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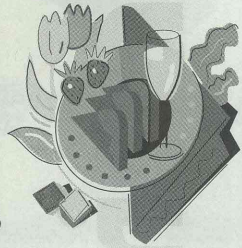
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Cover: Ipswich Knights took the three points when they met Brisbane City last Sunday at Bundamba winning 1-0. Scott Stenzel (Knights) does battle with substitute Vedran Becirbegovic (City) just after half-time.

Editorial

It's great to see that Brisbane City coach Danny Wright asked his team to stay behind for a few drinks after its shock loss to the Ipswich Knights last Sunday at Bundamba.

Wright and his players could easily have spat the dummy after losing because of what some considered to be a wrong decision by the referee.

But Wright knew it wasn't the referee's fault his side lost. He asked his players to accept responsibility for the loss, take it like men, and walk into the Knights clubhouse after the game to mingle with the opposing players.

Too often visiting players, and for that matter players from the home team, leave straight away after a match instead of mixing with opponents and have a friendly chat about what happened during the match.

Players must remember that if any bad blood occurs on the field, that's where it should stay. Opponents should be able to have a laugh about heat-of-the-moment incidents when looking back on them in the comfort of a clubhouse.

After all, at the end of the day, soccer is just a game!

This weekend's Olympic football tournament draw reminds us just how close the September 13 kickoff to the first game at the 'Gabba is.

It'll be interesting to see which teams are coming to Brisbane. No matter which, we are in store for some great action, two weeks never to be forgotten.

To get your appetite wet, don't forget to be at the 'Gabba on June 12 to see our Socceroos in action against Paraguay.

Well done to the Strikers' own Clint Bolton for making Frank Farina's squad. Let's hope the goalkeeper stays with the Brisbane club.

For everybody who plays the Pools, weekend tables and results are usually on the QSF website - www.qldsoccer.com - by lunch time Monday.

What happened in Round 15

Brisbane City coach Danny Wright has blasted his team in the wake of its shock 1-0 round 15 loss to the Ipswich Knights at Eric Evans Reserve.

Despite dominating for most of last Sunday's match at Bundamba, City failed to put the home side away and paid the price when Knights wing-back Peter Hallett scored in the 79th minute after a controversial indirect free kick was awarded against City goalkeeper Scott Higgins.

The referee Ben Cowan ruled that Higgins had picked up the ball from a back pass from team-mate Scott Elliott. The subsequent indirect free kick was rolled across the six yard box to Knights striker John Clark, whose shot was well saved by Higgins.

But Hallett was on hand to smash home the rebound, much to the delight of the vocal home crowd.

Although unhappy with the referee's decision to rule an infringement against Higgins, Wright said the match should not have come down to one decision by an official.

"It was very disappointing. I left the ground with a sick feeling. All the players did," the City coach said.

"You can't win games if you don't score goals. You don't lose because of one decision by the referee.

"We had three or four good chances that we should have taken."

There's no doubt that City had the better of the match, but after struggling for several weeks the Knights grew an extra leg to produce their most committed effort of the season.

Knights coach Frank Pimblett had made changes to his side after a poor performance the previous week in losing 3-0 to Taringa.

Left out was the club's biggest off-season signing Richard Hilli, as well as former Brisbane Lions defender Adam Le Flay and David Guest.

While Le Flay and Guest didn't get a run at

all, Hilli's introduction into the match at Andrej Gacesa's expense with 22 minutes left added some spice to a Knights attack that had struggled against Brisbane City's defensive line, the Premier League's best.

Hilli played a part in the movement that led to the match-deciding indirect free kick, much to Pimblett's delight.

"He wasn't happy (about being left out) and he shouldn't have been," Pimblett said.

"But full credit to him for his enthusiasm. He could have gone into a shell after being left on the bench."

Pimblett also paid credit his goalkeeper Jason Lucas for a "world class" save from a Damien Waugh volley in the 64th minute, and his defensive trio of Scott Stenzel, Ken Caldwell and Clint Scott for repelling attack after attack from the City strikers.

It's a forward line that might be changed for City's match against Taringa this weekend, with Wright filthy goals weren't scored.

Waiting in the wings is goal machine Chris Slater who has quietly returned through City's youth team and reserves after several weeks out with a knee injury.

City's loss cuts the Newmarket-based side's ladder lead to six points, with the Gold Coast the nearest challenger after a 2-1 win over Mount Gravatt at Palm Beach on Saturday night. Cameron Watson and Steve Fitzsimmons scored for the Coast, with Anthony McCullough scoring for the visitors.

Brisbane Lions slipped to third after drawing 0-0 with Rochedale at Underwood Park on Saturday night.

The Wynnum Wolves 1-1 draw with Toowoomba at Gold Park on Sunday keeps them in fourth place. Aaron Thiesfield scored for Wynnum, with Colin Hackwood scoring for Toowoomba, who remain in last place.

In the other round 15 match, Bundaberg Waves drew 0-0 at home with Taringa.

Fate gives Higgins chance

Most players have trouble recovering from one knee reconstruction, but to be playing again after a second operation is extremely rare.

But Brisbane City goalkeeper Scott Higgins isn't your average type of person. His eccentric qualities make him one of the Premier League's personality players, of which there are few.

At 23, Higgins has been given another chance to play soccer, something that looked doubtful when he did his left knee while running early last year. It happened soon after having it reconstructed because of an injury that occurred while he was playing in Scotland.

The knee had to be reconstructed again in July and even the optimistic Higgins was doubtful he could make it back.

"It was devastating. I was gutted," the tall, fair-haired custodian said.

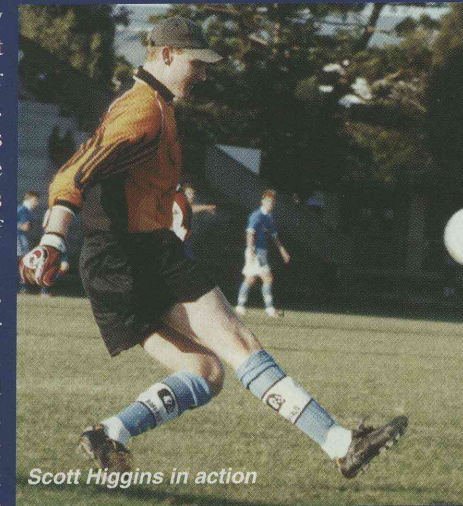
But after overcoming his initial depression, Higgins worked harder than ever in an effort to get back on the field.

Hours of strengthening his knee paid off in March this year when he played his first match in more than a year, a midweek encounter for Brisbane City's reserve side against the Gold Coast.

Higgins, who had formerly played Premier League soccer for Taringa, had no qualms about returning to the game in reserve grade.

"I was just happy to play again. After a year out I just wanted to play," he said.

With City's top team goalkeeper Mark Bland in fine form, Higgins look destined to play out the season in the second team.



Scott Higgins in action

But then fate changed things. Bland suffered severe ligament damage to his ankle in City's round 14, 5-1 thrashing of Toowoomba at Spencer Park.

With Bland expected to miss at least two months of action, Higgins now has the opportunity to cement a first-team spot.

"It's upsetting that Mark got injured but now I've got to take my chance," Higgins said.

Bland and Higgins are good friends, with the pair speaking each day about their respective trials and tribulations.

"I know how he feels. He just has to bide his time until his ankle has recovered," Higgins said.

Higgins played his first full top team game of the season on Sunday at Bundamba and much to his disappointment, City lost 1-0 to the Ipswich Knights.

The Knights goal came from an indirect free-kick in City's penalty area after the referee judged Higgins had picked up a back pass from team-mate Scott Elliott.

Higgins didn't agree with the decision and was booked for arguing the point. He partly blames himself for his side's loss.

He is keen to bounce back on Saturday night when City meets Taringa at Spencer Park.

"You've got to take the good with the bad," Higgins said.

"Teams lift when they play us. Everyone wants to beat City. We'll be ready this weekend."

PREMIER PREVIEW - WYNNUM Wolves v Ipswich Knights

Having ended their recent run of poor form with an upset win over Brisbane City last weekend, the Ipswich Knights will seek to achieve something they have not been able to do since the first two weeks of the season when they meet Wynnum at Carmichael Park on Saturday night - win two matches in succession.

The Knights started the season on a high with wins over Rochedale and Mount Gravatt. Since then they have only won four out of 13 matches and as a result are sitting in sixth place.

But Sunday's gutsy 1-0 win over City is the type of result that can turn a season around. The Knights back-to-the-wall performance against the league leaders could set them up for a strong finish to the season.

At least that's what Ipswich coach Frank Pimblett is hoping for.

Pimblett is baffled why his players can't battle each week like they did against City.

"It was a tremendous effort. I'm very proud of the boys," Pimblett said after Sunday's win.

"Now we have to go about doing that every week."

The Knights will run into a Wynnum side keen to get back on track after a couple of disappointing results in the past two weeks.

The Wolves have only picked up one from a possible six points courtesy of a loss to Mount Gravatt and a draw with Toowoomba. Those two sides are in second last and last place on the ladder respectively.

WHO'S HOT: Ipswich Knights goalkeeper Jason Lucas was in fine form for the Knights against City. If Wynnum midfielder Aaron Thiesfield can remain injury free he could be one of the Premier League's top two or three players.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round seven - Wynnum 2 d Ipswich Knights 1, Eric Evans Reserve, April 2.

TIP: 1-1



Ipswich Knights' Clint Scott

Wynnum Wolves v Ipswich Knights

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Saturday June 3, 7pm

WYNNUM WOLVES	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
1 Garth McCulloch	1 Jason Lucas
2 Shane Gilroy	2 Ken Caldwell
3 James Gowans	3 (Not allocated)
4 Steve Foreshaw	4 Andrew King
5 Duncan Easton	5 Clint Scott
6 Paul DeVries	6 Peter Hinks
7 Danny Flaskas	7 Brenley Jefferd
8 Anthony Roche	8 John Clark
9 Stuart Popplewell	9 Trent Griffiths
10 (Not allocated)	10 Peter McKendrick
11 Owen Filewood	11 Steven Hughes
12 Aaron Thiesfield	12 Tim Reece
13 (Not allocated)	13 Stewart Drinkeld
14 (Not allocated)	14 Scott Stenzel
15 Cameron Filewood	15 Adam Le Flay
16 (Not allocated)	16 Wayne Adams
17 Mark Alaru	17 Andrej Gacesa
18 Scott Rocker	18 (Not allocated)
19 (Not allocated)	19 Richard Hilli
20 Damian Rogers	20 Richard Hilli
Rgk Chris Giannangelo	Rgk Nathan Gee

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE City v TARINGA ROVERS

With the Gold Coast's premierships challenge gaining momentum, Brisbane City cannot afford another slip up on Saturday night against Taringa Rovers.

Ipswich's shock 1-0 defeat of City last Sunday at Bundamba has again breathed life into a premierships race that had seemed to be a one-horse affair.

City now leads the premierships by six points - two wins - from the Gold Coast.

With 12 rounds to go, it's a lead that can easily be run down. City coach Danny Wright is well aware of that fact and knows his side cannot afford another wasteful display similar to last weekend's effort against the Knights.

City should have scored on several occasions, with the best chance being a header that an unmarked Allan Cameron put wide in the 84th minute.

As is so often the case in soccer, the team that dominates but cannot finish the opposition off is stung by one counter attack. The Knights made City pay on Sunday, much to Wright's displeasure.

"It's not a boxing bout. You don't win a game on points," Wright said.

"We know we can win on Saturday night but we have to hit the target."

Taringa will not be a pushover, with the Willie Wallace-coached side enjoying solid and encouraging form of late.

Prior to its weekend draw with Bundaberg Waves, Taringa had won three matches straight to move away from wooden spoon territory.

WHO'S HOT: Cliff Tuck continues to be creative out wide for Brisbane City. Niki Kuyper has been enjoying similar success in a wide role for Taringa.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round seven - Brisbane City 3 d Taringa Rovers 1, Jack Speare Park, April 2.

TIP: Brisbane City 3-0



Brisbane City striker Mark Battistin

Brisbane City v Taringa Rovers

Spencer Park, Newmarket
Saturday June 3, 7pm

BRISBANE CITY	TARINGA ROVERS
1 Mark Bland	1 Clint Dal Santo
2 Warren Cooley	2 Shane Barnes
3 Aaron Aldridge	4 Damien Volker
4 Clifford Tuck	5 Craig Slaughter
5 Wayne Strange	6 Craig Barnes
6 Scott Elliott	7 Francis Cosson
7 Pablo Aviles	8 Craig Collins
8 Demetri Theochari	9 Cameron Donohue
9 Vedran Becirbegovic	10 Steve Dawe
10 Chris Slater	11 Daryl Hathaway
11 Allan Cameron	12 Cameron Williamson
12 Christopher Spurr	13 Mathew Bastion
13 Bojan Vilic	14 Niki Kuyper
14 Nathan Carlos	15 Daniel Pitkin
15 Damien Waugh	16 Neil Reed
16 Michael Grammatico	17 Michael Osler
17 Barry Wilkinson	18 Gianni Culpio
18 Mark Battistin	19 Willie Carter
19 Stephen Starr	20 Malcolm VanDeGraff
20 Scott Higgins	

PREMIER PREVIEW - ROCHEDALE ROV v BUNDABERG WAVES

Bundaberg Waves' quest for goals continues against Rochedale Rovers at Underwood Park on Saturday night.

Waves have struggled to find the back of the net, with their record of 10 goals from 15 games the Premier League's worst by some way.

Bottom club Toowoomba has the next poorest goalscoring record but at least the Raiders have been able to average a goal a game.

Not even the recent signing of former Brisbane Strikers and Canberra Cosmos forward Glen Kolpak has been able to quench Waves goal drought.

A continuation of the goal problems will result in the Waves dropping further down the ladder. They are currently placed eighth, just three points ahead of the Raiders.

It's been a season of fluctuation for Rochedale. After an indifferent start, Rovers flew back into contention with a brilliant streak.

But since then, a run of four matches without a win - one point from a possible 12 - has left Rovers stranded in fifth place.

Rovers are currently 10 points behind leaders Brisbane City so they must defeat lowly-placed teams such as Bundaberg if they have hopes of finishing first.

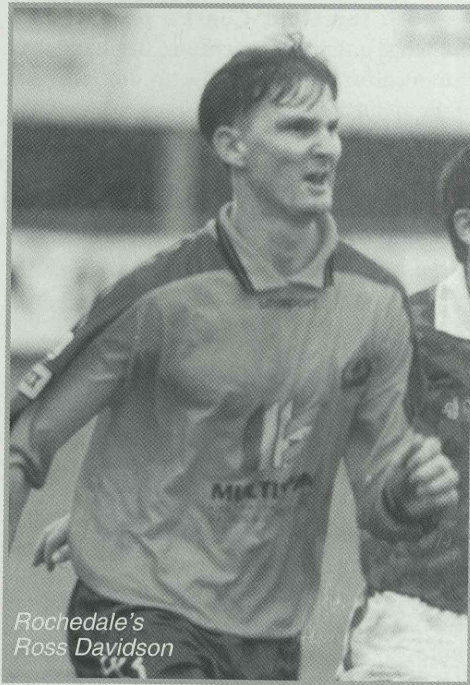
Goals have also dried up in recent weeks for Rovers, with their 0-0 draw with Brisbane Lions last weekend typifying their problems in taking chances.

Rovers have won less than half of their 15 matches this season, a record that wouldn't please their coach Peter Bannon.

WHO'S HOT: The recent form of both sides makes it difficult to single out any player for special praise. Goalkeepers Graham Ross (Rochedale) and Corey Baldock (Bundaberg) would have been happy with their clean sheets last week.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round seven - Rochedale 4 d Bundaberg 0, Thabeban Sports Complex, April 1.

TIP: Rochedale 2-0



Rochedale's
Ross Davidson

Rochedale Rov v Bundaberg Waves

Underwood Park, Rochedale
Saturday June 3, 7pm

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	BUNDABERG WAVES
1 Graham Ross	1 Corey Baldock
2 Paul Grugan	2 Robbie Hooker
3 Ross Davidson	3 Robert Thatcher
4 Dwayne Good	4 Dale Zimmerlie
5 Damian Harris	5 Lucas Read
6 Alun Evans	6 Tony Roebuck
7 Nick Seeley	7 Jason Chapman
8 Michael Legg	8 Jacob Noe
9 Matt Olley	9 Nick Maas
10 Clayton Koch	10 Glen Kolpak
11 Gareth Dorey	11 Rodney Cooper
12 Roy Huth	12 Troy Hews
13 Brad Ditton	13 (Not Allocated)
14 Danny Stowers	14 Peter Bock
15 Greg Anderson	15 Andrew Clarke
16 Adam Watson	16 Jason Keune
17 Corey Nicholson	17 Brett Kitching
18 (Not Allocated)	18 Robert McVie
19 Darren Bender	
20 Todd Rumble	

PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast City v Toowoomba

Gold Coast City can keep the pressure on Premier League leaders Brisbane City with a win over the struggling Toowoomba Raiders at Palm Beach on Sunday.

Results went the Gold Coast's way last weekend, with no other side in the ladder's top half able to record a victory.

The biggest present the Coast received was from the Ipswich Knights, who upset Brisbane City 1-0.

That result, coupled with the Coast's 2-1 away win over Mount Gravatt, reduced the margin between the league leaders and the Palm Beach - based side to six points.

It seems a long time ago that the Coast was struggling at the base of the ladder. Since losing its opening two matches, the Ken Lindsay-coached side has won eight and drawn three of its next 13 matches to zoom into contention.

Toowoomba is at the opposite end of the spectrum having struggled for the entire season.

The Raiders 15-match record of two wins, five draws and eight losses has them in last place on the ladder, one point behind Mount Gravatt.

But their effort last weekend could inspire them to greater heights against the talented Gold Coast outfit.

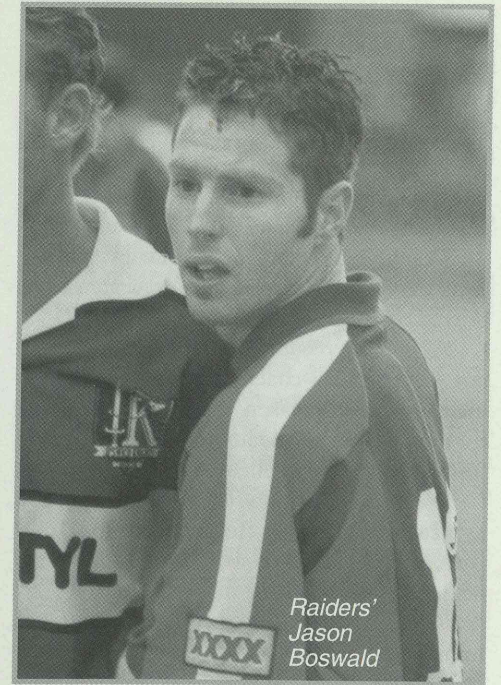
The Raiders were able to snatch a point off Wynnum, which like the Coast is enjoying a spot in the top echelon.

Toowoomba's 1-1 draw was the club's most positive result for several weeks and could spur the team on during the final 12 rounds of the season.

WHO'S HOT: Steve Fitzsimmons has proved to be a great acquisition for the Gold Coast this season. Colin Hackwood continues to score goals for the Raiders.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round seven - Toowoomba 1 drew with Gold Coast City 1, Gold Park, April 2.

TIP: Gold Coast City 3-1



Raiders'
Jason
Boswald

Gold Coast City v T'wmba Raiders

Palm Beach SC, Palm Beach
Sunday June 4, 2.45pm

GOLD COAST CITY	TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS
1 Jamie Irwin	1 Trevor Gilliland
2 Adam Evans	2 Colin Hackwood
3 Robbie Boxall	3 Martin James
4 Cameron Watson	4 Ken Duncan
5 Nathan Woodbridge	5 Brent Hyslop
6 Neil Ferguson	6 Anthony Brown
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Gavin Freier
8 Adam Hayward	8 Leigh Ramia
9 (Not Allocated)	9 Cameron Williams
10 Tony Pearcey	10 Jamie Miller
11 Kris Dodd	11 Steve Willmot
12 (Not Allocated)	12 Jason Bosward
13 Warren Allen	13 Ashley Fox
14 Karl Dodd	14 Steve Wilkes
15 Robert Millican	15 Chris Wilkes
16 Adam Vermillion	16 Shane Biber
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	20 Liam Hackwood

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS V MT GRAVATT

Brisbane Lions cannot afford to slip up against Mount Gravatt at Richlands on Sunday if they want a legitimate shot at this year's premiership.

With Gold Coast City having emerged in recent weeks as Brisbane City's most serious title challenger, Lions must quickly find their groove to be considered a threat.

Despite having lost less matches than the Gold Coast, Lions tendency to draw games has proved costly this season.

A winning record of less than 50% would not please Lions coach John Ogden. Fifteen matches into the season, there can be no more excuses for his new team not having gelled to form a dynamic combination.

With the club having National League aspirations off the field, Lions on-field performance has to be worthy of a step to the next level before such a move is made.

After a slow start, Mount Gravatt has improved in the second full round of matches.

Last for several weeks, the Hawks no longer hold that position. Coach Mal Bland has always said his side would improve as the season went on, and encouraging results have included a 1-1 home draw with leaders Brisbane City.

A similar result against City's arch rivals Lions would surely please Bland, with Lions Stadium not the easiest of venues for teams to come away with points from.

An unlikely Mount Gravatt win could result in the Hawks leapfrogging Bundaberg to move into eighth place.

WHO'S HOT: Brisbane Lions will welcome the return of key defender Jamie Lowndes from suspension this weekend. Anthony McCullough has been a consistent goalscorer for Mount Gravatt of late.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round seven - Brisbane Lions 3 d Mount Gravatt 2, Dittmer Park, April 2.

TIP: Brisbane Lions 2-0



Joel Smith -
Mt Gravatt

Brisbane Lions v Mt Gravatt

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Sunday June 4, 4pm

BRISBANE LIONS	MT GRAVATT
1 Anthony Breaden	1 Adam Lebihan
2 Jamie Lowndes	2 Kieran Galloway
3 Darren Sime	3 Ben Stabler
4 Raj Kumar	4 Richard Holliday
5 Chris Day	5 Nathan Fairley
6 Darren Hillier	6 Brett Jones
7 Steve Jackson	7 Joel Smith
8 Des Hughes	8 Anthony McCullough
9 Royce Brownlie	9 Brendan Seipel
10 Scott Robertson	10 Drew Oberle
11 Sasa Radulovic	11 Calvin Gnech
12 Danny Britton	12 Mike Rowland
13 B Lewandowski	13 Max Scott
14 Warren Moon	14 Andrew Davidson
15 Grant Dickens	15 (Not allocated)
16 Shaun Molenda	16 Robin Gosney
17 Steve Bland	17 Lincoln Greaves
18 Glen Farinazzo	18 Wade Baldwin
19 Ryan Hanger	19 Naoki Uemura
20 Corey Hagell	
21 Brett Dickens	

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

I quote with interest Page 15 of the May 18 Eye on Soccer magazine:

"With talks of a combined semi-pro competition next year, it looks like the majority of teams in that league, should it come to fruition, will be from the north"

This editorialising was based upon the 10-nil "humbling" of Capalaba by Easts. The inference is that the eligibility for any merged competition will be based upon who can compete on the field at the required level.

This is the standard method of decision-making used throughout the world, (promotion/relegation), and most would believe this is the fairest way to determine the composition of any competition.

I am, unfortunately, not convinced that this credo is closely held by the QSF. There are a large number of criteria to be satisfied and it is likely that being able to field a competitive team is not ranked as highly as it should be.

Past eligibility criteria have been moored firmly in the realms of who has the best facilities, the most poker machines, and the biggest bankroll.

Clubs of this nature are undeniably important to the game, but even recent history has shown us that even these clubs can be driven

to the wall. And for clubs using this emphasis, quite often when the money goes, the players leave with it.

Clubs such as The Gap, Pine Rivers and the University of Queensland are the way forward as they embody a great team spirit both on and off the field, and they have great supporters who barrack loudly but understand that in the end, it is a game. These clubs depend far more on player loyalty than on player payments, and this culture should be nurtured.

In University's case, it is a club run by the players for the players and not only our current but past results prove that it works.

Later this year when decisions on any revamped competition are made, it will be interesting to see if Board members can quarantine their allegiances to former clubs (which as directors they are legally obliged to do).

Surely no number of poker machines can buy some of the current semi-pro teams back into the 2001 competition without a marked improvement in second half season results.

No doubt there are Division 1 Amateur clubs eyeing a berth too, as well as Semi-Pro teams looking to the XXXX league.

Whatever the final semi-pro blend, the University of Queensland must be in it if the QSF is serious about supporting the game of soccer.

In our current form, no division one Amateur club would want to see us, and surely the semi-pro teams should be given the opportunity to relegate us to the amateurs by beating us on the park rather than off it.

Yours faithfully, Robbie Dickson (Dicko)

Olympic football qualifying update

South Africa has become Africa's fourth men's football representative at the Sydney 2000 games.

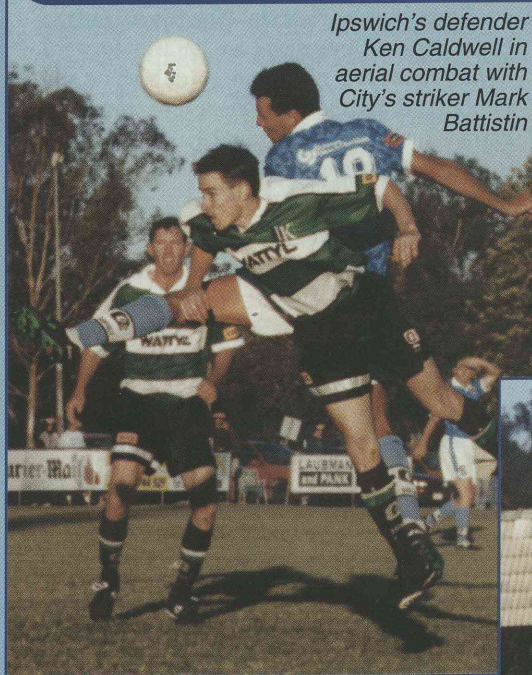
South Africa won the return leg of the CAF/OFC playoffs against New Zealand 1-0

and qualified with a 4-2 aggregate.

The final four places of the men's football competition are currently being fought out at the European Under-21 championship in Slovakia.

The draw for the men's and women's Olympic football tournaments will be held this Saturday June 3, at the Sydney Town Hall, with the ceremony taking place at 11.00am.

ACTION REPLAY



Ipswich's defender Ken Caldwell in aerial combat with City's striker Mark Battistin



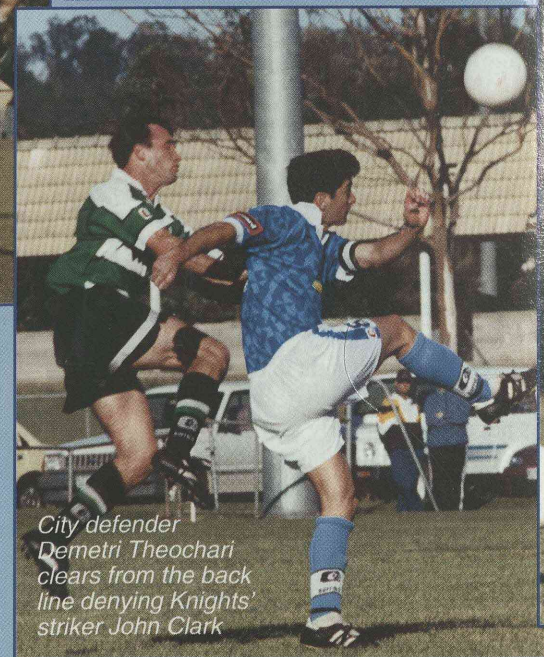
City's Alan Cameron clears his kick as Trent Griffiths (Knights) arrives



Knights' goalscorer Peter Hallett



Cliff Tuck (left) in a dual with Knights' Trent Griffiths



City defender Demetri Theochari clears from the back line denying Knights' striker John Clark



Clifford Tuck - Brisbane City



City's Vedran Becirbegovic



The free-kick that did the damage giving Ipswich the three points

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Semi Pro Matches (Round 16)

Saturday June 3

- Pine Rivers v Albany Creek
7pm - Wendy Allison Pk, Strathpine
- Acacia Ridge v Slacks Creek
6pm - Ron Proud Field, Acacia Ridge
- Redlands Utd v Capalaba
6pm - Showground Complex, Cleveland
- Souths Utd v Olympic Utd
7pm - Wakerley Park, Runcom
- Beenleigh v Eastern Suburbs
7pm - Chris Green Park, Beenleigh

Sunday June 4

- Grange Thistle v Mitchelton
2.45pm - Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange
- Uni of Qld v North Star
2.45pm - Oval 3, St Lucia Campus
- Newmarket v The Gap
2.45pm - McCook Park, Newmarket

Next Week's Premier League (Round 17)

Saturday June 10

- Bundaberg Waves v Brisbane City
7pm - Thabeban Sports, Bundaberg
- Mt Gravatt v Rochedale Rovers
7.30pm - Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt

Sunday June 11

- Ipswich Knights v Gold Coast City
2.45pm - Eric Evans Res, Bundamba
- Taringa Rovers v Wynnum Wolves
2.45pm - Jack Speare Pk, Indooroopilly
- Toowoomba Raiders v Brisbane Lions
4pm - Gold Park, Toowoomba

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XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE CITY	15	10	3	2	34	11	33
GOLD COAST CITY	15	8	3	4	27	15	27
BRISBANE LIONS	15	7	5	3	26	15	26
WYNNUM	15	7	4	4	26	19	25
ROCHEDALE ROV	15	7	2	6	25	22	23
IPSW KNIGHTS	15	6	1	8	20	22	19
TARINGA ROVERS	15	4	5	6	17	25	17
B'BERG WAVES	15	3	5	7	10	23	14
MT GRAVATT	15	3	3	9	20	39	12
T'W'MBA RAIDERS	15	2	5	8	15	29	11

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	15	13	1	1	68	19	40
ROCHEDALE ROV	15	10	2	3	27	22	32
BRISBANE CITY	15	10	1	4	39	32	31
T'W'MBA RAIDERS	15	8	3	4	29	21	27
GOLD COAST CITY	15	8	0	7	48	28	24
WYNNUM	15	6	2	7	29	26	20
IPSW KNIGHTS	15	6	1	8	24	24	19
TARINGA ROVERS	15	5	1	9	12	24	16
MT GRAVATT	15	2	3	10	17	44	9
B'BERG WAVES	15	0	0	15	13	66	0

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	15	12	2	1	39	14	38
ROCHEDALE ROV	15	8	4	3	42	24	28
BRISBANE CITY	14	8	1	5	37	23	25
SUNSHINE COAST	14	6	4	4	25	15	22
WYNNUM	15	6	4	5	29	30	22
GOLD COAST CITY	15	5	5	5	24	23	20
T'W'MBA RAIDERS	14	4	3	7	18	29	15
TARINGA ROVERS	15	3	3	9	23	39	12
IPSW KNIGHTS	15	2	6	7	21	41	12
MT GRAVATT	14	2	2	10	16	36	8

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

10 Goals	Sasa Radulovic - Brisbane Lions
9 Goals	Matt Olley - Rochedale Rovers
9 Goals	Royce Brownlie - Brisbane Lions
7 Goals	Chris Slater - Brisbane City
7 Goals	Owen Filewood - Wynnum Wolves
7 Goals	Allan Cameron - Brisbane City
6 Goals	Steve Fitzsimmons - G. C. City
6 Goals	Anthony McCullough - Mt Gravatt

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	13	11	0	2	41	16	33
PINE RIVERS UTD	13	9	1	3	25	15	28
NORTH STAR	13	8	1	4	31	16	25
MITCHELTON	13	7	1	5	26	20	22
NORTH PINE	14	6	1	7	25	26	19
THE GAP	13	6	0	7	26	24	18
NEWMARKET	14	4	6	4	24	23	18
ALBANY CREEK	14	1	4	9	17	45	7
GRANGE THISTLE	13	0	2	11	6	36	2

SEMIPRO DIV 1 N RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	13	10	2	1	37	11	32
PINE RIVERS UTD	13	8	1	4	37	25	25
NEWMARKET	14	8	1	5	31	22	25
THE GAP	13	8	0	5	33	29	24
NORTH STAR	13	5	3	5	30	19	18
MITCHELTON	13	3	4	6	10	21	13
NORTH PINE	14	3	3	8	13	26	12
GRANGE THISTLE	13	2	5	6	15	33	11
ALBANY CREEK	14	1	5	8	22	42	8

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PENINSULA POWER 15	12	1	2	2	50	12	37
THE GAP	15	10	2	3	39	31	32
MITCHELTON	15	10	0	5	33	20	30
UNI OF QLD	15	9	2	4	39	32	29
PINE RIVERS UTD	15	9	0	6	37	22	27
NORTH STAR	15	7	2	6	38	29	23
ALBANY CREEK	15	5	1	9	26	31	16
NEWMARKET	15	5	0	10	26	28	15
NORTH PINE	15	3	2	10	23	54	11
GRANGE THISTLE	15	0	0	15	3	55	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUBS	13	11	2	0	44	11	35
OLYMPIC UTD	13	8	1	4	42	22	25
ROCKLEA UTD	14	7	2	5	36	22	23
SOUTHS UTD	13	5	5	3	31	12	20
CAPALABA	13	6	2	5	22	30	20
ACACIA RIDGE	13	5	4	4	28	22	19
SLACKS CREEK	14	4	3	7	20	32	15
REDLANDS UTD	13	3	1	9	20	32	10
BEENLEIGH	14	1	0	13	15	75	3

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTHS UTD	13	12	0	1	56	11	36
ROCKLEA UTD	14	10	0	4	49	32	30
CAPALABA	13	9	2	2	41	9	29
EASTERN SUBS	13	5	3	5	32	24	18
REDLANDS UTD	13	5	3	5	25	27	18
OLYMPIC UTD	13	5	1	7	33	25	16
SLACKS CREEK	14	3	5	6	23	28	14
ACACIA RIDGE	13	3	0	10	11	46	9
BEENLEIGH	14	1	0	13	5	73	3

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	13	10	1	2	61	16	31
SOUTHS UTD	13	9	3	1	73	10	30
EASTERN SUBS	13	8	1	4	45	23	25
SLACKS CREEK	13	7	3	3	44	10	24
ROCKLEA UTD	14	8	0	6	40	37	24
REDLANDS UTD	13	6	2	5	35	21	20
ACACIA RIDGE	13	2	1	10	9	73	7
BEENLEIGH	13	1	2	10	12	64	5
OLYMPIC UTD	13	1	1	11	4	69	4

EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DARRA UTD	11	9	0	2	32	19	27
IPSWICH CITY	11	8	2	1	28	14	26
INALA CITY	11	7	2	2	29	20	23
MOGILL UTD	11	6	2	3	32	19	20
GOODNA & DIST	11	6	1	4	23	21	19
S'SIDE EAGLES	11	5	3	3	23	15	18
PENINSULA POWER 11	4	1	6	21	18	13	
BROTHERS UTD	11	3	2	6	23	30	11
SAMFORD	11	3	1	7	12	22	10
SOUTH STAR	11	3	0	8	18	36	9
ANINNERLEY	11	2	1	8	19	24	7
JIMBOOMBA	11	1	3	7	12	34	6

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTS PINEAPPLE	10	9	0	1	46	10	27
BRIGHTON DIST	10	8	1	1	55	9	25
PENINSULA POWER 10	7	1	2	29	12	22	
GREENBANK	10	7	0	3	43	16	21
LOGAN CITY KINGS	10	6	2	2	46	26	20
ANINNERLEY	10	5	1	4	19	23	16
SOUTHS UTD	10	3	0	7	16	23	9
SAMFORD	10	3	0	7	18	35	9
PARK RIDGE	10	2	2	6	19	43	8
MOGILL UTD	10	1	0	9	5	49	3
KINGSRIDGE	10	0	1	9	8	58	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PENINSULA POWER 11	10	0	1	41	9	30	
IPSWICH CITY	11	8	1	2	38	22	25
ANINNERLEY	11	7	1	3	24	9	22
MOGILL UTD	11	6	2	3	22	15	20
S'SIDE EAGLES	11	5	4	2	35	16	19
SAMFORD	11	5	2	4	23	19	17
DARRA UTD	11	5	1	5	28	32	16
JIMBOOMBA	11	4	1	6	21	31	13
BROTHERS UTD	11	3	3	5	23	31	12
INALA CITY	11	3	1	7	17	31	10
GOODNA & DIST	11	1	1	9	13	32	4
SOUTH STAR	11	0	1	10	11	49	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	11	9	1	1	53	16	28
UNI OF QLD	11	9	0	2	35	14	27
WYNNUM	11	8	1	2	23	9	25
TARINGA ROVERS	10	6	1	3	30	25	19
BRISBANE CITY	11	5	3	3	23	15	18
MITCHELTON	11	4	3	4	23	23	15
SOUTHS UTD	11	4	3	4	16	22	15
IPSW KNIGHTS	11	4	0	7	18	25	12
THE GAP	11	3	0	8	23	31	9
CAPALABA	10	2	2	6	20	35	8
MT GRAVATT	11	2	1	8	15	34	7
NEWMARKET	11	0	3	8	14	44	3

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BETHANIA RAMS	15	14	0	1	99	14	42
BAYSIDE UTD	15	8	5	2	25	17	29
PARK RIDGE	15	9	0	6	39	26	27
WILSTON ATHLETIC	15	8	0	7	31	32	24
WOODRIDGE	15	7	2	6	50	43	23
OXLEY UTD	15	6	3	6	36	28	21
CLAIRVAUX	15	5	2	8	33	29	17
LOGAN CITY KINGS	15	5	2	8	29	33	17
PINE HILLS	15	4	4	7	24	46	16
MOOROONDU	15	0	0	15	9	107	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IPSW KNIGHTS	10	9	1	0	57	10	28
GRANGE THISTLE	10	9	1	0	36	10	28
UNI OF QLD	10	6	4	0	54	6	22
SLACKS CREEK	11	7	1	3	49	19	22
NORTH STAR	10	6	1	3	39	10	19
ACACIA RIDGE	11	6	0	5	44	25	18
PINE RIVERS UTD	11	3	3	5	46	29	12
SOUTHS UTD	11	3	2	6	29	38	11
S'SIDE EAGLES	11	3	1	7	22	28	10
NORTH PINE	11	2	3	6	30	22	9
ALBANY CREEK	11	1	1	9	15	80	4
PARK RIDGE	11	0	0	11	4	148	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WILSTON ATHLETIC	15	10	2	3	33	19	32
BETHANIA RAMS	15	10	1	4	50	18	31
OXLEY UTD	15	8	3	4	45	30	27
CLAIRVAUX	15	8	3	4	30	21	27
WOODRIDGE	15	7	1	7	28	28	22
LOGAN CITY KINGS	15	6	2	7	28	23	20
PINE HILLS	15	6	1	8	28	28	19
BAYSIDE UTD	15	5	2	8	18	29	17
PARK RIDGE	15	5	1	9	22	45	16
MOOROONDU	15	2	0	13	22	63	6

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SLACKS CREEK	14	12	1				

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Under 11 Division 1								Under 12 Division 1							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
The Gap	8	8	0	0	46	6	24	Pine Rivers	9	7	1	1	22	9	22
Albany Creek	8	5	1	2	20	9	16	Pine Hills	9	7	0	2	37	7	21
Pine Rivers	8	5	1	2	18	8	16	Albany Creek	8	5	2	1	19	11	17
North Star	8	4	0	4	11	12	12	Taringa	9	5	2	2	14	8	17
Pine Hills	8	2	2	4	7	15	8	The Gap	8	3	4	1	13	6	13
Taringa	8	2	1	5	4	14	7	Samford	9	3	1	5	14	21	10
Samford	8	1	3	4	7	22	6	Brisbane Toro	9	3	0	6	11	36	9
Moggill	8	1	0	7	5	32	3	North Star	9	2	2	5	9	16	8
								Mitchelton	9	1	2	6	7	14	5
								Kenmore	9	0	2	7	6	24	2
Under 11 Division 2								Under 12 Division 2							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
North Pine	8	5	2	1	16	6	17	Bardon	8	7	0	1	33	7	21
Peninsular Power	8	4	4	0	15	8	16	Moggill	8	6	0	2	22	7	18
Bardon	8	4	3	1	15	10	15	Narangba	8	5	2	1	19	10	17
Pine Rivers	8	4	2	2	10	5	14	Brisbane City	7	4	1	2	17	9	13
The Gap	8	3	2	3	10	7	11	Peninsular Power	8	2	1	5	10	22	7
Grange Thistle	8	2	2	4	10	10	8	Westside	8	1	3	4	12	22	6
Kenmore	8	1	2	5	5	16	5	Pine Rivers	7	1	1	5	11	22	4
Samford	8	0	1	7	7	26	1	Northern Suburbs	8	0	2	6	9	34	2
Under 11 Division 3								Under 12 Division 3							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Narangba	8	6	1	1	24	8	19	Pine Rivers	7	5	1	1	15	7	16
Albany Creek	8	5	2	1	15	5	17	Newmarket	8	4	1	3	16	8	13
Mitchelton	8	4	2	2	13	10	14	Brighton	7	4	1	2	14	8	13
Pine Hills	8	4	0	4	11	16	12	The Gap	8	3	2	3	13	11	11
Bardon	8	3	2	3	17	8	11	Pine Hills	8	3	2	3	11	13	11
North Star	8	2	1	5	7	17	7	Taringa	8	0	1	7	4	26	1
Grange Thistle	8	2	1	5	6	18	7								
Peninsular Power	8	1	1	6	7	18	4	Under 12 Division 4							
Under 11 Division 4								P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		Northern Suburbs	8	8	0	0	19	3	24
North Pine	8	7	0	1	37	3	21	Redcliffe PCYC	8	6	0	2	20	10	18
Virginia	8	7	0	1	31	5	21	Toowong	8	5	1	2	12	10	16
Pine Hills	8	5	1	2	28	13	16	Grange Thistle	8	3	2	3	11	8	11
Newmarket	8	3	2	3	7	12	11	North Pine	8	3	0	5	9	9	9
The Gap	8	1	4	3	9	21	7	Peninsular Power	8	3	0	5	10	17	9
Moggill	8	2	1	5	7	22	7	Albany Creek	8	1	1	6	9	16	4
Bardon	8	1	3	4	9	19	6	Brisbane City	8	1	0	7	7	24	3
Grange Thistle	8	0	1	7	2	35	1	Under 12 Division 5							
Under 11 Division 5								P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		North Star	7	6	0	1	28	7	18
Ridge Hills	8	8	0	0	43	6	24	Mitchelton	7	5	0	2	22	8	15
Redcliffe PCYC	8	6	1	1	38	10	19	Westside	7	4	1	2	14	10	13
Albany Creek	8	5	1	2	25	15	16	Narangba	7	3	2	2	19	15	11
Brighton	8	5	0	3	26	18	15	Samford	7	2	2	3	10	15	8
Samford	8	3	2	3	17	16	11	Moggill	6	1	1	4	8	22	4
Peninsular Power	8	2	2	4	17	13	8	Taringa	7	0	0	7	4	28	0
Narangba	8	2	0	6	9	27	6	Under 12 Division 6							
Taringa	8	1	2	5	10	28	5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
North Star	8	0	0	8	0	52	0	Virginia	8	6	1	1	26	4	19
Under 11 Division 6								Ridge Hills	8	5	1	2	13	6	16
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		The Gap	8	4	1	3	9	10	13
Pine Rivers	9	9	0	0	40	6	27	Kenmore	8	3	1	4	8	14	10
Westside	9	6	0	3	19	14	18	Bardon	8	2	2	4	8	13	8
Pine Hills	9	5	1	3	27	11	16	Pine Hills	8	1	0	7	3	20	3
The Gap Purple	9	5	0	4	13	18	15	Under 12 Division 7							
Virginia	9	4	1	4	23	13	13	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Albany Creek	9	4	0	5	16	12	12	Deception Bay	8	8	0	0	43	3	24
Mitchelton	9	3	2	4	17	24	11	Pine Rivers	8	6	0	2	22	10	18
The Gap Gold	9	3	0	6	12	27	9	New Farm	8	5	0	3	15	23	15
Redcliffe PCYC	9	2	2	5	13	27	8	Newmarket	8	3	0	5	11	19	9
Bardon	9	1	0	8	7	35	3	Toowong	8	2	0	6	17	16	6
								Westside	8	0	0	8	0	37	0

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Under 13 Division 1								Under 15 Division 1							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Albany Creek	8	5	2	1	15	6	17	Brisbane Lions	5	5	0	0	23	5	15
Taringa	8	5	2	1	12	6	17	Souths United	5	4	1	0	20	7	13
Peninsular Power	8	4	1	3	17	10	13	Rochedale	5	4	1	0	16	4	13
Pine Hills	8	4	1	3	10	9	13	Slacks Creek	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
The Gap	8	1	1	6	3	12	4	Brisbane City	7	4	0	3	12	15	12
Pine Rivers	8	0	3	5	6	20	3	Albany Creek	6	3	1	2	16	14	10
								Ipswich Knights	6	2	0	4	9	14	6
								Brisbane Toro	6	1	0	5	6	17	3
								Brighton	7	1	0	6	7	22	3
								Peninsular Power	6	0	0	6	5	21	0
Under 13 Division 2								Under 15 Division 2							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Grange Thistle	8	7	0	1	28	12	21	Redlands	11	8	1	2	35	17	25
Albany Creek	8	4	1	3	24	19	13	Rochedale	10	7	3	0	33	13	24
Bardon	8	4	1	3	19	16	13	Souths United	11	7	2	2	33	13	23
Brisbane City	8	3	2	3	23	20	11	Grange Thistle	11	7	1	3	34	17	22
Samford	8	2	3	3	14	22	9	Mt Gravatt	10	6	2	2	45	17	20
The Gap	8	0	1	7	13	32	1	Park Ridge	11	5	3	3	37	30	18
								Beenleigh	11	5	0	6	30	35	15
								Albany Creek	11	3	3	5	20	33	12
								Mitchelton	11	3	1	7	12	39	10
								Ipswich City	11	2	2	7	12	24	8
								Pine Rivers	11	2	0	9	12	41	6
								Narangba	11	0	2	9	13	37	2
Under 13 Division 3								Under 15 Division 3							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Taringa	8	7	1	0	20	4	22	Pine Hills	9	8	1	0	63	9	25
Peninsular Power	8	5	0	3	18	6	15	Kenmore	9	8	0	1	73	10	24
Pine Hills	7	2	2	3	8	12	8	The Gap	9	6	2	1	57	10	20
Pine Rivers	7	2	2	3	10	18	8	Peninsular Power	9	5	0	4	48	28	15
Albany Creek	8	2	1	5	10	16	7	Albany Creek	9	5	0	4	30	24	15
North Pine	8	1	2	5	8	18	5	Newmarket	9	3	2	4	22	41	11
								Grange Thistle	9	3	1	5	10	40	10
								Westside	9	2	1	6	19	53	7
								Pine Rivers	9	1	0	8	17	59	3
								Redcliffe PCYC	9	0	1	8	8	75	1
Under 13 Division 4								Under 17 Division 1							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Narangba	8	8	0	0	48	12	24	Mitchelton	8	7	1	0	34	9	22
North Star	8	4	2	2	19	12	14	Pine Hills	8	6	0	2	28	9	18
Redcliffe PCYC	8	4	2	2	22	21	14	Brisbane City	7	5	1	1	33	8	16
Westside	8	3	3	2	23	9	12	Brisbane Toro	8	5	1	2	30	12	16
Grange Thistle	8	3	1	4	12	18	10	Pine Rivers	7	3	1	3	17	23	10
Ridge Hills	8	1	4	3	13	16	7	Taringa	8	3	0	5	22	20	9
Northern Suburbs	8	1	2	5	12	30	5	The Gap	8	2	0	6	12	20	6
The Gap	8	1	0	7	11	42	3	Peninsular Power	8	2	0	6	15	28	6
								New Farm	8	0	0	8	1	63	0
Under 14 Division 1								Under 17 Division 2							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Albany Creek	8	7	0	1	36	22	21	Pine Hills	11	10	1	0	62	8	31
Mitchelton	8	6	1	1	34	10	19	Albany Creek	11	8	2	1	33	11	26
The Gap	8	4	1	3	20	19	13	Redcliffe PCYC	10	7	2				

BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With
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Half way stage, or there about, in the Amateurs and it couldn't be tighter in all divisions barring division Two where Bethania, even at this earlier stage, looks to have one hand firmly on the title.

Division one has Darra and Ipswich City only one point apart. Three has Easts having a battle royal with Brighton, likewise division Four where Lions loss at home to Wynnum has now made it open slather for the title, division Five has Grange and Ipswich neck and neck and their mid-week catch up game is going to be very interesting, and in division Six Slacks and Newmarket again are level pegging.

This week division One kicks-off on Friday night with Ipswich playing at home against Moggill, if the Bulls pick up all three points, which I think is likely, they will further distance Moggill from any hopes of title aspirations this season. On Saturday Annerley, who are not out of the woods yet, have a tough one home to Peninsula who are now starting to climb the table, this could well be a draw. Darra are at home to Samford where they should pick up all three points, at night Goodna will alas pick up a three pointer with Brothers, although this won't be an easy match, whilst there will be another tough one at Bulimba with Inala City as the visitors, this match could go either way with a draw a likely result. The lone Sunday match could see a rare victory for Jimboomba over a disappointing South Star.

Division two also kicks-off on Friday night with Clairvaux expected to run out victors with the Kings. On Saturday Oxley will know they've been in a match with the Rams as their visitors, also that afternoon Bayside will do well to pick up one point at Woodridge. At night Park Ridge will be too strong for Pine Hills and Sunday's match should see three points remain at Wilston.

On Friday in division Three, Brighton make the long trek down to Runcorn, however they will return with all three points, on Saturday the new found enthusiasm and talent within

Greenbank will be sorely tested when with a visit of current Easts Pineapple, and this could be most interesting when you look at the goal scoring attributes of both teams, could this be the first draw for both sides?

In the night matches the Kings will continue their climb at the expense of Samford and Park Ridge will pick up a rare win at the expense of Moggill, whilst on Sunday Peninsula will look to get back on track with a win at Annerley.

I don't expect to see any change in the table in division four as the three current leaders should all pick up wins in their matches, however a point should be made of Lions losing their unbeaten tag last weekend to Wynnum. I did remark on Wynnum's defensive qualities and they certainly came to the force in that match.

Division five has a false look to the table with the two unplayed matches, however they will be caught up over the next two Wednesday nights, with the match on Wednesday 13 June between the two leaders. This week should see wins for the Ridge, North Star, the Knights, Slacks Creek and University with an interesting match at Bulimba, however it should go the way of Thistle.

Division six has a cracker of a match on Friday night between the two current leaders Newmarket and Slacks Creek, with the winner (if there is one) having a jump on their opponents for the Premiership title. Both teams are scoring well and both have similar defensive qualities and as I refuse to sit on the fence on this one, I think the points will remain at McCook Park. The other two teams level pegging, Taringa and Capalaba, should pick up wins against their respective opposition.

QANTAS CUP

The round two matches will have been completed by the time this column has been read, and with the current cold snap we are experiencing, this will certainly test the mettle of players and officials alike, still we can't complain, we haven't had a real winter for years!

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

The University of Queensland has maintained its five point lead in the northern division, following a 2-1 victory over fourth-placed Mitchelton at the weekend.

The win was the students eleventh this season and has kept the club nearly two clear victories ahead of nearest rival Pine Rivers.

More importantly however, it lengthened the gap between the leaders and the other two major title contenders, North Star and the team the students defeated on the weekend, Mitchelton.

Last year's premiers North Star could only manage a 1-1 draw with Newmarket last weekend, making the club slip back a further two points behind both University and Pine Rivers on the competition ladder.

With Uni in such devastating form and enjoying such a healthy lead on the competition ladder, things are not looking good for the reigning premiers, as they prepare for Sunday afternoon's encounter with the current leaders.

Indeed North Star's form of late has at best been patchy, although the title holders will view Sunday's game against University as a must win encounter if they are to have any hope of defending their crown.

Victory over the students will mean an eight point deficit to make up by the end of the season, or an eleven point deficit to peg back should they falter and lose.

Mitchelton meanwhile will be out to get back on to the winning track, when it meets Grange Thistle on Sunday.

Mitchy's narrow loss to University has damaged the club's title aspirations considerably and a win over Grange is a must if the club is to continue to threaten the competition frontrunners.

Thistle went down 3-0 at Pine Rivers last weekend, adding to its present woes. With the

way Grange's season has gone to date, it would be highly unlikely if Thistle sprang an upset on Mitchelton this weekend.

Pine Rivers meanwhile is going from strength to strength, the club's victory last weekend keeping them in clear second, five points behind the students.

They will play host to Albany Creek on Saturday night, in what is sure to be a bitterly cold encounter.

Like Grange, Albany Creek has struggled all season, although the club did manage to grind out a solid 2-2 draw with North Pine last weekend.

That result should give the side plenty of confidence coming into the clash with Rivers, however it would still appear they would be up against it on Saturday night.

In the other round 16 match, The Gap will travel to Newmarket on Sunday afternoon.

Fresh from its 1-1 draw with the reigning title holders, Newmarket will be confident of building on that to claim only its fifth win of the season.

Newmarket is hard to beat at McCook Park and Sunday should prove no different.

The Gap meanwhile is coming off a fairly heavy 4-1 Cup loss to southern tear-aways Eastern Suburbs. Although the young Gap side has shown it can play good football at times, consistency has been a problem for the club this season.

The lure of a possible top four finish could spur the side on this weekend, with a win for either side set to launch them into premiership contention.

Verschoyle aims for top comp

Most players, when they hit 30 years of age, begin to consider how much longer they have in the round ball game as a player.

But for Eastern Suburbs sweeper Stephen Verschoyle, his goals and aspirations have had a major re-evaluation.

Despite playing for a XXXX League club for the majority of his career, he has never played Premier League before.

Now, seemingly in the twilight of his career, Verschoyle is quite adamant... he wants to play in the top grade, and soon.

"The goal is to play Premier League and while we're not out there each week necessarily playing for that goal, it is always in the back of our minds," Verschoyle said.

"And I guess as long as we keep winning, the opportunity to play Premier League will come about... we just have to be patient."

Verschoyle began his career with Brisbane Lions as a junior, a club he remained with for 15 years.

"I played reserves at Lions for a few year and about four years ago I realised that I wasn't going to reach the heights of the XXXX League, so I opted for a change of pace and moved to Easts," the experienced defender said.

And the move was probably the best thing Verschoyle could have done, giving him an opportunity to be a part of a winning semi-pro outfit, and a chance to help the club move back into Queensland's elite competition.

"The move has been a very good one," Verschoyle said.

"There is a lot of players at the club, who like me, never really made the grade in the XXXX League, but we seem to have gelled



together quite well and we're kicking a few goals.

"Apart from that, the club really made me feel welcome right from the outset, and I'm pretty confident that I will finish out my time there."

Despite common opinion, Verschoyle is of the belief that his side is not a team of superstars, but rather a team of hard workers, playing good football.

"I think a lot of our success can be attributed to Per van Hansen," the sweeper said. "He's come over from Denmark and

changed the way we play the game, including the formation that we're used to.

"At 30 years of age I thought I knew everything there was to know about soccer, but he's come along and taught us all a deal more and shown us how naive we probably were."

With Eastern Suburbs pushing hard to achieve Premier League status once again, Verschoyle is quietly confident of claiming this year's semi-pro title in the south.

However he remains critical of the fact that a premiership this year will mean little, in terms of being promoted to the Premier League ranks.

"It will be disappointing for the club if we don't eventually make it into the top competition," Verschoyle said. "Especially if we do win the title this year and maybe even in the coming years as well.

"And I think that prompts the need to restore the old relegation and promotion system.

"If there is no relegation and promotion, then what are we really playing for out there?"

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

In the southern competition, Olympic United has regained some lost ground on Eastern Suburbs, courtesy of a big win at the weekend and the Tigers sitting out of fixtures with a bye.

Despite the club's impressive 8-0 win over Beenleigh however, Olympic still remains ten points shy of the current competition leaders.

Unfortunately for Olympic, the club has dropped several matches which it probably should have won. The result of this is that Easts have put a huge margin between themselves and the rest of the competition, a margin that at this stage, looks unlikely to be reeled in.

Things look extremely good for Easts again this weekend, as the side prepares for its round 16 match up with Beenleigh.

Fresh from a 4-1 Cup win over The Gap, Easts will be short-priced favourites to hand Beenleigh another massive loss.

The Lions just have not responded at all well to the rigours of this year's semi-pro competition and will shortly be hitting three figures in the goal against column.

Realistically, nothing short of a miracle will prevent Easts from scoring ten goals or more this weekend, given Beenleigh's current form.

Apart from setting themselves up for a big win, the other thing going the way of the Tigers this weekend, is that two of the competition's other top sides will be taking points away from each other, when they meet.

Second placed Olympic will travel to Waverley Park to meet last year's premiers Souths Utd on Saturday night. Both sides must win the match to keep their title aspirations alive.

Souths moved into outright fourth spot on the ladder after last weekend's 2-0 victory over Capalaba, however the club is still five points behind Olympic and a massive 15 points short of Eastern Suburbs.

Victory this weekend over Olympic is imperative, or the reigning premiers are likely to fall 18 points behind the Tigers, a margin that would just be too much to make up.

Olympic at present is the only side in a position to realistically challenge the Tigers on the competition ladder, even though they remain ten points behind.

Victory for Olympic over Souths will ensure they remain 10 points shy and not allow the Tigers to go further out of reach.

The other club that has climbed its way up the table in recent weeks is Rocklea United. Last week Rocklea enjoyed another successful outing, this time against dark horse Acacia Ridge.

The talented Rocklea side won that match 3-1, however the club must sit out this weekend's round of fixtures with a bye, meaning it will lose some of the ground it has battled hard for recently.

Another match sure to have plenty of intrigue at the weekend will be the clash between bayside neighbours Redlands and Capalaba, also on Saturday night.

These matches are always entertaining as both clubs struggle to assert their authority over the other.

What will make Saturday night's match even more interesting is the current form of both sides.

Capalaba has had a few hiccups in recent weeks, as some of its younger players struggle to come to terms with semi-professional football, while Redlands on the other hand showed a bit of form in its upset 2-1 win over Slacks Creek last week.

Redlands remains planted firmly near the bottom of the table, however pride is a funny thing, and it certainly goes a long way in these matches.

In the remaining round sixteen match in the south, Slacks Creek will travel to Acacia Ridge, also on Saturday night.

Freeman - "broken wrist and I've lost a few teeth as well"

It is 7.30am, the phone rings a couple of times and is answered by Souths Utd goalkeeper Brenden Freeman.

Brenden: Hello.

Eye on Soccer: Would Brenden Freeman be available?

Brenden: That's me.

Eye on Soccer: Hi Brenden. We were wondering whether you might be able to spare a few minutes, as we would like to do a profile on you for publication in this week's edition.

Brenden: Mate, we're having a baby today and are waiting for him to arrive so I've got plenty of time to talk!

At 24 years of age, Brenden Freeman is perhaps more mature than many of his former schoolmates.

Already blessed with two lively young girls, Tahnee and Ashlee, the Freeman's will most likely have added some testosterone to their brood by the time this article has been published.

And while Brenden is still only relatively young in keeping terms, he is already talking of retirement.

"I suppose the fact that I have now, or at least soon will have, three kids to look after is a big factor in the way I am thinking at the moment," he said.

"Also, the injuries can be pretty bad at times as I have everything from a broken wrist to a broken nose and have lost a few teeth as well.

"I'm happy to finish off my career with Souths and will see how things go in the short term."

Despite holding down a job, raising a young family and playing the game he loves, Brenden has also found time to serve as a committee member at the club.

It is something that he enjoys and will help him to achieve his sole remaining ambition in the game.

"I would like to play a part in making sure that Souths make it into the Premier League one day," he said.

"I think we have got the player personnel and support base to be a viable option in the top division and hopefully we can achieve that goal in the not too distant future."

Brenden began his love affair with the code at the tender age of four when he turned out for the Salisbury club.

Stints with Kingsridge and Slacks Creek preceded his move to Souths as a 15-year-old.

A decade later and Brenden lists many poignant moments at Souths as highlights of his career.

"Last year, the first team at Souths won the premiership and that was the first time that club had ever achieved that result," he said.

"We managed to run down Rocklea who had an 18-point lead midway through the and ended up winning on goal difference so that was a big thrill.

"The reserves also won the premiership last season, so it was a very big year for the club."

There is perception within the soccer community that goalkeepers are of a different ilk... a lonely breed that remain isolated in a team sport.

And while Brenden admits that being a goalkeeper can have its negatives, he is passionate about his chosen position.

"Being a keeper can get lonely and you usually either end up a villain or a hero and more times that not, the former is true," he said.

"But I genuinely like the position and have trained for it all my life, and there is no doubt that it does have its rewards."

Well, Jodie and Brendan have added to their brood. We believe a baby boy has joined the clan. Congratulations to you all from everyone at Eye On Soccer and the Federation.

How they fared here and there

XXXX LEAGUE

B'BERG WAVES	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0-0	Rd15
MT GRAVATT	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	1-2	Rd15
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0-0	Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1-0	Rd15
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	WYNNUM	1-1	Rd15

XXXX RESERVES

B'BERG WAVES	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0-1	Rd15
MT GRAVATT	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	1-7	Rd15
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0-4	Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	3-2	Rd15
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	WYNNUM	2-1	Rd15

XXXX YOUTH

MT GRAVATT	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	0-2	Rd15
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	2-3	Rd15
SUNSHINE COAST	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	6-0	Rd15
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1-7	Rd15
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	WYNNUM	0-0	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

ALBANY CREEK	Vs	NORTH PINE	2-2	Rd15
NORTH STAR	Vs	NEWMARKET	1-1	Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs	UNI OF QLD	1-2	Rd15
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	3-0	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

ALBANY CREEK	Vs	NORTH PINE	1-2	Rd15
NORTH STAR	Vs	NEWMARKET	1-2	Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs	UNI OF QLD	1-3	Rd15
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	2-2	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

NORTH STAR	Vs	NEWMARKET	2-0	Rd15
MITCHELTON	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0-1	Rd15
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	3-0	Rd15
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	NORTH PINE	3-1	Rd15
THE GAP	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	2-2	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

CAPALABA	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	0-2	Rd15
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	1-2	Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	8-0	Rd15
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	3-1	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

CAPALABA	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	1-2	Rd15
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	0-0	Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	13-1	Rd15
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	7-2	Rd15

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

CAPALABA	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	3-1	Rd15
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	2-3	Rd15
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	1-1	Rd15
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	9-1	Rd15

AMATEUR DIV 1

PENINSULA POWER	Vs	SOUTH STAR	3-1	Rd11
ANERLEY	Vs	INALA CITY	2-3	Rd11
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	4-2	Rd11
GOODNA & DIST	Vs	SAMFORD	2-1	Rd11
DARRA UTD	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	4-2	Rd11
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	JIMBOOMBA	4-0	Rd11

AMATEUR DIV 1 RES

PENINSULA POWER	Vs	SOUTH STAR	3-0	Rd11
ANERLEY	Vs	INALA CITY	6-0	Rd11
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	2-2	Rd11
GOODNA & DIST	Vs	SAMFORD	1-5	Rd11
DARRA UTD	Vs	MOGGILL UTD	2-2	Rd11
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	JIMBOOMBA	7-2	Rd11

AMATEUR DIV 2

BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	PINE HILLS	1-1	Rd15
LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	PARK RIDGE	0-2	Rd15
BETHANIA RAMS	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	6-1	Rd15
MOOROONDU	Vs	OXLEY UTD	0-8	Rd15
WOODRIDGE	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	4-2	Rd15

AMATEUR DIV 2 RES

BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	PINE HILLS	0-1	Rd15
LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	PARK RIDGE	5-1	Rd15
BETHANIA RAMS	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	1-1	Rd15
MOOROONDU	Vs	OXLEY UTD	4-7	Rd15
WOODRIDGE	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	1-0	Rd15

AMATEUR DIV 3

SOUTHS UTD	Vs	GREENBANK	2-4	Rd11
PENINSULA POWER	Vs	EASTS PINEAPPLE	2-4	Rd11
KINGSRIDGE	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	3-7	Rd11
SAMFORD	Vs	BRIGHTON DIST	0-6	Rd11
ANERLEY	Vs	PARK RIDGE	2-0	Rd11

AMATEUR DIV 4

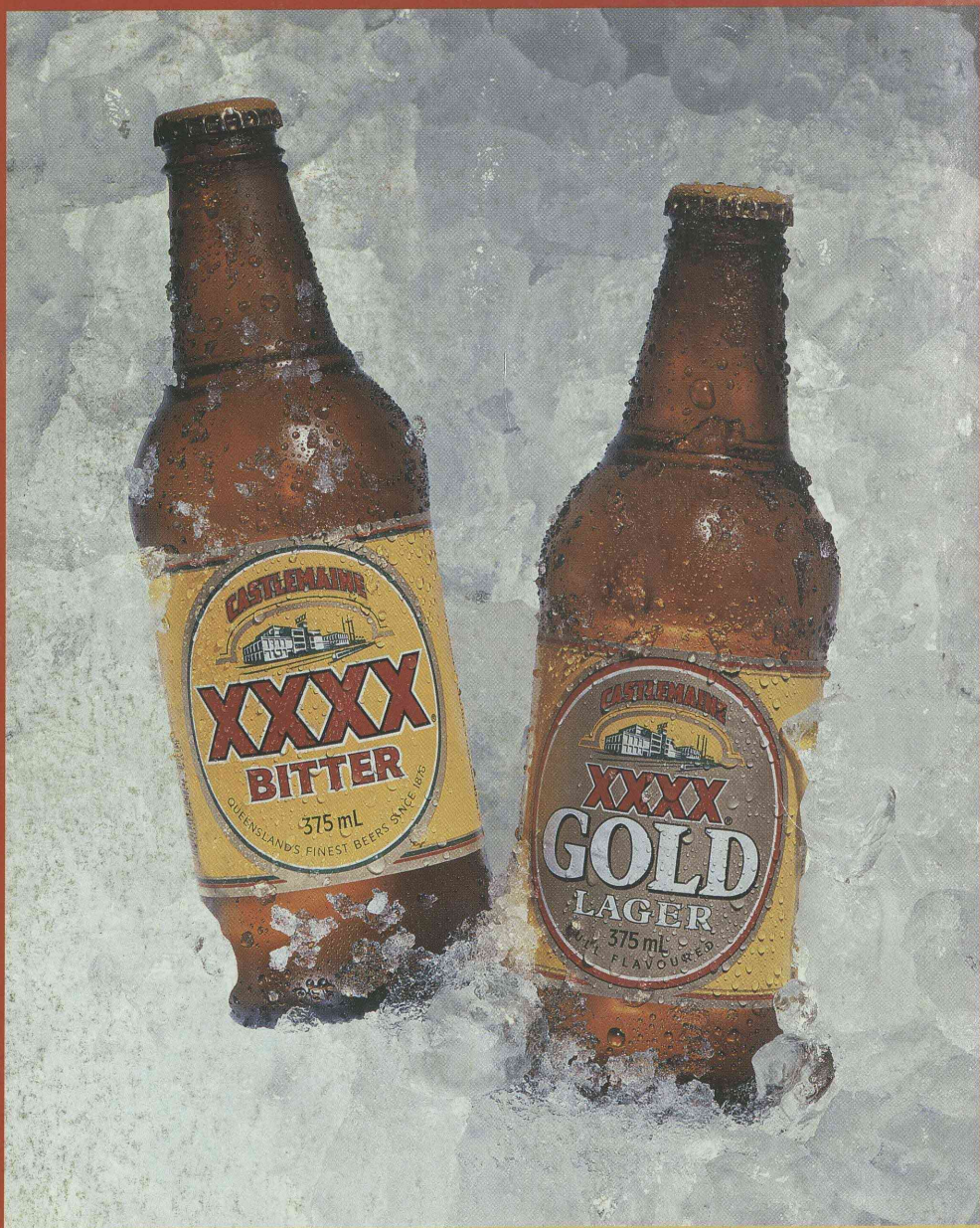
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	WYNNUM	0-2	Rd11
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	NEWMARKET	3-1	Rd11
MITCHELTON	Vs	MT GRAVATT	3-2	Rd11
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	THE GAP	1-4	Rd11
UNI OF QLD	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	3-1	Rd11

AMATEUR DIV 5

ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	PARK RIDGE	16-0	Rd11
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	NORTH PINE	3-1	Rd11
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	0-2	Rd11
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	3-3	Rd11
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	NORTH STAR	3-2	Rd11
UNI OF QLD	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	2-2	Rd11

AMATEUR DIV 6

NORTH STAR	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	0-1	Rd14
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	OXLEY UTD	3-1	Rd14
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	3-3	Rd14
CAPALABA	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	3-1	Rd14
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NEWMARKET	0-6	Rd14
SAMFORD	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0-4	Rd14
UNI OF QLD	Vs	EASTS PINEAPPLE	2-1	Rd14



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