable of producing the form to win a football game.

My old friends down at Wynnum could be the surprise packets, having produced some good form.

The return of prodigal son Ben Wood, after an overseas jaunt to where it was rumoured he danced his way into Singaporean folklore with his version of Britney Spears' 'Give It to me One More Time', has given Wynnum the impetus for a competitive start to the season.

Woody popped up to score at the weekend and could be just the tonic the Wolves need for a run at the premiership.

## How they fared here and there

### XXXX LEAGUE

ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	GOLD COAST	1-1	Rd 5
B'BERG WAVES	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0-4	Rd 5
MT GRAVATT	Vs	WYNNUM	1-4	Rd 5
TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0-3	Rd 5
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0-2	Rd 5

### XXXX RESERVES

B'BERG WAVES	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	2-8	Rd 5
MT GRAVATT	Vs	WYNNUM	2-2	Rd 5
TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0-1	Rd 5
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2-0	Rd 5
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	GOLD COAST	4-2	Rd 5

### XXXX YOUTH

MT GRAVATT	Vs	WYNNUM	3-4	Rd 5
TOOWOOMBA UTD	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0-2	Rd 5
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	3-5	Rd 5
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	GOLD COAST	5-0	Rd 5
SUNSHINE COAST	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0-0	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

MITCHELTON	Vs	NEWMARKET	2-2	Rd 5
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	1-3	Rd 5
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	2-1	Rd 5
THE GAP	Vs	NORTH PINE	1-5	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

MITCHELTON	Vs	NEWMARKET	1-1	Rd 5
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	3-1	Rd 5
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	1-5	Rd 5
THE GAP	Vs	NORTH PINE	3-0	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

NORTH STAR	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	1-2	Rd 5
MITCHELTON	Vs	NEWMARKET	3-2	Rd 5
THE GAP	Vs	NORTH PINE	3-2	Rd 5
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	UNI OF QLD	3-2	Rd 5
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	4-2	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	1-5	Rd 5
CAPALABA	Vs	BEENLEIGH	4-3	Rd 5
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	0-4	Rd 5
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	4-1	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	1-4	Rd 5
CAPALABA	Vs	BEENLEIGH	10-0	Rd 5
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	4-1	Rd 5
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	3-4	Rd 5

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	0-0	Rd 5
CAPALABA	Vs	BEENLEIGH	11-1	Rd 5
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	0-7	Rd 5
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	5-1	Rd 5

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	INALA CITY	2-4	Rd 2
ANERLEY	Vs	SOUTH STAR	7-0	Rd 2
DARRA UTD	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	2-1	Rd 2
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	2-3	Rd 2
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	3-2	Rd 2
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	SAMFORD	4-1	Rd 2

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RESERVE

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	INALA CITY	0-2	Rd 2
ANERLEY	Vs	SOUTH STAR	3-0	Rd 2
DARRA UTD	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	3-1	Rd 2
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	0-1	Rd 2
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	3-1	Rd 2
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	SAMFORD	4-1	Rd 2

### AMATEUR DIVISION 2

CLAIRVAUX	Vs	WOODRIDGE	5-2	Rd 4
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	2-1	Rd 4
PINE HILLS	Vs	BETHANIA RAMS	1-5	Rd 4
PARK RIDGE	Vs	MOOROONDU	4-1	Rd 4
OXLEY UTD	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	2-1	Rd 4

### AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RESERVE

CLAIRVAUX	Vs	WOODRIDGE	2-1	Rd 4
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	0-2	Rd 4
PINE HILLS	Vs	BETHANIA RAMS	1-2	Rd 4
PARK RIDGE	Vs	MOOROONDU	5-2	Rd 4
OXLEY UTD	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	0-3	Rd 4

### AMATEUR DIVISION 3

MOGGILL UTD	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	1-1	Rd 2
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	0-3	Rd 2
KINGSRIDGE	Vs	PARK RIDGE	2-2	Rd 2
GREENBANK	Vs	BRIGHTON DIST	2-3	Rd 2
ANERLEY	Vs	EASTS PINEAPPLE	0-4	Rd 2

### AMATEUR DIVISION 4

CAPALABA	Vs	WYNNUM	0-3	Rd 2
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	1-2	Rd 2
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1-1	Rd 2
MITCHELTON	Vs	NEWMARKET	3-3	Rd 2
THE GAP	Vs	MT GRAVATT	1-3	Rd 2
UNI OF QLD	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	4-1	Rd 2

### AMATEUR DIVISION 5

ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	5-2	Rd 2
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	13-1	Rd 2
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	NORTH PINE	1-1	Rd 2
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	NORTH STAR	1-1	Rd 2
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	4-5	Rd 2
UNI OF QLD	Vs	PARK RIDGE	22-0	Rd 2

### AMATEUR DIVISION 6

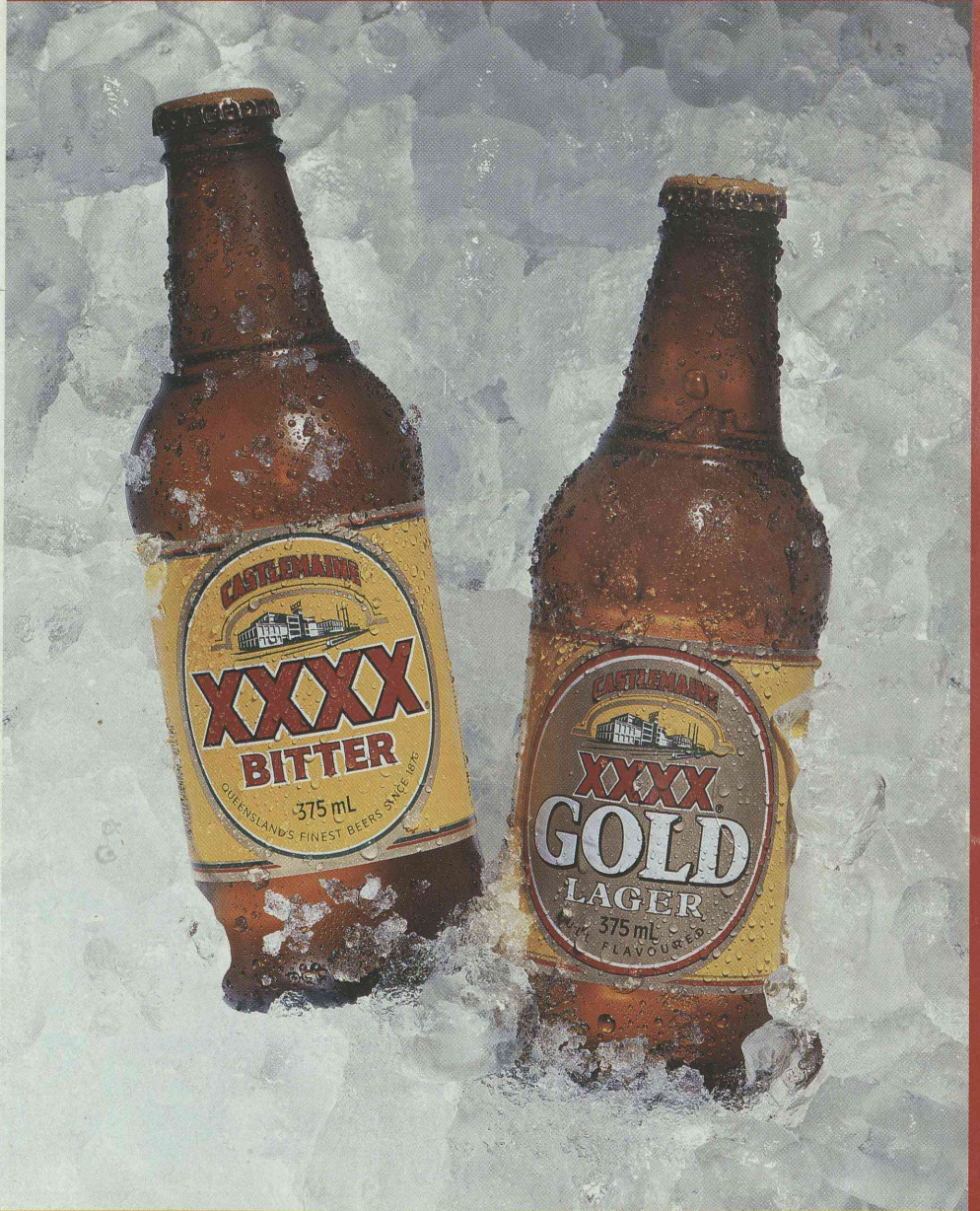
EASTS PINEAPPLE	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	2-2	Rd 3
NEWMARKET	Vs	NORTH STAR	2-1	Rd 3
CAPALABA	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	8-1	Rd 3
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0-5	Rd 3
OXLEY UTD	Vs	SAMFORD	2-0	Rd 3
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0-8	Rd 3
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	4-2	Rd 3

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