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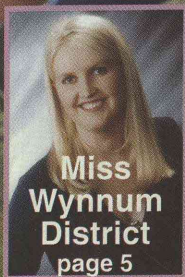
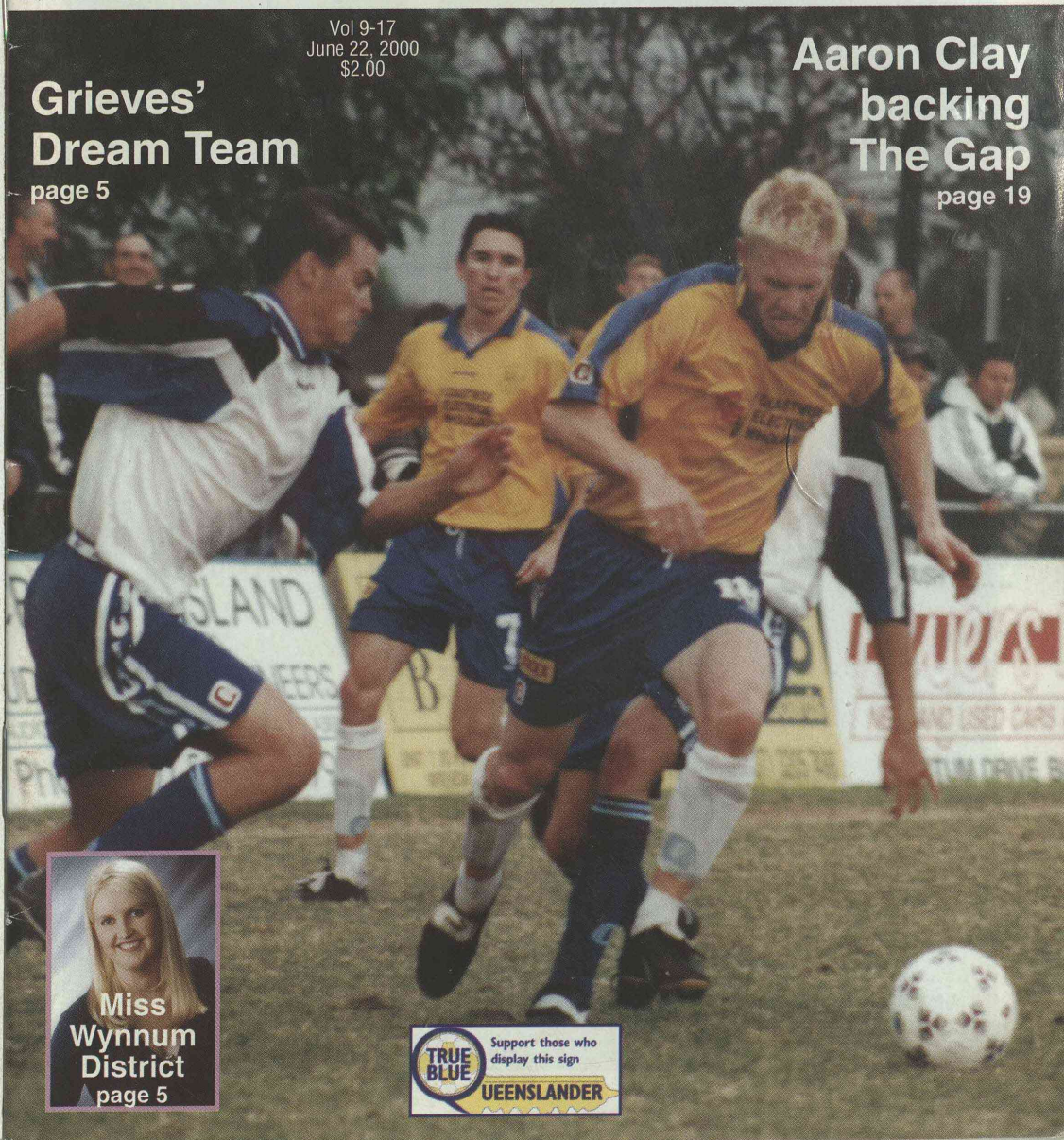
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breaks towards the midfield with a Taringa  
defender intent on stopping him during  
their Sunday afternoon clash at Palm  
Beach Soccer Club. Gold Coast City  
defeated Taringa 2-1

# Editorial

Goodbyes are always sad, but when it's farewell to a friend of 22 years it's even harder.

Tomorrow (Friday) marks the final day in the Queensland Soccer Federation career of super administrative assistant Trish Capell.

Trish is leaving to take control of the Wynnum-Manly franchise of Aussie Pooch Mobile Dog Washing.

It wasn't an easy decision to make, but Trish felt it was time to make a change.

She started at the QSF straight from college and feels though it's time to get out and see what the rest of the world is like.

Having enjoyed her time here, she confided she had met a lot of people and that she would miss them all.

"I thought I could leave here quietly but people have said that I can't do that," was one comment she made.

Trish has seen the QSF go through many changes since she started her career and is pleased with the state in which she leaves the Federation.

Having witnessed a variety of programs put in place by the QSF and the birth of the Strikers, Trish said it was terrific, and that soccer as a code had grown considerably.

She encouraged all soccer fans with dogs that needed a wash in the Wynnum-Manly area to call her on 1300 369 369.

Meanwhile, the Premier League enters its final full round this weekend and unless Brisbane City suffer a dramatic form loss, the premiership looks to be heading to Spencer Park.

But Brisbane Lions, Rochedale, Gold Coast City and Wynnum won't have given up hope, so it still promises to be an exciting finish to the season.

Down the other end of the ladder, Mount Gravatt and Toowoomba appear to be favourites for the wooden spoon, but both clubs are in reach of others ahead so nothing is guaranteed.

Make sure you get to Perry Park on July 2 to support Mount Gravatt player Lincoln Greaves. It promises to be a great day. For the full story turn to page 5.

# What happened in Round 18

**Brisbane City's 4-0 thrashing of the Wynnum Wolves at Carmichael Park on Saturday night has kept the Danny Wright-coached side 10 points clear of nearest rivals Brisbane Lions, who have one game in hand.**

Lions had a tough 2-1 win over Ipswich Knights at Richlands on Sunday, with the Knights reduced to 10 men with half an hour remaining after striker John Clark was sent off for his second yellow card.

Rochdale Rovers remained in third place with a 2-0 win over the Toowoomba Raiders on Saturday, while the Gold Coast City moved into fourth with a 2-1 defeat of Taringa Rovers.

In the weekend's other match, Bundaberg Waves and Mount Gravatt played out a 1-1 draw at Thabeban Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Jason Chapman scored only the Waves' 12th goal this season, while Mark Davidson grabbed the Hawks goal.

At Carmichael Park, Brisbane City players Mark Battistin, Damien Waugh, Wayne Strange and Nathan Carlos each found the net.

City coach Wright said the 4-0 scoreline was a true indication of his side's dominance.

"We played well all over the park," he said.

"The conditions were difficult with the cricket pitch in the middle, but the boys carved it out."

Wright joked that "two sixes were hit" from a couple of City shots that cleared the fence and that there were a "couple of near run outs" in the middle.

City's squad has been further bolstered by the short-term signing of goalkeeper Daniel Duke, the Brisbane Strikers custodian who has recently returned from a loan stint in New Zealand with the Football Kingz.

With City 'keeper Mark Bland expected to miss the rest of the season with an ankle injury, Duke's signing will increase the pressure on current custodian Scott Higgins.

Another goalkeeper, Ipswich Knights' Jason Lucas, drew praise from his coach Frank

Pimblett despite being on the losing side in Lions 2-1 victory on Sunday.

Pimblett said Lucas kept the Knights in the game against the club he left at the end of last season with some "world class" saves.

But Pimblett was disappointed with the Knights first-half effort, saying his side gave Lions' Michael Baird two "soft" goals.

Ipswich fought back after half-time reducing the deficit to one through a header from captain Peter McKendrick who later missed a penalty.

At Palm Beach on Sunday, Adem Poric scored twice on his return to the Gold Coast side, with Craig Barnes scoring a first-half goal for Taringa.

Rochdale's win over Toowoomba on Saturday night came courtesy of a Matt Olley penalty strike and a Brad Ditton goal.

Olley now has 13 goals for the season and is two ahead of Lions' striker Royce Brownlie atop the Premier League goalscoring chart.

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## Miss Queensland Soccer Quest

**Tanya Gannon, the Wynnum Wolves entrant in this year's Miss Queensland Soccer Quest, says the new feeling of being in a pageant is "a bit scary" but "exciting".**

A hairdresser at Bourdeaux Hair Studio at Capalaba, 21-year-old Tanya has been following the Wolves for the past three years. Her boyfriend is Wolves first-team player Mark Alaru.

"They've been playing very well considering how they went last year," she said.

Tanya said she took the advice of a lot of people who told her she would make a great quest entrant.

"It'll be a good experience to do it. It's a bit scary because I don't know what to expect but I'm getting to meet a lot of people."

Tanya has been conducting lots of raffles and will also hold a fashion parade next month.



## The L.G. Dream Team

**The Queensland soccer community will unite at Perry Park on July 2 in aid of ill Mount Gravatt player Lincoln Greaves.**

Lincoln has not long been out of hospital after a being involved in a collision during a Premier League reserves match which left him fighting for his life.

The Greaves family has battled hard to help their son, who might again be able to play soccer.

To help raise money for Lincoln's medical expenses, Mount Gravatt coach Mal Bland has organised a match between a Premier League "Dream Team" and the Brisbane Strikers.

Lincoln has chosen the Premier League side, with a preliminary squad of 21 having been picked. The Strikers side is expected to include at least nine players with National League experience.

To ensure that all Premier League players

are available, the two catch-up games scheduled for the weekend July 1-2 will not be played on the Sunday.

Two other matches will also be played on the day, with a Premier League Youth match between the Toowoomba Raiders and the Sunshine Coast to start at 12.45pm.

The Raiders kindly agreed to rescheduled the match from Gold Park to be part of what promises to be a special day.

In between the youth game and the main game there will be a fun match pitting the print media against the electronic media.

It is believed that Strikers coach John Kosmina may be part of the electronic media team.

Spectators are more than welcome, with cost of entry being a gold coin.

Castlemaine Perkins' Talai Prescott has joined in the spirit of the occasion by very

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Mt Gravatt v Toowoomba Raiders

The two teams that are currently favourites for the wooden spoon prize meet at Dittmer Park on Saturday night.

Just one point currently separates ninth-placed Toowoomba Raiders and last-placed Mount Gravatt, although the Raiders have a game in hand against Brisbane Lions following a wash out two rounds ago.

But despite their higher placing than Mount Gravatt, the Raiders will go into this weekend's match as underdogs, with the Hawks always a tougher proposition on the small and hard Dittmer Park.

The Hawks will also take an encouraging result into the match, having come back from Bundaberg with a point following a 1-1 draw with Waves last Saturday night.

The Raiders also played away, but didn't return to Toowoomba with anything, losing 2-0 to Rochedale Rovers.

The loss was Toowoomba's ninth of the season. Put that together with just three wins and five losses and it's not hard to see why the club is struggling near the foot of the ladder.

Mount Gravatt has lost two more matches and like the Raiders, has just three wins to show for in a season entering its final stretch.

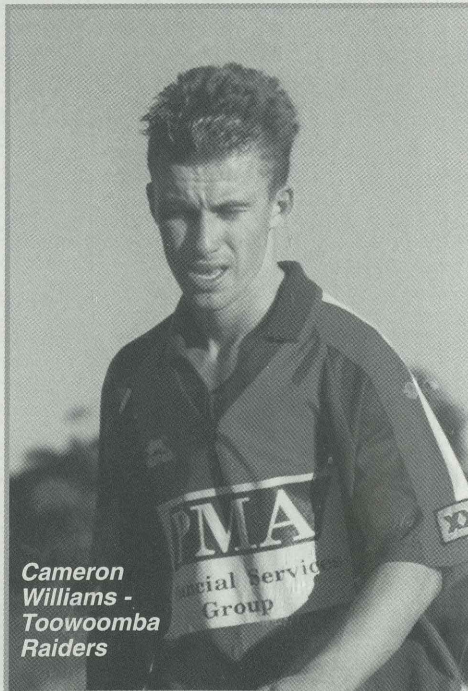
Such is the tightness at the bottom end of the table that a win to either side could see them leapfrog eighth-placed Bundaberg, which has a hard encounter against Wynnum.

Seventh-placed Taringa is not too far out of reach either, although like the Raiders, Taringa has one match in hand.

**WHO'S HOT:** Mark Davidson scored for Mount Gravatt last weekend. The experienced Anthony Brown needs to fire for the Raiders.

**LAST TIME THEY MET:** Round 10 - Mt Gravatt 2 d Toowoomba Raiders 1 - Gold Park, April 22.

**TIP:** Mount Gravatt 2-1



Cameron Williams - Toowoomba Raiders

### Mt Gravatt v T'wmba Raiders

Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt  
Saturday June 24, 7pm

MT GRAVATT	TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS
1 Adam Lebian	1 Trevor Gilliland
2 Kieran Galloway	2 Colin Hackwood
3 Ben Stabler	3 Martin James
4 Richard Holliday	4 Ken Duncan
5 Nathan Fairley	5 Brent Hyslop
6 Brett Jones	6 Anthony Brown
7 Joel Smith	7 Gavin Freier
8 Anthony McCullough	8 Leigh Ramia
9 Brendan Seipel	9 Cameron Williams
10 Drew Oberle	10 Jamie Miller
11 Calvin Gnech	11 Steve Willmot
12 Mike Rowland	12 Jason Bosward
13 Max Scott	13 Ashley Fox
14 Andrew Davidson	14 Steve Wilkes
15 (Not allocated)	15 Chris Wilkes
16 Robin Gosney	16 Shane Biber
17 Lincoln Greaves	17 Craig McConnell
18 Wade Baldwin	18 Adam Nicholson
19 Naoki Uemura	19 Martin Rees
	20 Liam Hackwood

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Rochedale Rov v Ipswich Knights

Rochedale Rovers attempt to continue their quiet move up the Premier League ladder when they meet the Ipswich Knights at Underwood Park on Saturday night.

Without a great deal of fanfare in recent weeks, Rovers have moved from fifth to third on the table thanks to a string of positive results.

Unfortunately for Rovers the good efforts have come after several losses which put a dent in their premiership aspirations.

With nine matches of the season remaining, Rovers are 10 points behind leader Brisbane City, so more wins are needed if they are to challenge for the title.

The premiership is out of reach for the sixth-placed Knights, whose 2-1 loss to Brisbane Lions last Sunday has left them 20 points behind City.

Sunday's loss was the Knights 10th of the season, with only bottom side Mount Gravatt having lost more matches.

The Knights push up the table has been hindered recently by their habit of winning one match and then losing the next.

Knights coach Frank Pimblett knows his side must string some wins together during the final full round of matches if the Ipswich team is to break into the top half of the ladder.

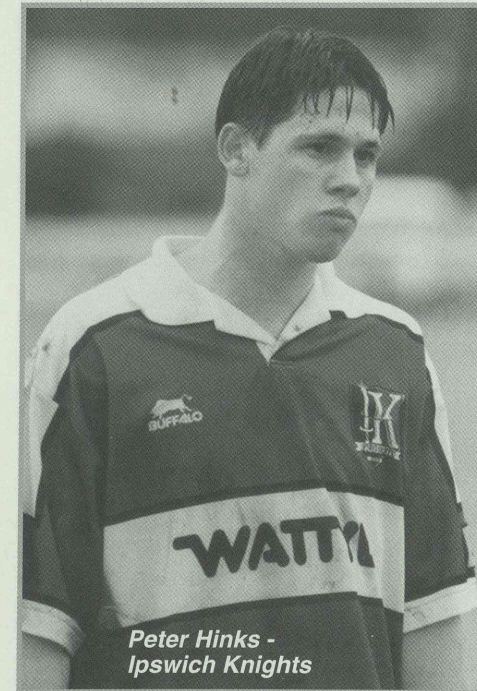
Despite their loss last week, the Knights will take some confidence into Saturday's match, having defeated Rochedale at the same venue in their first game of the season.

Rochedale gained revenge with a second round victory on a cold night at Bundamba.

**WHO'S HOT:** Brad Ditton marked his good recent form in the Rochedale midfield with a goal last weekend. Knights skipper Peter McKendrick made it two goals in as many weeks last Sunday despite also missing a penalty.

**LAST TIME THEY MET:** Round 10 - Rochedale Rovers 1 d Ipswich Knights 0, Eric Evans Reserve, April 22.

**TIP:** Ipswich 1-0



Peter Hinks - Ipswich Knights

### Rochedale Rov v Ipswich Knights

Underwood Park, Rochedale  
Saturday June 24, 7pm

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
1 Graham Ross	1 Jason Lucas
2 Paul Grugan	2 Ken Caldwell
3 Ross Davidson	3 (Not allocated)
4 Dwayne Good	4 Andrew King
5 Damian Harris	5 Clint Scott
6 Alun Evans	6 Peter Hinks
7 Nick Seeley	7 Brenley Jefferd
8 Michael Legg	8 John Clark
9 Matt Olley	9 Trent Griffiths
10 Clayton Koch	10 Peter McKendrick
11 Gareth Dorey	11 Steven Hughes
12 Roy Huth	12 Tim Reece
13 Brad Ditton	13 Stewart Drinkeld
14 Danny Stowers	14 Scott Stenzel
15 Greg Anderson	15 Adam Le Flay
16 Adam Watson	16 Wayne Adams
17 Corey Nicholson	17 Andrej Gacesa
18 Taro Urabe	18 Peter Hallett
19 Darren Bender	19 Richard Hilli
20 Todd Rumble	Rgk. Nathan Gee

## PREMIER PREVIEW - B'BERG WAVES v WYNNUM WOLVES

The Wynnum Wolves will seek to restore some lost pride on Saturday night when they travel to Bundaberg to meet Waves.

The Wolves premiership hopes have all but ended after an embarrassing 4-0 home loss to Brisbane City at Carmichael Park last weekend.

Despite having a game in hand on the leaders, Wynnum is still 14 points behind City, which could be too much ground to make up so deep into the season.

City also has a massive goal difference advantage over the Wolves, being 27 ahead of the Peter Tokesi-coached side.

Even if they cannot catch City, Wolves will want to finish the season on a high, with Brisbane Lions, Rochedale and Gold Coast City all reachable targets.

Waves would also love to come home with a flurry in their final nine matches of the season.

It's been a hard campaign for the Tony Walmsley-coached side, which has just three wins to show for its efforts.

Waves have also just 12 goals to their name, a poor strike rate in an 18-match-old season.

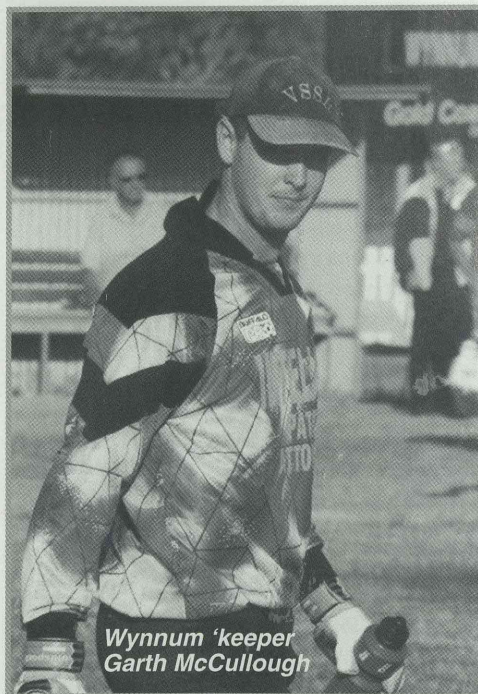
The Bundaberg side has just four more matches at home, so to move away from the bottom portion of the table, one would think Waves have to get at least 10 points out of a possible 12 from their remaining games at Thabeban Sports Complex.

It will not be easy though, with several visiting teams enjoying the wide-open spaces and good surface the Bundaberg venue offers.

**WHO'S HOT:** Despite being part of a defensive line that took a battering last week, Wynnum's Steve Foreshaw again stood out. Jason Chapman scored for the Waves last weekend - a rare achievement this season.

**LAST TIME THEY MET:** Round 10 - Wynnum Wolves 4 d Bundaberg Waves 1 - Carmichael Park, April 22.

**TIP:** Wynnum Wolves 3-0



Wynnum 'keeper  
Garth McCullough

### Bundaberg Waves v Wynnum

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg  
Saturday June 24, 7pm

BUNDABERG WAVES	WYNNUM WOLVES
1 Corey Baldock	1 Garth McCulloch
2 Robbie Hooker	2 Shane Gilroy
3 Robert Thatcher	3 James Gowans
4 Dale Zimmerlie	4 Steve Foreshaw
5 Lucas Read	5 Duncan Easton
6 Tony Roebuck	6 Paul DeVries
7 Jason Chapman	7 Danny Flaskas
8 Jacob Noe	8 Anthony Roche
9 Nick Maas	9 Stuart Popplewell
10 Glen Kolpak	10 (Not allocated)
11 Rodney Cooper	11 Owen Filewood
12 Troy Hews	12 Aaron Thiesfield
13 (Not Allocated)	13 (Not allocated)
14 Peter Bock	14 (Not allocated)
15 Andrew Clarke	15 Cameron Filewood
16 Jason Keune	16 (Not allocated)
17 Brett Kitching	17 Mark Alaru
20 Robert McVie	18 Scott Rocker
	19 (Not allocated)
	20 Damian Rogers
	Rgk Chris Giannangelo

## PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast City v Brisbane City

Brisbane City's game against Gold Coast City on Sunday at Palm Beach is the first of three matches coach Danny Wright says will make or break the leaders premiership chances.

Despite ahead of nearest rivals Brisbane Lions by 10 points, City is still not guaranteed the premiership.

Wright said good results against the Coast, Brisbane Lions and Rochedale in the next three games should go close to giving his side the title.

"It's a hard stretch for us," the Brisbane City coach said.

"We'll just take one game at a time and play each game on its merits."

Wright is expecting a tough time on Sunday against the Gold Coast, the team that Brisbane City beat last year to win the grand final.

"They're well organised and a good team. They've got a couple of good players in (Adem) Poric and (Steve) Fitzsimmons," he said.

Wright is also wary of a Palm Beach pitch he said was narrow.

"Every week there's a challenge. We just have to expect the unexpected."

Had the Gold Coast not lost two of its last three matches, Sunday's game could have had a greater bearing on the premiership.

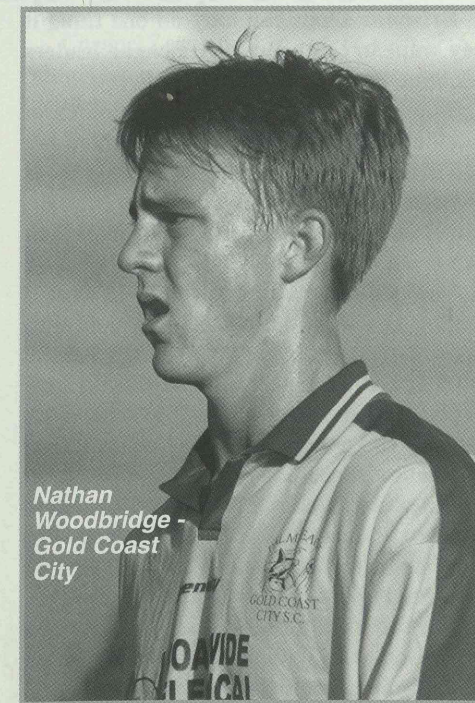
But instead of six points behind the leaders, the Coast are 12 points adrift. This margin means a win is essential for the home side this weekend.

Brisbane City has already travelled to Palm Beach once this year, having returned to Newmarket with the three points.

**WHO'S HOT:** Adem Poric scored two goals in his return to the Gold Coast side last week. Scott Elliott has been an inspiration in defence for City this season.

**LAST TIME THEY MET:** Round 10 - Brisbane City 0 drew with Gold Coast City 0 - Spencer Park, April 22.

**TIP:** Brisbane City 2-1



Nathan Woodbridge -  
Gold Coast City

### Gold Coast City v Brisbane City

Palm Beach SC, Palm Beach  
Sunday June 25, 2.45pm

GOLD COAST CITY	BRISBANE CITY
1 Jamie Irwin	1 Mark Bland
2 Adam Evans	2 Warren Cooley
3 Robbie Boxall	3 Aaron Aldridge
4 Cameron Watson	4 Clifford Tuck
5 Nathan Woodbridge	5 Wayne Strange
6 Neil Ferguson	6 Scott Elliott
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Pablo Aviles
8 Adam Hayward	8 Demetri Theochari
9 (Not Allocated)	9 Vedran Becirbegovic
10 Tony Pearcey	10 Chris Slater
11 Kris Dodd	11 Allan Cameron
12 (Not Allocated)	12 Christopher Spurr
13 Warren Allen	13 Bojan Vilibic
14 Karl Dodd	14 Nathan Carlos
15 Robert Millican	15 Damien Waugh
16 Adam Vermillion	16 Michael Grammatico
19 Nathan Thompson	17 Barry Wilkinson
20 Adem Poric	18 Mark Battistin
Rgk. Glenn Moss	19 Stephen Starr
	20 Scott Higgins

## PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS V TARINGA ROVERS

**Brisbane Lions can only do one thing if they want to catch Premier League leaders Brisbane City - keep winning.**

Their next must-win match comes at Richlands on Sunday against a talented but inconsistent Taringa side.

Second-placed Lions are currently 10 points behind City, but have a match in hand on their arch-rivals.

The two teams clash on July 9 in what is shaping as a classic encounter, but until then Lions must concentrate on their battles at hand.

They kept the pressure on City with the hard-fought 2-1 home win over the Ipswich Knights last weekend and need a similar result against Taringa Rovers on Sunday.

Lions coach John Ogden knows Rovers will lift for the match. Ogden left Taringa for Richlands at the start of the season and brought with him 10 players.

The sides have already met at Lions Stadium this season, with Taringa leaving with a point.

A similar result on Sunday would harm Lions' premiership chances, but would be a good reward for Taringa, which has improved throughout the season.

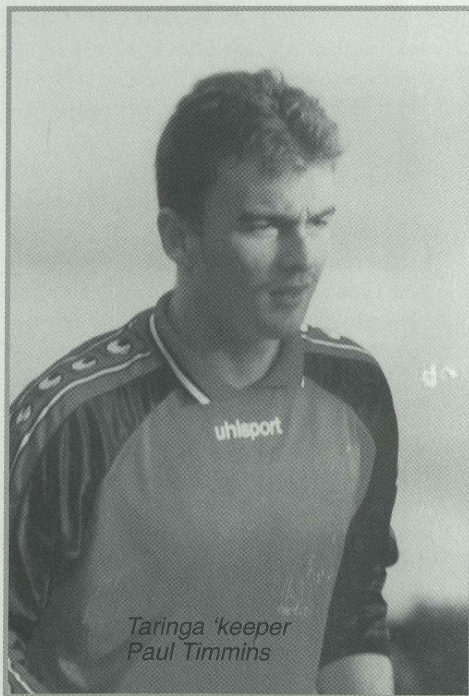
To escape with something from the match Taringa must contain Lions' dangerous striking duo Royce Brownlie and Sasa Radulovic, who between them have scored 21 of their team's 31 goals this season.

But Taringa also has a dangerous striker in Darryl Hathaway who will need to be watched by solid Lions defender Chris Day.

**WHO'S HOT:** Lions teenager Michael Baird scored both of his side's goals against Ipswich last weekend. Craig Barnes continues to produce solid performances in the Taringa midfield.

**LAST TIME THEY MET:** Round 10 - Taringa Rovers 1 drew Brisbane Lions 1 - Jack Speare Park, April 22.

**TIP:** Brisbane Lions 2-0



Taringa 'keeper  
Paul Timmins

### Brisbane Lions v Taringa Rovers

Lions Stadium, Richlands  
Sunday June 25, 4pm

BRISBANE LIONS	TARINGA ROVERS
1 Anthony Breaden	1 Clint Dal Santo
2 Jamie Lowndes	2 Shane Barnes
3 Darren Sime	3 Matthew Packer
4 Raj Kumar	4 Damien Volker
5 Chris Day	5 (Not allocated)
6 Darren Hillier	6 Craig Barnes
7 Steve Jackson	7 Francis Cosson
8 Des Hughes	8 Craig Collins
9 Royce Brownlie	9 Chris Donohue
10 Scott Robertson	10 Steve Dawe
11 Sasa Radulovic	11 Darryl Hathaway
12 Danny Britton	12 Cameron Williamson
13 B Lewandowski	13 Mathew Bastian
14 Warren Moon	14 Niki Kuyper
15 Grant Dickens	15 (Not allocated)
16 Shaun Molenda	16 Neil Reed
17 Steve Bland	17 Joe Morris
18 Glen Farinazzo	18 Gianni Culp
19 Ryan Hanger	19 Willie Carter
20 Corey Hagell	20 Paul Timmins
21 Brett Dickens	

## A House of Rep's speech

**The following is a transcript of a speech given to the House of Representatives by the member for Fowler, Mrs Julie Irwin. It makes for interesting reading.**

"Last weekend there were a number of major football matches held around Australia. Rugby league and AFL rounds were well covered by free-to-air television, but strangely the match, which had the largest ground attendance, was not directly broadcast on free-to-air television.

That match was not the final of the Super 12 rugby competition, but that is another story. The game that attracted a record crowd of 42,764 to Subiaco Oval in Perth last Saturday was not an AFL game.

It was nor a game of rugby league. It was a semifinal match between the Perth Glory and the Wollongong Wolves in the National Soccer League.

If the AFL grand final or the NRL grand final were not broadcast live there would be an enormous outcry.

Fans of those codes would demand that their government take action to ensure that there was live free-to-air coverage. But a commercial television network licensed by this government can turn its back on a huge viewing audience without the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts saying a word. How many viewers watch soccer?

Let me give you the facts. The 1999 AFL grand final had a viewing audience of 2.97 million. The NRL grand final had a viewing audience of 2.9 million. Compare that with the viewing audience for the Manchester United versus Australia game last year, which attracted a viewing audience of 4 million.

Why was last Saturday's soccer semifinal not broadcast live and why will this Sunday's final not be broadcast live?

Before you think about that question, I should explain the full situation. Channel 7 has an agreement with Soccer Australia giving it exclusive rights to televise soccer in Australia.

Channel 7 actually paid Soccer Australia \$25 million for exclusive rights for 10 years. So why did they not show the game live?

Why was it that, having shown highlights of every AFL game, in its sports news, Channel 7 did not show a glimpse of the soccer game?

Around the bars of soccer clubs it doesn't take much for rumours of conspiracy to get started. So when a television network with a high stake in AFL pays out big dollars for exclusive rights to soccer and then stops it from going to air, you have to wonder if there may be some truth to the rumours.

Why won't Channel 7 broadcast the final this Sunday? Take a look at its program line-up next Sunday afternoon. Channel 7 in Sydney gives us continuous AFL from 11am to 5pm - six hours of AFL but no time for soccer.

Does Channel 7 want to kill off soccer in Australia? Does it want to convert all of us to Australian Football?

Fortunately, the game of soccer is bigger than the likes of Channel 7, fortunately the ABC provided a delayed telecast of highlights of last Saturday's match and will provide 55 minutes of highlights of this Sunday's final.

Fortunately, SBS provides a good coverage of Australian and international soccer.

With over 600,000 active players and at least four million fans, soccer is the biggest football code in Australia.

Surely with this level of support the semifinals and finals of the National Soccer League deserve to be declared 'classic sporting events' and therefore subject to the anti-hoarding provision of the Broadcasting Services Act.

This would force, Channel 7 to show the finals live on free-to-air TV or allow them to be shown live on ABC or SBS for a fee of \$1.

Will the minister do this in time for Sunday's match? One could hope that he is a Carlton supporter who does not mind seeing his team beaten by Wollongong live, on free-to-air TV this Sunday."

# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

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BRISBANE CITY	18	13	3	2	42	11	42
BRISBANE LIONS	17	9	5	3	31	16	32
ROCHEDALE ROV	18	10	2	6	33	23	32
GOLD COAST CITY	18	9	3	6	29	18	30
WYNNUM	17	8	4	5	28	24	28
IPSW KNIGHTS	18	7	1	10	23	26	22
TARINGA ROVERS	17	4	5	8	18	28	17
B'BERG WAVES	18	3	6	9	12	29	15
T'WMBRA RAIDERS	17	3	5	9	16	31	14
MT GRAVATT	18	3	4	11	21	47	13

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	17	14	1	2	73	21	43
ROCHEDALE ROV	18	13	2	3	36	24	41
BRISBANE CITY	18	13	1	4	46	36	40
GOLD COAST CITY	18	10	0	8	54	32	30
T'WMBRA RAIDERS	17	8	3	6	32	29	27
IPSW KNIGHTS	18	8	1	9	28	27	25
WYNNUM	17	6	2	9	32	32	20
TARINGA ROVERS	17	6	1	10	14	26	19
MT GRAVATT	18	2	4	12	20	52	10
B'BERG WAVES	18	0	1	17	14	70	1

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	17	14	2	1	47	16	44
ROCHEDALE ROV	18	10	4	4	45	27	34
BRISBANE CITY	16	9	2	5	40	25	29
SUNSHINE COAST	16	8	4	4	29	15	28
WYNNUM	17	6	6	5	33	34	24
GOLD COAST CITY	17	5	5	7	24	26	20
IPSW KNIGHTS	18	3	7	8	26	46	16
T'WMBRA RAIDERS	15	4	3	8	18	30	15
TARINGA ROVERS	17	4	3	10	24	40	15
MT GRAVATT	17	2	2	13	17	44	8

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS	Goals	Player	Team
13 Goals	Matt Olley	-	Rochedale Rovers
11 Goals	Royce Brownlie	-	Brisbane Lions
10 Goals	Sasa Radulovic	-	Brisbane Lions
8 Goals	Mark Battistin	-	Brisbane City
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
6 Goals	Colin Hackwood	-	T'wmbra Raiders

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	16	12	1	3	48	19	37
PINE RIVERS UTD	16	10	2	4	33	21	32
MITCHELTON	16	10	1	5	42	25	31
NORTH STAR	16	9	2	5	44	25	29
THE GAP	16	8	1	7	36	28	25
NORTH PINE	16	7	2	7	29	29	23
NEWMARKET	16	4	7	5	29	29	19
ALBANY CREEK	16	1	4	11	20	55	7
GRANGE THISTLE	16	0	2	14	9	59	2

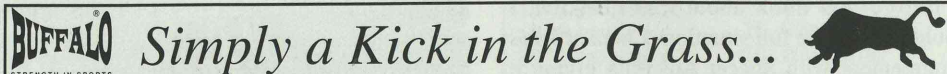
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UNI OF QLD	16	12	3	1	45	13	39
PINE RIVERS UTD	16	10	2	4	48	27	32
NEWMARKET	16	10	1	5	36	23	31
THE GAP	16	9	0	7	38	34	27
NORTH STAR	16	6	5	5	37	22	23
MITCHELTON	16	5	4	7	14	25	19
NORTH PINE	16	3	3	10	13	33	12
GRANGE THISTLE	16	2	5	9	16	42	11
ALBANY CREEK	16	1	5	10	22	50	8

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PENINSULA POWER	18	15	1	2	60	14	46
THE GAP	17	12	2	3	45	32	38
MITCHELTON	18	12	1	5	39	21	37
UNI OF QLD	17	11	2	4	46	33	35
PINE RIVERS UTD	18	11	1	6	44	27	34
NORTH STAR	18	8	2	8	44	35	26
NEWMARKET	18	5	1	12	28	34	16
ALBANY CREEK	18	5	1	12	29	42	16
NORTH PINE	18	3	3	12	25	61	12
GRANGE THISTLE	18	0	0	18	3	64	0

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTERN SUBS	16	13	3	0	56	15	42
SOUTHS UTD	16	7	6	3	43	14	27
ROCKLEA UTD	16	8	2	6	39	26	26
OLYMPIC UTD	16	8	1	7	43	28	25
ACACIA RIDGE	16	7	4	5	33	27	25
CAPALABA	16	7	2	7	27	38	23
SLACKS CREEK	16	5	3	8	25	34	18
REDLANDS UTD	16	5	1	10	27	36	16
BEENLEIGH	16	1	0	15	16	91	3

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTHS UTD	16	14	0	2	79	15	42
ROCKLEA UTD	16	12	0	4	54	32	36
CAPALABA	16	11	2	3	49	11	35
EASTERN SUBS	16	8	3	5	46	25	27
REDLANDS UTD	16	6	3	7	28	31	21
OLYMPIC UTD	16	6	1	9	36	36	19
SLACKS CREEK	16	3	6	7	23	31	15
ACACIA RIDGE	16	3	1	12	13	56	10
BEENLEIGH	16	1	0	15	5	96	3

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	16	13	1	2	86	17	40
SOUTHS UTD	15	11	3	1	82	14	36
EASTERN SUBS	15	10	1	4	50	24	31
SLACKS CREEK	15	9	3	3	53	11	30
ROCKLEA UTD	16	8	0	8	41	45	24
REDLANDS UTD	16	7	2	7	41	29	23
OLYMPIC UTD	16	2	1	13	11	79	7
ACACIA RIDGE	16	2	1	13	10	97	7
BEENLEIGH	15	1	2	12	13	71	5



# EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
DARRA UTD	14	12	0	2	46	27	36
IPSWICH CITY	14	8	5	1	32	18	29
INALA CITY	14	9	2	3	36	27	29
MOGGILL UTD	14	8	3	3	45	21	27
S'SIDE EAGLES	14	6	4	4	30	19	22
GOODNA & DIST	14	7	1	6	28	32	22
PENINSULA POWER	14	5	1	8	25	26	16
BROTHERS UTD	14	4	3	7	35	38	15
SAMFORD	14	4	2	8	22	28	14
SOUTH STAR	14	4	1	9	26	47	13
ANERLEY	14	2	3	9	21	28	9
JIMBOOMBA	14	1	3	10	14	49	6

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PENINSULA POWER	14	11	1	2	54	13	34
IPSWICH CITY	14	10	1	3	51	26	31
ANERLEY	14	9	2	3	33	11	29
MOGGILL UTD	14	8	2	4	31	18	26
S'SIDE EAGLES	14	7	4	3	40	20	25
SAMFORD	14	7	2	5	33	22	23
DARRA UTD	14	7	1	6	35	38	22
JIMBOOMBA	14	5	1	8	26	46	16
BROTHERS UTD	14	4	3	7	31	45	15
INALA CITY	14	3	2	9	20	39	11
GOODNA & DIST	14	2	2	10	17	45	8
SOUTH STAR	14	0	1	13	16	64	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BETHANIA RAMS	18	17	0	1	118	18	51
PARKSIDE UTD	18	11	5	2	42	19	38
PARK RIDGE	18	10	0	8	47	33	30
WILSTON ATHLETIC	18	10	0	8	43	44	30
OXLEY UTD	18	8	3	7	46	30	27
WOODRIDGE	18	8	2	8	65	50	26
CLAIRVAUX	18	8	2	8	46	34	26
LOGAN CITY KINGS	18	5	2	11	32	45	17
PINE HILLS	18	4	4	10	25	61	16
MOOROONDU	18	0	0	18	9	139	0

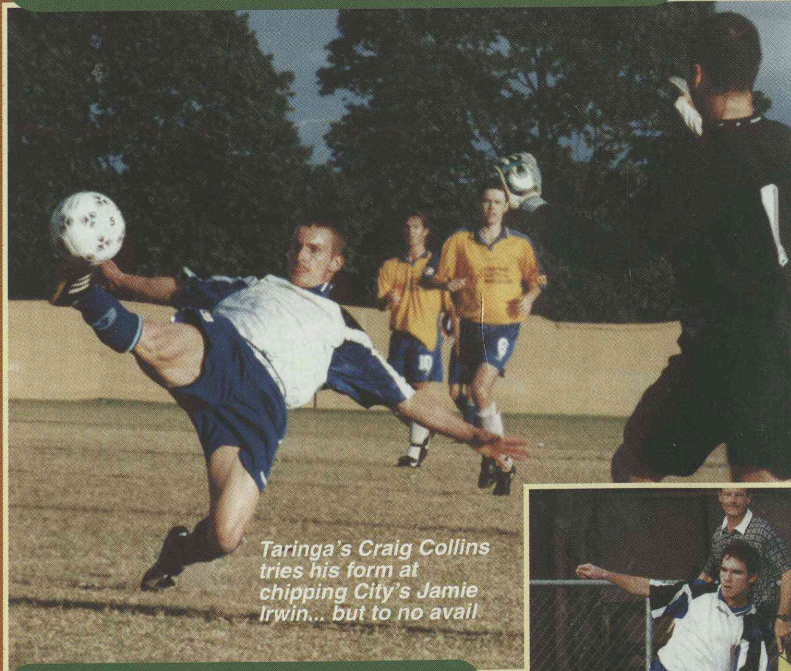
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WILSTON ATHLETIC	18	11	3	4	38	29	36
OXLEY UTD	18	9	4	5	51	34	31
CLAIRVAUX	18	8	6	4	34	25	30
PINE HILLS	18	8	2	8	35	33	26
WOODRIDGE	18	8	1	9	30	35	25
LOGAN CITY KINGS	18	6	3	9	29	29	21
BAYSIDE UTD	18	6	2	10	22	35	20
PARK RIDGE	18	5	2	11	26	51	17
MOOROONDU	18	4	1	13	32	68	13

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTS PINEAPPLE	13	12	0	1	53	11	36
BRIGHTON DIST	13	10	1	2	62	13	31
PENINSULA POWER	13	9	1	3	40	16	28
GREENBANK	13	8	0	5	51	20	24
LOGAN CITY KINGS	13	7	3	3	52	36	24
ANERLEY	13	6	1	6	21	30	19
SAMFORD	12	4	1	7	23	39	13
PARK RIDGE	13	3	2	8	29	50	11
SOUTHS UTD	12	3	0	9	18	30	9
MOGGILL UTD	13	3	0	10	11	55	9
KINGSRIDGE	12	0	1	11	10	70	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	14	12	1	1	65	17	37
UNI OF QLD	14	11	0	3	44	17	33
WYNNUM	14	10	1	3	31	16	31
BRISBANE CITY	14	6	5	3	30	20	23
MITCHELTON	14	6	4	4	31	26	22
TARINGA ROVERS	13	7	1	5	34	30	22
SOUTHS UTD	14	5	4	5	21	28	19
THE GAP	14	4	2	8	31	35	14
IPSW KNIGHTS	14	4	0	10	20	36	12
CAPALABA	13	3	2	8	26	47	11
MT GRAVATT	14	2	2	10	18	39	8
NEWMARKET	14	0	4	10	18	58	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IPSW KNIGHTS	14	12	1	1	78	17	37
GRANGE THISTLE	13	12	1	0	58	11	37
UNI OF QLD	14	10	4	0	108	7	34
SLACKS CREEK	14	9	1	4	61	28	28
NORTH STAR	14	8	1	5	51	20	25
ACACIA RIDGE	14	8	0	6	55	28	24
S'SIDE EAGLES	13	5	1	7	29	30	16
PINE RIVERS UTD	14	3	3	8	47	48	12
NORTH PINE	14	3	3	8	32	35	12
SOUTHS UTD	14	3	2	9	32	53	11
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# ACTION REPLAY



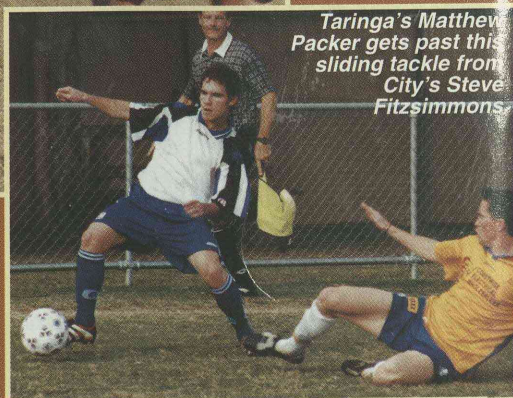
Taringa's Craig Collins tries his form at chipping City's Jamie Irwin... but to no avail



Adem Poric scoring the second goal of the match, which was sealed in Taringa's keeper Paul Timmins



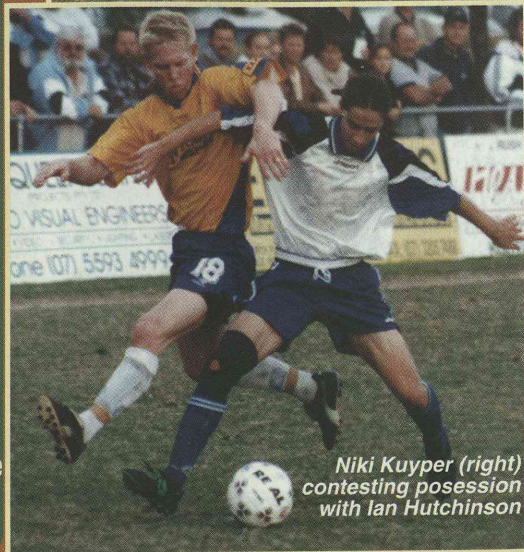
Gold Coast City's Adam Evans gets the better of Taringa's Craig Collins



Taringa's Matthew Packer gets past this sliding tackle from City's Steve Fitzsimmons



Adem Poric in possession - Cameron Williamson (left)



Niki Kuyper (right) contesting possession with Ian Hutchinson



Cameron Williamson (Taringa) out jumps City's keeper Jamie Irwin

## Semi Pro Matches (Round 19)

**Friday June 23**

Albany Creek v Newmarket  
8.30pm - Wolter Park, Albany Creek

**Saturday June 24**

Mitchelton v North Star  
6pm - Teralba Park, Mitchelton

Pine Rivers Utd v The Gap  
7pm - Wendy Allsion Park, Strathpine

Slacks Creek v Capalaba  
7pm - Usher Park, Daisy Hill

Redlands Utd v Beenleigh  
6pm - Show Ground Complex, Cleveland

Acacia Ridge v Eastern Suburbs  
6pm - Ron Proud Field, Acacia Ridge

**Sunday June 25**

Grange Thistle v North Pine  
2.45pm - Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange

Rocklea Utd v Olympic Utd  
2.45pm - Dunn Rd., Rocklea

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## Next Round of Premier League (Round 20)

**Saturday July 8 - 7pm**

Wynnum Wolves v Gold Coast City  
Carmichael Park, Tingalpa

**Sunday July 9 - 2.45pm**

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions  
Spencer Park, Newmarket

Ipswich Knights v Mt Gravatt  
Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba

Taringa Rovers v Rochedale Rovers  
Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly

Toowoomba Raiders v Bundaberg Waves  
Gold Park, Toowoomba

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## NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

**In the northern competition, Mitchelton and The Gap were the only sides to move ahead, with drawn results in the other two key matches over the weekend.**

Mitchelton continued to ensure a long season for strugglers Albany Creek, by handing out a 5-3 lesson to last year's champions.

That victory also continued Mitchy's climb back up the ladder after the club endured several mid-season setbacks.

The three points allowed Gary McDowall's outfit to leapfrog North Star into third spot, just a single point behind second placed Pine Rivers and six points shy of competition leaders University of Queensland.

Even though University enjoys a comfortable lead on the ladder, there is still plenty of matches for the other sides to reel them in, and Mitchelton is certainly one of those sides capable of stringing together a series of wins and mounting some serious pressure on the students.

They host North Star this Saturday night, in a match both sides must win if they are to have any chance of winning the title.

North Star's form of late has been fairly ordinary, although the side has been boosted by the introduction of two Japanese imports.

That did not help them last weekend though, as North Star struggled to grind out a 2-2 draw with Pine Rivers.

The only sides that benefited from that result in fact, were Mitchelton and the competition frontrunners.

The reigning premiers have not enjoyed much success in recent weeks and they really do need to take the points at Mitchelton, to firstly put a stop to Mitchy's resurgence and secondly pull back some of the lead that University is currently enjoying.

With Rivers and North Star playing out a 2-2 draw, Uni missed a fantastic opportunity to extend its competition lead at the weekend.

Possibly struggling somewhat during the exam period, the students could only manage a

1-1 draw at home to North Pine.

Regardless of what happens in matches this weekend, Uni will still enjoy the ladder lead at the completion of the round, although that lead will be cut as the students sit on the sidelines with a bye.

Another team that will be looking to make inroads on the ladder leaders this weekend is Pine Rivers, a side that has hit a minor slump following a series of victories.

The past two weeks have proven very lean for Bob Hamilton's Rivers outfit, with a loss a fortnight ago to Mitchelton and last week's draw with North Star producing just the solitary competition point.

Rivers has a good opportunity to move closer to University, with their crunch match against The Gap this Saturday night.

Like Mitchelton, The Gap has also been on the improve with some impressive results in recent weeks rocketing it into outside premiership calculations.

Last week's 5-0 win over Grange Thistle, although pleasing to Gap supporters, did not extend the club and things will be much tougher at Pine Rivers this weekend. With so much at stake, this match is sure to be one of the matches of the round.

North Pine meanwhile will be out to take the points off Grange Thistle this Sunday, to follow on from its impressive 1-1 draw with University.

Once again, North Pine is a side just outside of premiership calculations at present, although several good results could see it mounting some sort of challenge by the end of the season. This weekend's match will represent three points that the club cannot afford to lose.

In the final round 19 match in the north, Albany Creek will host Newmarket on Friday evening.

Fresh from the bye, Newmarket should take maximum points against Albany Creek, a team that unfortunately has lost its previously untarnished home ground reputation this year.

## SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

**Eastern Suburbs remains unbeaten atop the southern ladder following another victory over Redlands at the weekend.**

The Tigers just managed to hold off the resurgent bayside club 2-1, a result that allowed them to increase the lead on the remainder of the competition to 15 points.

And while Eastern Suburbs continued to display its dominance over the remainder of the southern competition, Redlands continued to display encouraging signs of further improvement, even though it has in all reality come too far into the season.

A series of wins against quality opposition and the smallest margin in defeat against the undisputed title favourites has given the baysiders plenty of confidence.

Their match this weekend against Beenleigh should see them move back into winning company again, with the Lions still struggling to come to terms with this year's competition.

Last week they suffered another gut-wrenching 8-0 loss to second placed Souths United, bringing their goals-against tally to a massive 91 for the year to date.

In fact another blowout this weekend could see the Lions hit their century, a goal not really worth boasting about.

That statistic probably will not be on the minds of the Redlands players this weekend though, with the Bayside club more intent on gaining another three competition points and continuing its climb up the ladder.

Another side looking to build on a good result from last weekend is the much under-rated Acacia Ridge outfit.

They enjoyed a 1-0 win over early season challengers Olympic United at the weekend.

That win for the Ridge drew them level with Olympic on the points table and also extended the massive lead that Eastern Suburbs is currently enjoying in the southern division.

It also again highlighted Olympic's inconsistency this season, with the side that has held down second spot for the majority of the

season slumping to its seventh defeat and falling another place on the ladder.

Buoyed by the 1-0 victory over Olympic, Acacia Ridge will be hoping to repeat the dose when it takes on the competition leaders on Saturday night.

East's are still undefeated after 18 rounds and despite the loss of several key players, do not really look like faltering, even though the club is five clear wins ahead of Souths on the table.

It will take a mighty effort on the part of the Ridge to upset the trend, although statistically the Tigers must be due for a loss fairly soon.

Regardless of the result in the Ridge / East's match, the Tigers will still enjoy a huge lead come next week and Souths will miss an opportunity for further points, as they will sit out of this weekend's regular fixture matches.

With Souths out of action at the weekend, they could slip back as low as fifth on the ladder, with three teams, including Acacia Ridge and Olympic, in a position to leapfrog them.

The other side able to jump into outright second spot is Rocklea United, another team that has lacked consistency all year.

That fact was never better illustrated than during the club's 3-1 loss to an out of sorts Capalaba last weekend.

That defeat was Rocklea's sixth for the season and like the rest of the competition, is well out of premiership contention. Rocklea remains in a tight tussle for the minor placings.

Rocklea's opponent on Saturday night is Olympic, one of the sides in that tussle. Pride is now set to be the deciding factor in these matches for the remainder of the season.

In the remaining round 19 match this Saturday night, the Capalaba Bulldogs will be out to make it back to back victories when it travels to Slacks Creek.

After enjoying a comprehensive 3-1 win over Rocklea, the Bulldogs will go into the Slacks Creek encounter fairly confident, although Usher Park has proved to be the downfall of many sides in the past.

## Enjoyment a must for Runje

**One of the clubs in the semi-pro competition that does not voice its Premier League aspirations much is Souths United.**

One of the more established clubs in Brisbane, Souths boasts a strong junior base and an impressive senior record over the years.

More recently the club took out last year's southern semi-pro premiership and that victory has inspired many within the club's fold to push for higher honours and attempt to eventually enter Queensland's top competition.

One man who would love to see that happen and indeed help take the club to those heights is current Souths striker Martin Runje.

"I would definitely like to take the club into the Premier League at some stage in the near future," the 28-year-old said.

"There are certainly some players in the club right now who are more than capable of playing XXXX League, but they haven't had the chance to with Souths.

"But the club has a four or five year plan in place and I think it has the right sort of foundation to launch a Premier League assault down the track."

Bold words from a man who in the early 1990's played XXXX League with Acacia Ridge, when the Ridge was in its prime.

"We had quite a good team at Acacia Ridge back then. I was only young and I gained a lot of experience playing alongside guys like Dave Richardson and Tony McVeigh," Runje said.

During his five-year stint with Acacia Ridge, Runje was partnered up front with his current striking teammate, Jason Eacott.

The young Runje also played alongside an even younger Kasey Wehrman for a six-month stint at a time when he was the club's leading goal scorer for five consecutive years.

"I had a great time at Acacia Ridge and learned a lot in my stint at the club, but after five years I was looking for a bit of a change so I moved to Logan City Kings for a while," Runje said.

Not long after his move to the Kings, Runje's new club had gone bankrupt and he was forced to find another side.

It was then that the talented forward moved into the ranks of the Commercial League with Rochedale, a playing stint that proved extremely short.

"I started to get the hunger to play more competitive football again, after half a season in the commercial league," Runje said.

"So I followed a few mates down to Souths and I've been there now for the past two seasons."

Runje said he felt there was a lot of parallels to be drawn from his previous stint with Acacia Ridge and his current time at Souths.

On the team's current title defence, the striker believes his club faces an uphill battle to pull back the 15-point deficit that currently exists between his club and the competition leaders Eastern Suburbs.

"We were able to pull back an 18 point deficit last year to storm home and take the premiership," Runje said.

"But to be honest, I think the prospects are a little lower this year. It's going to be very tough because Easts are a much classier outfit than anything that we had to come up against last year."

The experienced Souths forward said that the club was still eager to mount a successful title defence, however the goals would have to be re-evaluated somewhat if they did not begin to peg back some of the start Easts had.

"I guess the next best thing will be to play well enough to be included in the revamped competition they are currently talking about," Runje said.

"Hopefully we can pull off another title but I think we have to be a bit realistic about things."

In the meantime though, before any promotion of any sort takes place, the young carpenter/builder is just concerned about one thing... "enjoying my football"!

## Versatile Clay cements defensive role at The Gap

**It would be fair to assume that not too many current senior soccer players have also played senior rugby union.**

Certainly many would have tried various football codes during their youth, but not many would have also had a taste of another code at the senior level.

But for young Gap defender Aaron Clay, he has played both and is quite happy to stay with the round ball game.

"I'd played soccer at The Gap for 14 years and represented the school in soccer, and I just got a bit sick of it a few years ago so I followed some of my mates and played a few seasons of rugby with GPS," Clay said.

During his time with "Jeeps", Clay was slotted straight into the fly-half roll, where he played in various Colts sides as well as the Thirds.

And given his schooling background at Marist Brothers Ashgrove, a college that has nurtured many Australian Schoolboy rugby players, it was not surprising Clay turned to the 'game they play in heaven'... for a short time at least.

"I was in a winning 1st XI side at Marist Brothers, but because we were predominantly a rugby school, we didn't receive much kudos for our efforts," a reminiscent Clay said.

"We had a great side, including players like Glen Kolpak, but no one really acknowledged our efforts because rugby was all that mattered. And I think that's possibly part of the reason I switched codes after school and followed some of my mates into rugby."

Clay said he enjoyed his three years with "Jeeps", however after his third season he began to pine for the game that was his first real sporting love.

"The desire to get back into soccer was becoming stronger in that third season of rugby.

I was really starting to miss the game and to be honest I was getting sick and tired of being stomped on the head all the time," Clay said.

"When I look back, I obviously just needed a bit of time away from soccer, to refresh myself and regain some of my earlier enthusiasm."

But switching back to the round ball game was not an easy transition for the youngster, who really had no idea just how well he would slot into a senior side.

His fear proved unwarranted however, when he was snapped up by his former club at the start of last year and thrown straight into the deep end with the first team.

The only change for the youngster was a positional one, moving from the forward line to the middle of the park.

Since then he has moved again, this time to fullback, where it looks as though he will remain for this season at least.

"I'm enjoying the change to fullback, even though I really like playing up front," the apprentice electrician said.

"The best part about the switch is that I'm playing alongside Shane Haddow and there's probably no better person in that position in the entire competition to learn from.

"He's taught me heaps so far this season and he is excellent to play alongside because he's always in control at the back of the park."

Still just 22 years of age, Clay said he would dearly love to play XXXX League at some stage soon. However loyalty to The Gap will prevent him from making any moves just yet.

"The club has a five year plan to enter the premier league, so I'm quite happy to sit back and play our way into the XXXX League within that time frame," Clay said.

"If we don't make XXXX League by that stage, then I would consider a move, but until then, I'm happy playing at The Gap."





Capalaba	11	2	2	7	22	37	8
Redlands	9	1	4	4	10	24	7
Bayside	8	1	1	6	3	33	4
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Rochedale	9	8	1	0	25	5	25
Souths Utd	8	5	3	0	25	8	18
Albany Creek	9	5	1	3	22	17	16
Slacks Creek	10	5	1	4	20	18	16
Brisbane Lions	7	5	0	2	23	7	15
Brisbane Toro	11	4	2	5	17	24	14
Brisbane City	10	4	0	6	15	25	12
Ips Knights	9	3	1	5	16	19	10
Brighton	10	1	1	8	11	29	4
Peninsula	9	1	0	8	10	32	3
<b>U15 Div 2</b>							
Rochedale	14	10	3	1	43	20	33
Mt Gravatt	14	10	2	2	72	24	32
Redlands	13	9	2	2	38	19	29
Souths Utd	13	8	3	2	36	14	27
Park Ridge	14	8	3	3	51	33	27
Grange Thistle	14	8	1	5	40	21	25
Beenleigh	14	6	0	8	33	47	18
Ipswich City	14	4	3	7	20	27	15
Albany Creek	14	3	3	8	20	46	12
Mitchelton	13	3	1	9	14	47	10
Pine Rivers	15	2	1	12	18	54	7
Narangba	14	0	2	12	14	47	2
<b>U15 Div 3</b>							
Brisbane Lions	10	10	0	0	69	6	30
Loganholme	10	5	1	4	36	30	16
Rochedale	9	4	2	3	38	18	14
John Paul Coll	8	4	2	2	22	16	14
Park Ridge	9	3	1	5	25	30	10
Acacia Ridge	8	3	0	5	17	36	9
Capalaba	10	1	3	6	11	38	6
Ips Knights	8	1	1	6	12	56	4
<b>U15 Div 4</b>							
Ipswich City	8	7	1	0	37	9	22
St Bernardines	7	6	0	1	41	18	18
Mt Gravatt	9	5	0	4	33	16	15
Brisbane Lions	8	4	0	4	23	30	12
Bethania	9	3	0	6	30	30	9
Souths Utd	8	2	1	5	24	28	7
Logan Village	7	0	0	7	6	63	0
<b>Colts Div 1</b>							
Rochedale	8	6	2	0	40	11	20
Souths Utd	9	5	2	2	38	17	17
Acacia Ridge	8	4	2	2	27	21	14
Capalaba	8	4	2	2	22	28	14
Bris Lions B	9	4	1	4	18	20	13
Ips Knights	11	2	4	5	20	25	10
Mt Gravatt	10	3	1	6	20	33	10
Bris Lions O	9	1	0	8	11	41	3
<b>Colts Div 2</b>							
Jimboomba	11	7	2	2	42	10	23
Redlands	9	7	0	2	34	10	21
Souths Utd	9	7	0	2	24	18	21
Inala	9	4	1	4	19	10	13
Annerley	10	3	1	6	17	28	10
Wynnum	11	2	3	6	22	28	9
Slacks Creek	9	2	1	6	18	41	7
Park Ridge	10	1	2	7	13	44	5
<b>Colts Div 3</b>							
Clairvaux	9	7	2	0	39	7	23
Greenbank	10	6	2	2	38	19	20
Olympic	9	5	3	1	32	17	18
Ips Knights	10	4	3	3	30	17	15
Eastern Subs	11	4	1	6	11	24	13
Redlands	8	3	0	5	14	28	9
Brisbane Lions	9	2	0	7	11	46	6
Rochedale	10	1	1	8	11	28	4
<b>Colts Div 4</b>							
Loganholme	9	8	0	1	62	7	24
Ipswich City	9	7	1	1	45	16	22
Jimboomba	10	5	2	3	45	25	17
Logan City	11	5	1	5	56	33	16
Centenary	11	4	0	7	21	34	12
S'side Eagles	10	3	2	5	17	35	11
Slacks Creek	11	3	2	6	31	62	11
Bethania	7	0	0	7	2	67	0

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generously promising to support the day with XXXX product.

With a strong squad of Premier League players chosen, it will be difficult to pick a starting XI.

The squad is: Tony Roebuck, Nick Maas (Bundaberg Waves) Colin Hackwood, Ashley Fox (Toowoomba Raiders), Kieran Galloway, Wade Baldwin (Mount Gravatt), Sasa Radulovic, Royce Brownlie (Brisbane Lions), Steve Fitzsimmons (Gold Coast), Steve Dawe, Craig Collins (Taringa Rovers), Steve Foreshaw, Anthony Roche (Wynnum Wolves), Mark Battistin, Demetri Theochari (Brisbane City), Jason Lucas, Richard Hilli (Ipswich Knights), Graham Ross, Matt Olley/Brad Ditton (Rochedale Rovers).

### ■ Meanwhile overseas, Australia is in the middle of its Oceania Nations Cup campaign in Tahiti.

Fresh from their victory in the three-match series against Paraguay, the Socceroos played their first match of the tournament on Tuesday (Australian time) against the Cook Islands.

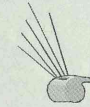
They play again on Saturday at 2pm (AEST) against the Solomon Islands.

Their campaign is expected to continue into Monday's semi-finals and Wednesday's final to be played at 4pm (AEST), where a likely opponent is New Zealand.

The tournament doubles as a qualifying event for the Confederations Cup.

Competing countries are Australia, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Tahiti, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

## BEFORE THE WHISTLE



With  
Jim  
Gilbert

**I had a rare weekend off last weekend, so I took myself down to Brighton to watch the top of the table clash between Easts/Pineapple and Brighton and I must confess it was an afternoon I thoroughly enjoyed.**

I have commented a number of times through this column about Brighton's tremendous climb up the table, particularly seeing they are our newest club, and the strength they have in their side and persistence, certainly illustrated to me, why they were near the top of the table.

One of their longest serving players is Murray Walsh, who has been with the club well over 20 years and the last time I was at Brighton watching the seniors play years ago, he was playing then, what a loyal servant he has turned out to be. For a top of the table clash, it had plenty of action, venom in tackles, but certainly no spite, and it was a pleasure to watch, and considering the status of the match, and the fact that there was only one SARB official on hand, I take my hat off to the ref, well done Laurie.

Even at this relatively early stage, it would appear that the Rovers now have one hand firmly on the title, although there are two or three teams in this division that will certainly put the frighteners on them during the rest of the season.

In division one it appears that Darra is now running away with the title, they have a seven point lead on the rest, but my word isn't it tight behind them.

This weekend's matches should see Goodna successful over Annerley, and Brothers to be too good for Jimboomba in a rare Saturday outing. At night Peninsula may, and I do say may, sneak a point from Darra, whilst Samford will be lucky to get anything out of their match with Moggill. On Sunday I expect to see Eagles successful whilst it will be a very tight endeavour at Freeman Road, with a draw quite likely between the hosts and the Bulls.

Division two has Bethania a huge thirteen points in front, and this weekend they make the

trip down to bottom markers Mooroodoo, who will with much trepidation be awaiting the outcome of their Saturday match. In the other games Oxley may close the gap on Park Ridge, Bayside to be too good for Clairvaux whilst on Sunday winners will be Wilston and Woodridge, coincidentally the hosts on both occasions.

Division three, as already mentioned, has an outright leader, and they should strengthen their claims with another win over Moggill, whilst Brighton make the long trip down to The Kings, where it will be a tough match, but I still expect the points to travel.

Other winners should be Peninsula, Park Ridge and Annerley. By the way just what IS happening to Annerley, they are well and truly in the doldrums at present.

In division four I expect all of the top sides to win, however Lions won't have it their own way in their home match against Mitchelton, where they could even drop two points, and won't it make it interesting for the rest of the season!

Division five at the present time has Grange and The Knights level pegging, however at the time this is read Grange would have played their last catch up match, where I fully expect them to pick up all three points and ultimately go three in front, mind you University will have a tough one away to Acacia Ridge this week so it may get tight again.

The Souths versus Knights match has been deferred a week due to the unfortunate and sudden death of former Ipswich United, St Helens and Knights Player, Jeff Lindsay, and as the service is being held on Friday, out of sympathy to his family and fellow players, the match goes back to next Friday night.

In division six, congratulations go to the Pine Rivers lads, who, (tongue firmly in cheek) after my pep talk and honorable mention in this column two weeks ago, they got up for their first win of the season, watch out.... they are about to zoom up the table!

# READ between the LINES



I'm sure everyone in Queensland soccer was shattered to hear of the life threatening injuries to young Mt Gravatt player Lincoln Greaves.

Lincoln was injured playing in a recent Premier League reserves game and required surgery after what seemed an innocuous clash, the kind that happens 10 times in a game.

But unfortunately for the Greaves family, Lincoln suffered severe internal injuries requiring further emergency surgery.

A testimonial game will be played to help raise money for Lincoln to cover costs of his surgery and also to help the young bloke get back on his feet.

It shapes as an exciting clash as well, with the Brisbane Strikers to face an All Star Premier League side selected by Lincoln.

Despite Mt Gravatt's lowly position on the table, there should be a few Mt Gravatt boys among that elite group of Premier League players.

It should be an excellent game and it's for a worthy cause so I'd encourage everyone who can get to the game, to do so and support it in a big, big way.

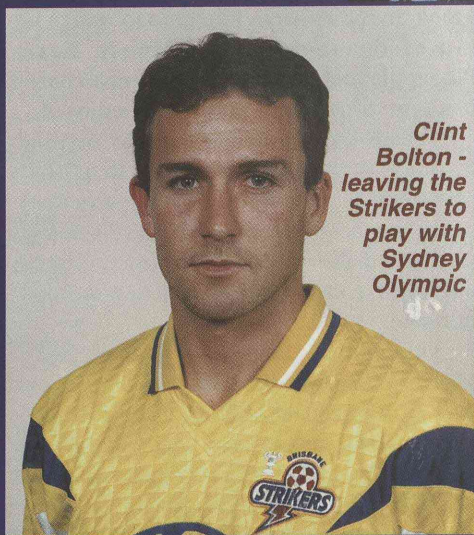
Speaking of the elite of the Premier League, it seems one of the competition's best players and a good friend of this column, Demetri 'The Fish' Theochari has got himself a new nickname. (Apologies to Kieran Cooper)

Demo's been on fire at Brisbane City and no doubt Brisbane Lions are kicking themselves for spurning the opportunity to sign the Queensland representative in the off-season.

But thanks to a worm in the City camp, I'm reliably informed that The Fish now wears the new mantle of 'Jana Wendt'.

It seems in recent weeks he's only been appearing for 60 minutes in each game.

And I thought Jana used to only save his hamstring injuries for when the sprints started at training.



**Clint Bolton - leaving the Strikers to play with Sydney Olympic**

Even with The Fish's new nickname, it hasn't done much to harm City's cause, with the club charging away with the Premier League.

They gave third-placed Wynnum a frightful hammering at the weekend and it seems the only thing that can stop City winning the title is a bad case of the plague running through the whole first grade squad.

Take a tip from me - that's unlikely to happen!

On the national league scene, just as Strikers keeper Clint Bolton grabs an Australian jersey while playing for the Brisbane Strikers, the lure of the big bucks has dragged him away from Queensland.

Bolton won't be seen in a Strikers jersey next season, instead he has linked with the Sydney Olympic outfit for the next couple of years.

It's opened the door for City keeper Daniel Duke to return to the Strikers after a successful loan stint across the Tasman sea with the Football Kingz last season.

Duke's an excellent keeper and the Strikers won't lose much, if anything, by having him between the sticks.

## How they fared here and there

### XXXX LEAGUE

B'BERG WAVES	Vs	MT GRAVATT	1 - 1	Rd18
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	T'WMBA RAIDERS	2 - 0	Rd18
WYNNUM	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0 - 4	Rd18
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2 - 1	Rd18
GOLD COAST CITY	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2 - 1	Rd18

### XXXX RESERVES

B'BERG WAVES	Vs	MT GRAVATT	1 - 1	Rd18
ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	T'WMBA RAIDERS	4 - 0	Rd18
WYNNUM	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	3 - 4	Rd18
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	1 - 2	Rd18
GOLD COAST CITY	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0 - 1	Rd18

### XXXX YOUTH

ROCHEDALE ROV	Vs	T'WMBA RAIDERS	1 - 0	Rd18
WYNNUM	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	2 - 2	Rd18
SUNSHINE COAST	Vs	MT GRAVATT	1 - 0	Rd18
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	3 - 1	Rd18
GOLD COAST CITY	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	0 - 1	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

ALBANY CREEK	Vs	MITCHELTON	3 - 5	Rd18
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NORTH STAR	2 - 2	Rd18
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	THE GAP	0 - 5	Rd18
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH PINE	1 - 1	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

ALBANY CREEK	Vs	MITCHELTON	0 - 2	Rd18
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NORTH STAR	2 - 2	Rd18
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	THE GAP	0 - 3	Rd18
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH PINE	5 - 0	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NORTH STAR	3 - 2	Rd18
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	MITCHELTON	0 - 2	Rd18
GRANGE THISTLE	Vs	THE GAP	0 - 3	Rd18
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH PINE	4 - 0	Rd18
NEWMARKET	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	0 - 2	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	OLYMPIC UTD	1 - 0	Rd18
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	1 - 2	Rd18
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	8 - 0	Rd18
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	1 - 3	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	OLYMPIC UTD	2 - 3	Rd18
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	0 - 3	Rd18
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	16 - 0	Rd18
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	2 - 0	Rd18

### SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	OLYMPIC UTD	0 - 3	Rd18
REDLANDS UTD	Vs	EASTERN SUBS	1 - 2	Rd18
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	BEENLEIGH	4 - 1	Rd18
ROCKLEA UTD	Vs	CAPALABA	1 - 6	Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	3 - 2	Rd14
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	ANERLEY	1 - 1	Rd14
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	SAMFORD	0 - 5	Rd14
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	3 - 3	Rd14
DARRA UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	4 - 1	Rd14
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	SOUTH STAR	8 - 2	Rd14

### AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RESERVE

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	0 - 10	Rd14
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	ANERLEY	0 - 3	Rd14
JIMBOOMBA	Vs	SAMFORD	0 - 8	Rd14
IPSWICH CITY	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	10 - 2	Rd14
DARRA UTD	Vs	INALA CITY	3 - 1	Rd14
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	SOUTH STAR	6 - 1	Rd14

### AMATEUR DIVISION 2

CLAIRVAUX	Vs	PARK RIDGE	3 - 2	Rd18
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	MOOROONDU	12 - 0	Rd18
WOODRIDGE	Vs	BETHANIA RAMS	1 - 5	Rd18
OXLEY UTD	Vs	PINE HILLS	4 - 0	Rd18
WILSTON ATHLETIC	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	3 - 0	Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RESERVE

CLAIRVAUX	Vs	PARK RIDGE	1 - 1	Rd18
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	MOOROONDU	1 - 4	Rd18
WOODRIDGE	Vs	BETHANIA RAMS	1 - 5	Rd18
OXLEY UTD	Vs	PINE HILLS	2 - 3	Rd18
WILSTON ATHLETIC	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	1 - 0	Rd18

### AMATEUR DIVISION 3

KINGSRIDGE	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	2 - 4	Rd14
MOGGILL UTD	Vs	ANERLEY	2 - 0	Rd14
GREENBANK	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	6 - 0	Rd14
SAMFORD	Vs	PARK RIDGE	3 - 2	Rd14
BRIGHTON DIST	Vs	EASTS PINEAPPLE	1 - 2	Rd14

### AMATEUR DIVISION 4

IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	CAPALABA	1 - 3	Rd14
SOUTHS UTD	Vs	NEWMARKET	3 - 3	Rd14
MITCHELTON	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	2 - 0	Rd14
MT GRAVATT	Vs	WYNNUM	1 - 2	Rd14
UNI OF QLD	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0 - 2	Rd14
THE GAP	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	2 - 2	Rd14

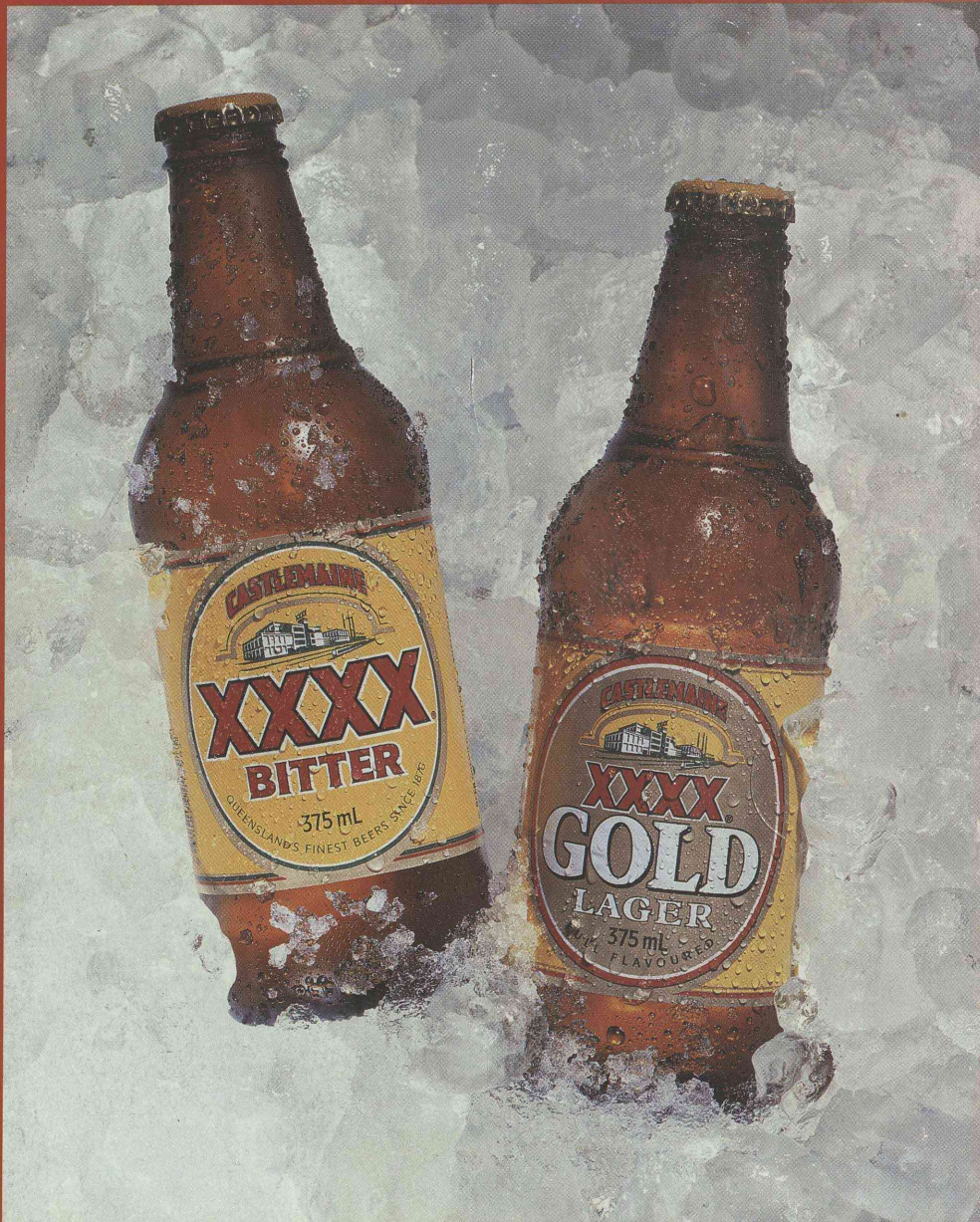
### AMATEUR DIVISION 5

IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	2 - 1	Rd14
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	1 - 5	Rd14
PINE RIVERS UTD	Vs	NORTH PINE	1 - 2	Rd14
NORTH STAR	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	4 - 1	Rd14
UNI OF QLD	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	10 - 0	Rd14
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	PARK RIDGE	6 - 2	Rd14

### AMATEUR DIVISION 6

EASTS PINEAPPLE	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	2 - 6	Rd17
CAPALABA	Vs	UNI OF QLD	2 - 1	Rd17
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	NORTH STAR	3 - 0	Rd17
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	1 - 1	Rd17
NEWMARKET	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	4 - 2	Rd17
OXLEY UTD	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	0 - 2	Rd17
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	SAMFORD	2 - 2	Rd17

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