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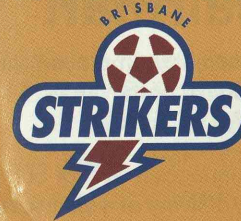
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FRONT COVER: Strikers goal guru Paul Foster
 shields the ball from the opposition during our
 last home game against Newcastle

MAJOR SPONSOR



HYUNDAI



Finally the politics are over and we can get on with the business of football. I welcome our new chairman, Ross Melville and wish him every success.

The club finally has some stability and whether you agree or disagree with the outcome of the recent court case, the fact is, the resolution that was so desperately needed has been reached. The burden of insecurity has been removed and the mood about the place is decidedly happier.

That could also have something to do with our on field performances aswell. Despite a couple of hiccups against Newcastle the general performance and attitude of the team has been great.

Last week's match against Gippsland was very good. We showed great application from the beginning and were unlucky not to have had at least two by half-time. I've really got to take my hat off to the team for the way they went about their game in the 2nd half. Not once did they let up on the opposition and when it looked as though we may have to settle for another luckless draw they really dug deep and came up with a thoroughly deserved goal 30 seconds from full-time.

For me it doesn't matter when you score a winning goal, as long as you score one and once again Peter Grierson notched a cracker from the edge of the box. With luck Pete could have had a hat-trick which would have capped another good performance. But then everyone played well and had a go from start to finish and as a coach that's all you can ask.

We will need plenty of spirit and good old-fashioned ticker tonight against Olympic. Of all the teams they are the only ones we struggled to make chances against although we did have "one of those days" against them.

However, there is everything to play for and with so much at stake there's bound to be plenty of action to savour.

Enjoy the game, Kossie

Former Soccer Stalwart elected Brisbane Strikers new Chairman

Former Queensland Soccer Federation vice-president and general manager, Ross Melville, has been appointed to the Strikers Football Club board and elected chairman.

QSF president Wal Dann made the announcement earlier this week that Mr Melville's position had been ratified at a meeting of club directors last Sunday.

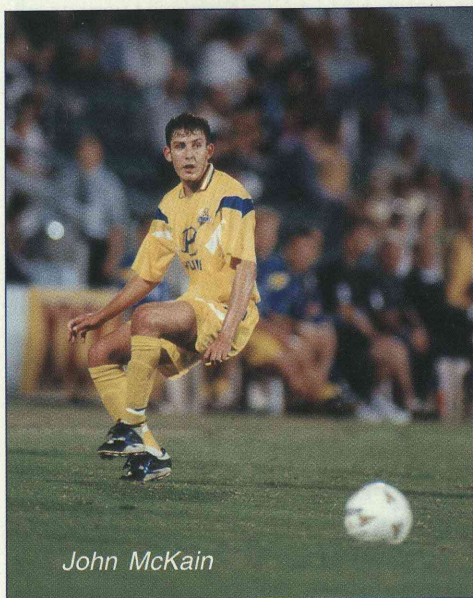
Dann said that the Strikers and indeed Queensland Soccer were fortunate to have Mr Melville on board and was sure his senior management experience in both commercial and public sectors would make him an invaluable asset to the organisation.

Mr Melville is currently employed as the Chief Executive Officer of the largest YMCA in Australia.

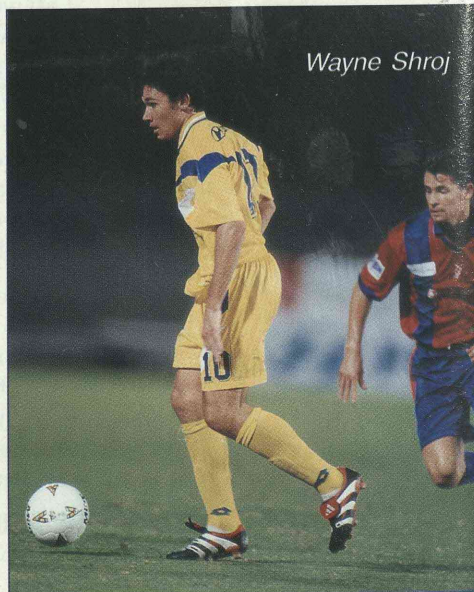
In this role, he manages a staff of 500 and ensures the quality delivery of a diverse range of community services from 20 branches.

He holds a master's degree in public administration and a degree in administration.

He is a professional hands-on manager and currently serves as a board member for a number of Queensland private companies, as well as several charities, clubs and associations.



John McKain



Wayne Shroyer

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Did you think we wouldn't last? Well the Brisbane Strikers Supporters Association is still around, and is still making a difference.

South Melbourne game, the BSSA arranged a gathering at Perry Park, and over thirty people turned up to watch.

On ABC TV, which they could have watched at home.

There would have been more, if not for the fact that the game clashed with XXXX League matches.

Why? Because they want the atmosphere, the spirit which comes from getting together to see your team play.

They were joined there by Matthew Bell, who watched the game and joined the supporters for a chat.

BSSA wants to make this a regular away game event. The players appreciate it, as has been shown by the presence of Paul Foster, Chay Hews and now Matt at the last couple of televised away games, and the fans are able to show their support in a tangible way.

The team knows it is happening. Today marks the fourth edition of the Free Kick.

The Free Kick is a reminder that the BSSA wants to get to the population of Brisbane, Ipswich and the surrounding areas to increase the size of the crowds for our home games.

The coverage received by other codes in local media is not matched for football, and the Free Kick tries to fill that gap.

Last game in the Free Kick you were asked to contact the Free Kick if you wanted to

register a complaint about the coverage in the Courier-Mail. There were no responses.

Of the 1,700 people who turned up to the game against Sydney United, only 73 are members of BSSA.

If the regular supporters won't get behind the BSSA, what chance does it have?

OK, we are new boys on the block. You have been fighting the system for years and to no avail. What can the BSSA do?

Will it gain the confidence of the club it supports and any influence over the local football fans or the media? Who knows?

One thing is for sure. If you, the regular fans at SMS don't at least join, if you cannot be bothered to do that much to register your support for the BSSA, then the Association will be far less influential.

You have read this far, so what's your excuse for not joining?

The people involved now are energetic. They have that naive enthusiasm which can get things done where knowledge of the system and experience have failed.

If you love football in South East Queensland, or if you love the Strikers, why on earth will you not join the BSSA?

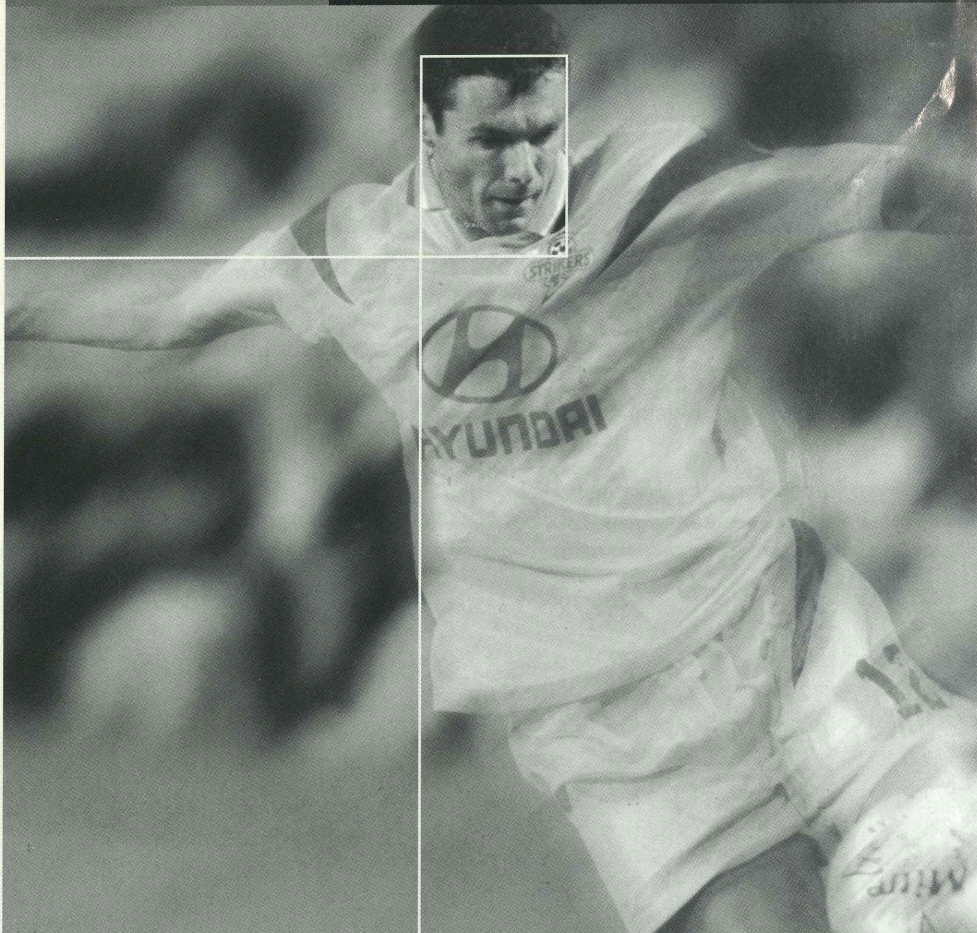
Players, coaches, owners, managers, administrators (with some notable exceptions) all come and go.

The only constant in a football team is the fans. Throughout the 1900s, all over the world this has been shown to be true.

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Match Preview

Tonight's clash with Sydney Olympic is a must-win game the Strikers as the side marches towards a top six finish.

A win will keep the side in the hunt for a for a finals berth, while a loss will almost certainly mean that the team will need to win all of its remaining four matches.

The Strikers come into this game with some good form in recent outings.

Last week's win against the Gippsland Falcons secured a welcomed three points and coach John Kosmina believed his side was unlucky not to put a couple more past the Falcons keeper.

Kossie said he was extremely happy with the application of the lads and was particularly impressed with their second half efforts.

And even though Peter Grierson's wining goal came less than a minute from time, Kossie said it was a win that was thoroughly deserved.

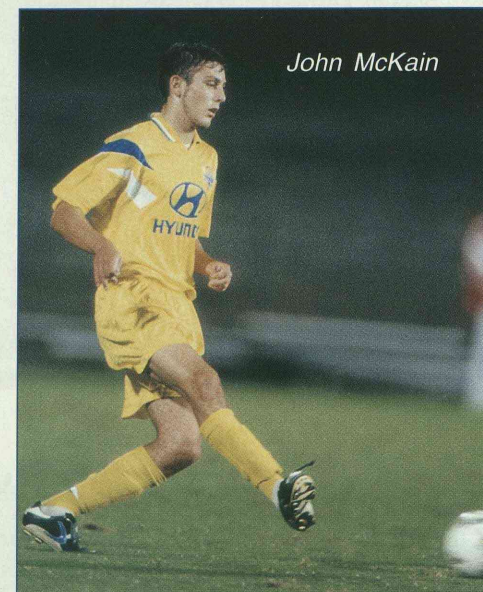
As for tonight's opponent, the Strikers struggled to create any chances against Olympic last time the two teams met.

"We were facing our third loss on the trot and I think the lads panicked a little," Kosmina said.

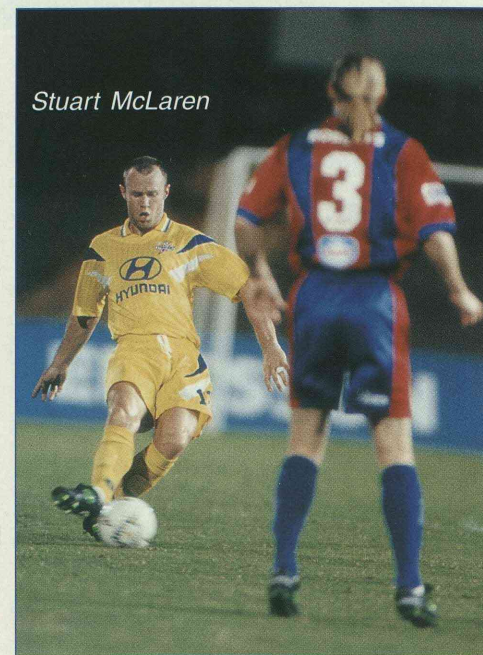
On that occasion, Olympic were victorious 2-0, but tonight's match looms as a completely different ball-game.

The Strikers have everything to play for and with virtually a full-strength squad, the team knows there can be no excuses.

Three points would be especially beneficial considering a number of the top six teams have tough games, most notably Perth (1) and Newcastle (6) who meet at Perth Oval on Sunday.



John McKain



Stuart McLaren

Talking Tactics

with Kossie

Tonight we face a very classy outfit in Sydney Olympic. It is no fluke that they are third on the league ladder and have a wealth of talent in their ranks.

There midfield is especially strong with Olyroo's skipper Brett Emerton adept at catching sides on the break.

Up front Pablo Cardozo is a quality finisher who has a good turn of speed.

He makes quality runs and is one guy we will need to keep an eye on.

For our part, we need to concentrate on not giving the ball away in critical areas of the park.

We need to be patient and really concentrate on maintaining possession as I firmly believe that will be one of the keys to a Strikers win.



Strikers captain Stuart McLaren and Peter Grierson celebrate a goal

WHO'S HOT

With only a handful of NSL games to his credit, 18 year old John McKain has already made his mark on the competition.

The talented former QAS player, was brought into the squad by coach John Kosmina to fill a void in the game against Perth Glory.

"I needed someone on the right side at the back and John fitted the bill nicely," Kosmina said.

"He's a skilful, aggressive player who displays a good deal of football sense.

"We threw him in the deep end in that

game and to his credit he performed very well.

"I always believe it is a pretty good indicator of a player's potential when he can perform under that sort of pressure."

Kosmina said he had been watching John for some time in the QAS ranks before he game the young gun his big break in the NSL.

"He trained with us last season and has slotted in to the side very well in such a short time," he said.

"He has shown me that he has what it takes to play NSL and his addition to the team has been a bonus for us.

"He has ambitions to play at a high level and that is good to see in a young guy."

Stuey's Say

Following our disappointing draw with Newcastle in our last home game I was asked by a reporter whether I thought our chances of reaching the top six had vanished.

The reasons I outlined supporting my answer of "Don't be silly" were evident in our 1-0 success against Gippsland.

The self belief bought out the high quality of football we all know this team is capable of, the determination denied our opponents any genuine chances of a goal, and our persistence was rewarded with that late, late winner.

This as I also informed the media man it would, changes the picture a little.

The 3 points gained places us in a position where we are primed and ready to take advantage of any teams above us who succumb to the pressures this time of the season brings.

But in order to change the picture this week we shall have to be at the top of our game against a Sydney Olympic side who were worthy winners of our clash a Belmore earlier in the season.

In previous editions of this column I have given the younger lads at the club a bit of a pat on the back, but the praise this week is handed out to the guys in the squad you shave more than once a month (oh and Nick Meredith).

The two British Gold Coast lefty's (Peter Grierson and Peter Dwyer) have been superb, especially considering the amount of football they have played in the last 12 months.

Paul Foster's goals have, as everyone knows, been a vital element of our season but his ability to bring other players into the game has been just as important.

Glen Gwynne has been Glen Gwynne. Solid, dependable, consistent and intelligent in his distribution, and Nick I am glad to say has been his usual self, upsetting and intimidating opponents and supplying wicked ammunition to our front men.

Now if I needed more evidence of the great example these men set it arrived during the week in training.

The winner of the squads 50 yard dash was none other than 34 year old Dwyer, with yours truly (believe it or not) a close second.

Before I go I must let everyone know that the old boys were let down this week by Fozzie who was awarded the new and improved "Gump" shirt complete with matching shorts.

**Thanks for your support.
Stuart McLaren.**

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Congratulations Daniel Duke

Daniel's talent as a goalkeeper is finally being put to good use in the 99/00 NSL series.

Daniel played two games for the Strikers whilst Bolton was in Chile but has otherwise had a low-key season with our Brisbane team.

When Auckland Kingz lost their own goalkeeper to South Africa they set their sights on Dukie and requested Daniel be loaned to them for the remainder of the season.

Daniel has now played two games for the Kingz. He will clock up another five NSL games with the Trans Tasman team. Kossie is very happy that Dukie is gaining some valuable NSL experience.

Brisbane Strikers play the Auckland Kingz, in Auckland, on Saturday 29th April. It will be an interesting game at North Harbour Stadium when Bolton and Duke match their skills in opposite goalmouths.

Congratulations Paul Foster

Striker, goal scorer and NSL player extraordinaire .

Fozzie played his 100th National Soccer League Appearance against the Gippsland Falcons on 8th April.

He was also an instrumental part of that glorious, winning goal we scored against the Falcons at their home ground, Mobil Park, last Saturday night.

Fozzie, thank you for a great season with the Strikers and for the experience you have brought to the team.

"Best Coach in the World"

Dear Stikers,

Hi, my name is Iain, I play for Capalaba U12 Division 6 team and I am writing to let you know who the best coach in Brisbane is.

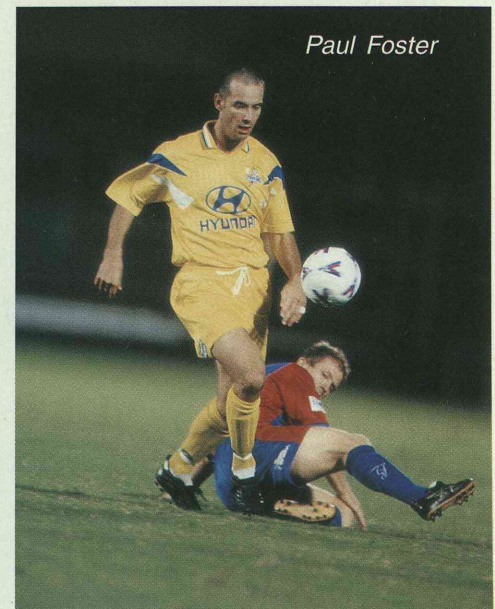
The best coach in Brisbane is my coach, Arthur Henderson. He is the best because he know's what he is talking about, he has played himself many times before and provides us with all the knowledge we need to know to enjoy our game.

And he says he will stick with me for my soccer career, however long that may be.

That is why he is the best coach in Brisbane. Thank you for letting me have my say - I hope that this entry is accepted as I have been trying to get through on the e-mail for several days.

Iain

PS: To top that all off he is my DAD - I have not told him about this entry into the competition.



Paul Foster

John McKain



HYUNDAI

Tables

National Soccer League Table After Round 29

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	29	16	7	6	54	37	55
W'gong Wolves	29	15	8	6	61	38	53
Sydney Olympic	29	14	6	9	49	34	48
Carlton	29	14	6	9	46	33	48
Marconi Stallions	29	14	6	9	43	38	48
Newcastle Breakers	28	13	8	7	41	35	47
Adelaide Force	29	11	8	10	41	31	41
Brisbane Strikers	29	11	8	10	37	33	41
Kingz FC	28	12	5	11	48	49	41
Parramatta Power	27	11	5	11	43	37	38
South Melbourne	29	10	7	12	43	45	37
Northern Spirit	29	11	3	15	38	48	36
Melbourne Knights	29	10	6	13	30	50	36
Canberra Cosmos	29	6	8	15	37	55	26
Gippsland Falcons	29	6	8	15	17	36	26
Sydney United	29	4	5	20	17	46	17

National Youth League 99/00 Northern Division Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power	27	21	4	2	83	12	67
Northern Spirit	27	18	4	5	78	34	58
Sydney Olympic	27	17	5	5	80	36	56
Marconi Stallions	24	16	2	6	66	27	50
AIS	27	15	3	9	81	38	48
QAS	26	15	3	8	75	43	48
Newcastle Breakers	24	15	1	8	48	30	46
Wollongong Wolves	27	12	5	10	41	40	41
Sydney United	26	13	1	12	45	52	40
ACTAS	25	9	7	9	39	45	34
N'castle Breakers Colts	27	10	2	15	40	52	32
Syd Olym Academy	26	9	1	16	46	82	28
NSWIS	25	6	7	12	37	38	25
Mar Stallion Colts	26	6	4	16	39	77	22
Northern Spirit Colts	27	5	6	16	26	61	21
Sydney United Colts	25	3	3	18	27	71	12
W'gong Wolves Colts	26	1	2	23	14	119	5

Other Rd 30 Matches

Fri 14-Apr-00	Canberra Cosmos V's	W'gong Wolves	Bruce Stadium	7:30pm
Fri 14-Apr-00	Parramatta Power V's	Sydney United	P'matta Stadium	7:30pm
Fri 14-Apr-00	Carlton V's	South Melb.	Olympic Park	7:30pm
Fri 14-Apr-00	Adelaide Force V's	N'thern Spirit	H'marsh Stadium	8pm
Sun 16-Apr-00	Perth Glory V's	N'tle Breakers	Perth Oval	3pm
Sun 16-Apr-00	Melb. Knights V's	Kingz FC	Knights Stadium	3pm
Sun 16-Apr-00	Marconi Stallions V's	G'land Falcons	Marconi Stadium	6pm
Tue 18-Apr-00	Kingz FC V's	P'matta Power	North Harbour	7:30pm

Leading Goalscorers

Pablo Cardoza	Syd Olym.	17
Michael Curcija	Sth Melb.	16
John Buonavoglia	Newcastle	15
Damian Mori	Adelaide	14
Alex Moreira	Carlton	13
Alistair Edwards	Perth Glory	12



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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																				
Fri 3/12	Newcastle Breakers	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	1-1																				
Sun 2/1	Northern Spirit	A	2-0																				
Sat 8/1	Melbourne Knights	H	4-0																				
Sat 15/1	Gippsland Falcons	A	1-2																				
Sat 22/1	Marconi	H	0-1																				
Wed 28/1	Marconi	A	0-2																				
Sat 29/1	Kingz FC	H	3-1																				
Fri 4/2	Adelaide Force	A	2-6																				
Sat 12/2	Canberra Cosmos	H	0-0																				
Fri 18/2	Northern Spirit	A	0-1																				
Fri 25/2	Parramatta Power	A	1-1																				
Sat 4/3	Perth Glory	H	1-3																				
Fri 10/3	Carlton	A	0-1																				
Sat 18/3	Sydney United	H	1-0																				
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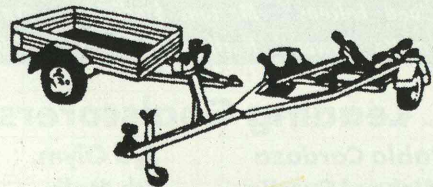
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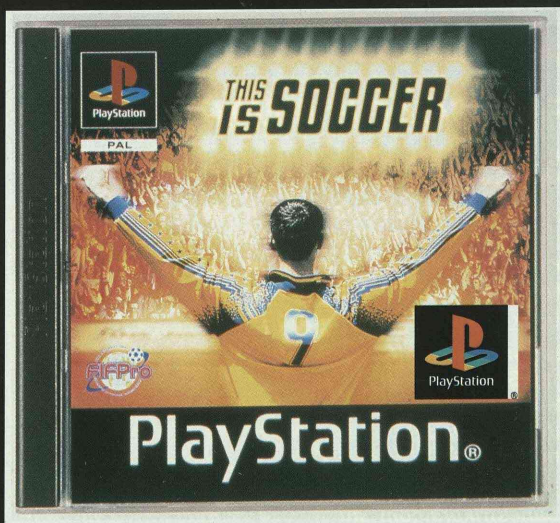
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next home game -Northern Spirit 25th April.

All entry form (badges and colouring) are available at
the Junior Striker Stand.

Don't forget that the final contest - Banner Contest,
Gippsland Falcons on April 7th - gives you a chance to win
not just the game, not just the ball but a Sony
PlayStation (as well).

Don't miss out! Get cracking on your entries.

See your programme for details.



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WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Every home game we will be running a competition – and giving you the chance to win a press kit including the game **'This is Soccer'**™

NEWCASTLE – 1 APRIL
SYD. OLYMPIC – 15 APRIL
NORTHERN SPIRIT – 25 APRIL
GIPPSLAND FALCONS – 7 MAY

BEST STRIKERS SLOGAN
DESIGN A BADGE
COLOURING – IN COMPETITION
BANNER COMPETITION

Each game prior we will give you instructions on how to win a copy of **'This is Soccer'**™. 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 Soccer'**™ – but also a **Sony PlayStation**®!! The banner must incorporate the Strikers and Sony PlayStation logos with the words: **'This is Soccer'**™. So get cracking on getting your entries in, and start planning your banner now.

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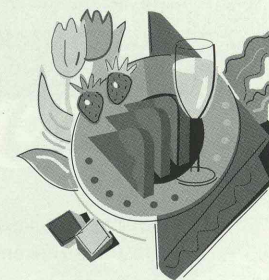
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
2. All spectators are requested to vacate the ground within 15 minutes of the end of the final game.
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.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Venue	Time
April			
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
Sun 7 th	Brisbane Strikers v Gippsland	Suncorp Metway	5pm
Sat 21 st	FA Cup Challenge	Perry Park	TBA
June			
Fri 9 th	Presentation Awards	TBA	

Birthday Greetings

Brad Ditton celebrates his birthday on Monday, April 17.
We hope you have a great day Ditts!

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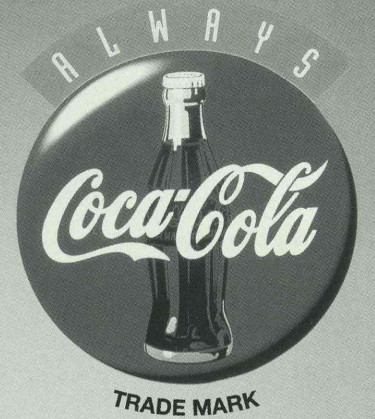
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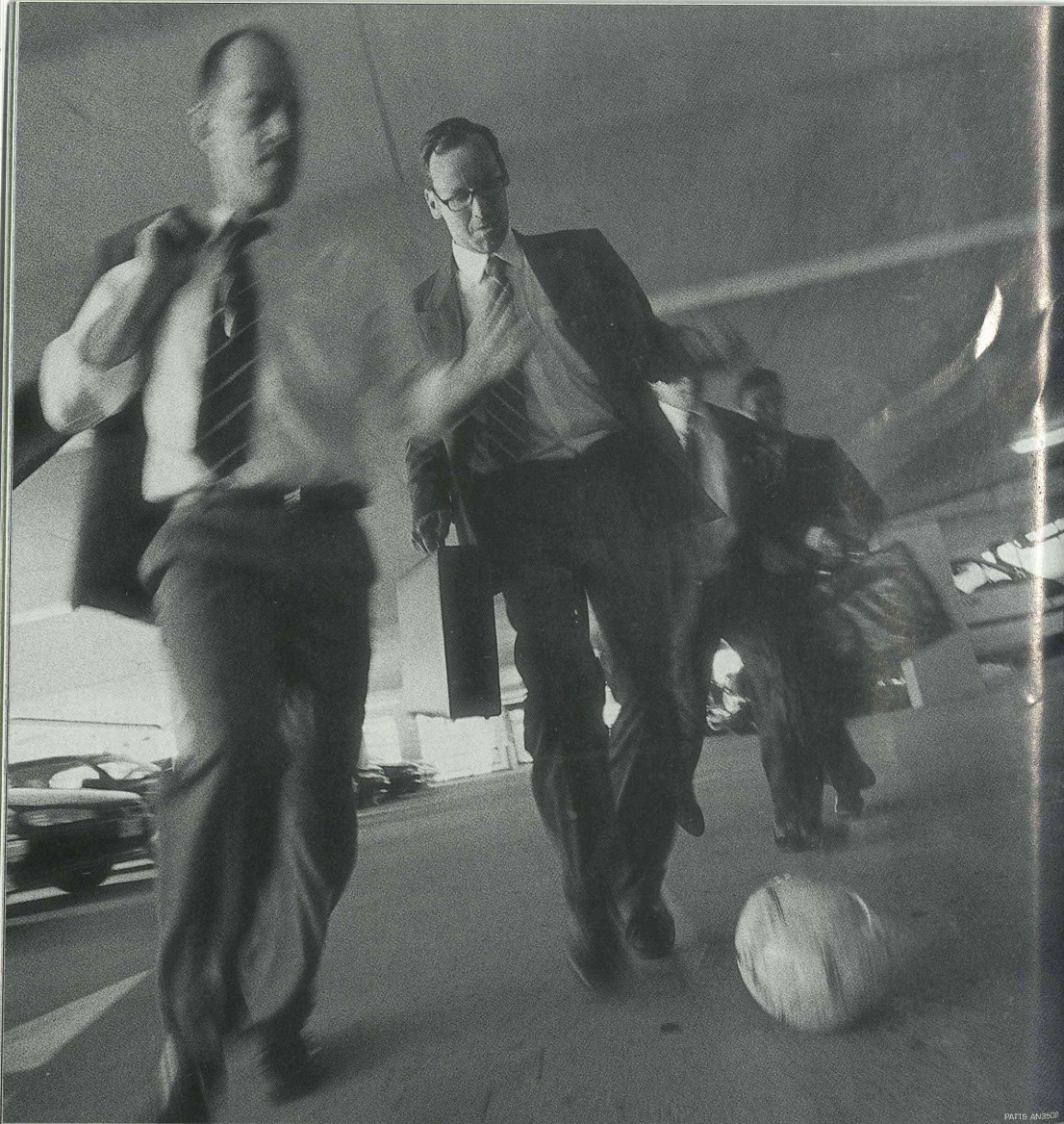


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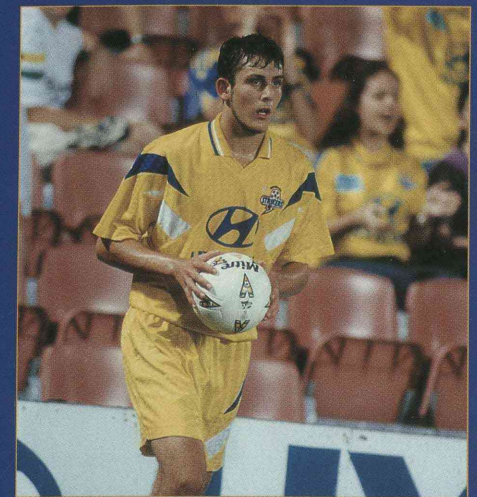
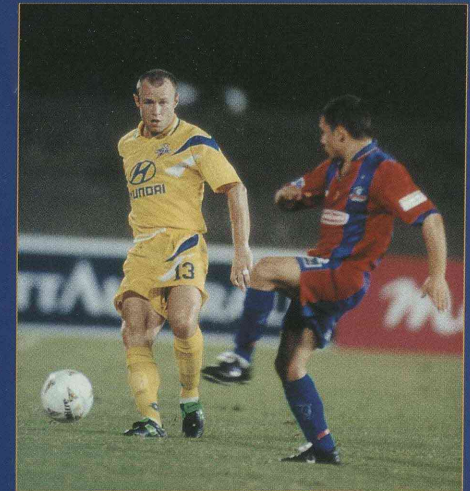
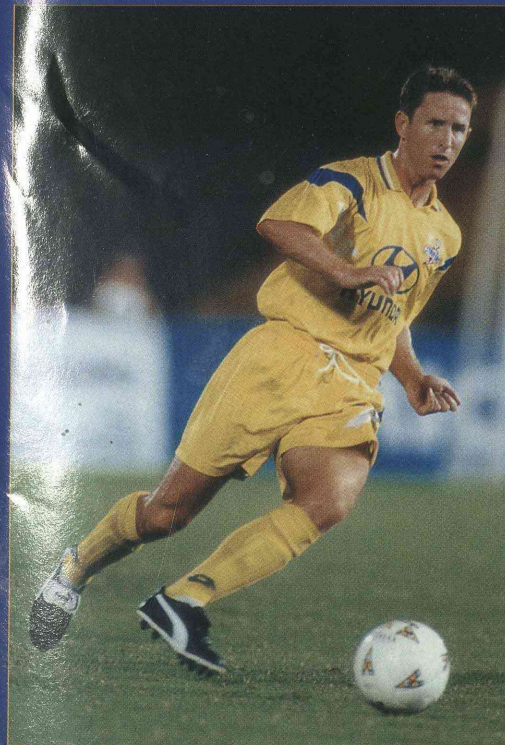
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Strikers Snaps



Some of the action from the Strikers last home game against Newcastle included clockwise from top left, Peter Grierson on the move again, captain Stuart McLaren looking for a way past and young gun John McKain prepares to get the action started from the sideline

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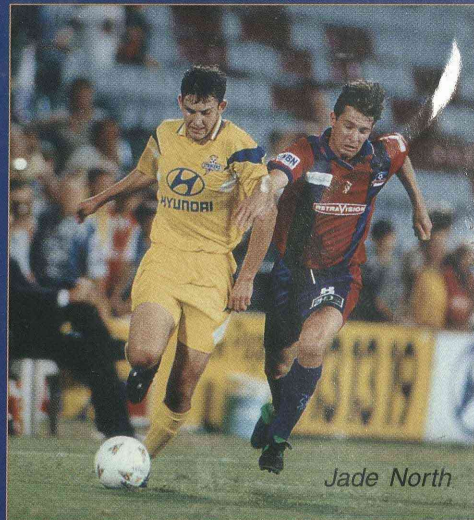
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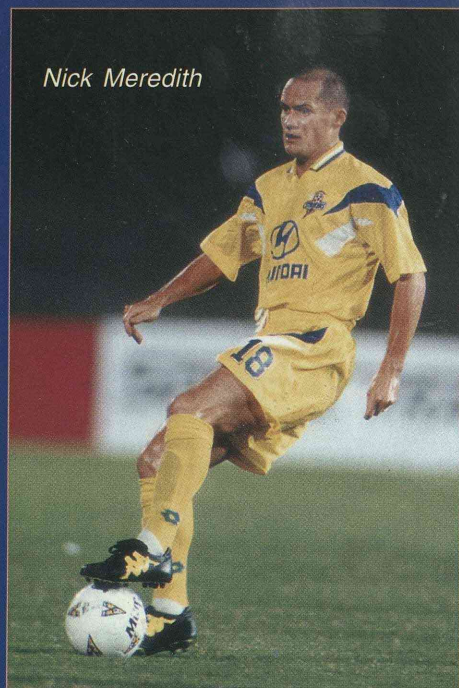
Strikers Snaps



Jade North



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2. Glenn Gwynne		2. Scott Thomas
3. Shane Stefanutto		3. Chris Zoricich
5. Matthew Bell		4. Peter Tsekenis
6. Brad Ditton		5. Scott Baillie
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9. Paul Foster		7. Zlatko Arambasic
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12. Peter Dwyer		10. Brett Emerton
13. Stuart McLaren		11. Chris Kalantzis
14. Jade North		12. Sebastian Sinozic
15. Adam Webber		14. Gabriel Mendez
16. Peter Grierson		15. Lindsay Wilson
17. Jeromy Harris		16. Adrian Cervinski
18. Nick Meredith		17. Paul Kohler
19. Russell Minor		18. John Kyriazopoulos
20. Daniel Duke (GK)		19. Nick Carle
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