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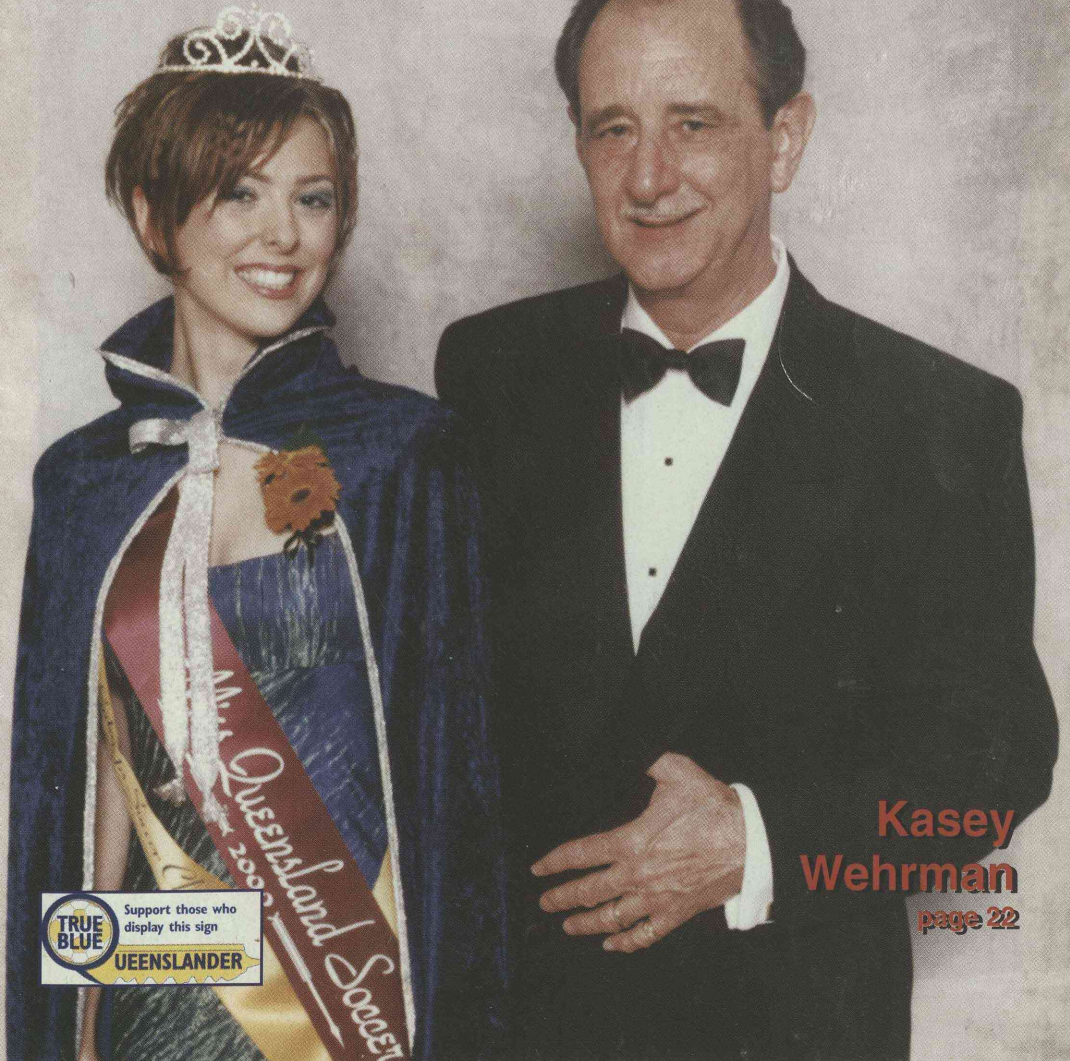
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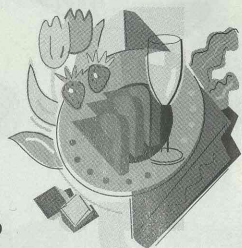
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Editorial

Thumbs down to SOCOG for telling Soccer Australia it cannot call the Australian Olympic men's soccer team the Olyroos.

It's not like the name was just made up five minutes ago. It was coined yonks ago when the Olympic soccer tournament became a showpiece for the world's best under 23 players.

So what if one of the Olympic mascots is called Ollie. If the name was Olyroo I could understand the fuss, but it's not even spelt the same.

SOCOG can put on the pressure to stop Soccer Australia calling the Olyroos the Olyroos, but it's not going to stop anyone else using the name, including us at *Eye On Soccer*.

We've used the name Olyroos a few times in our story of Games hopeful Kasey Wehrman.

As you'll read in the Wehrman story, Kasey will know by tomorrow whether he makes the squad.

If there's any justice, he will be selected. He's not the best young midfielder in Australia for nothing.

On a local front, congratulations to Brisbane City for all but wrapping up the Premier League title with a 2-0 weekend win over Taringa.

Six points and 13 goals better off than Lions, City won't drop the title in its last two games of the season.

It's a much-deserved premiership for the Newmarket-based side, which has been the best and most consistent team all season.

Rookie coach Danny Wright deserves a huge wrap for his efforts. A National League coaching post must loom in years to come for the former South Melbourne and Brisbane Strikers star.

Congratulations to Eastern Suburbs' Michelle Thompson for taking out the Quest last Saturday night and congratulations to Gianna and Emma. You can read about their night of glory on page 20.

This is the second last issue of *Eye On Soccer* for the season and I don't mind saying a short break from things will be a nice welcome.... if I get one.

What happened in round 25

Brisbane City can start celebrating. While there is still a mathematical chance Brisbane Lions can win the premiership, the trophy is going nowhere else but to the Newmarket-based club's Spencer Park home.

City's 2-0 round 25 win over Taringa last Sunday keeps the Danny-Wright coached team six points ahead of Lions with just two rounds of the season remaining.

Lions stayed in touch with a 2-1 win against Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park on Sunday.

But even if Lions win their last two games and City lose their remaining matches it's highly unlikely City's 13-goal for and against advantage will be surpassed.

First-half goals to Pablo Aviles and Mark Battistin gave City its victory.

City coach Wright was content with the performance.

"The boys didn't over exert themselves. They did as much as they had to," Wright said.

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Wright also confirmed that City would not take part in Rochedale's unofficial top-four series, which opens the door for the team finishing fifth on the ladder - either Ipswich or Wynnum - to join the tournament.

The City coach said while the series was a "good idea," the notice was too late and that it was his players decision to opt out of the series.

Wright backed his players and said it would not have been right to ask any of them involved in the Queensland squad to play two matches on one weekend.

Ipswich and Wynnum are elated by City's decision. The two teams met at Eric Evans Reserve on Sunday, with the Knights coming from behind to win 2-1 and take fifth spot.

Aaron Thiesfield gave Wynnum the lead after 52 minutes with a shot from 20 yards, before Peter Hallett volleyed home a Stewart Drinkeld corner in the 65th minute.

Drinkeld scored the Knights' winner six minutes later with a cracking shot from 35 yards.

Knights' coach Frank Pimblett was elated after the match, saying his side did well to remain calm after going a goal down.

Wynnum coach Peter Tokesi said his side again paid the price for not taking chances.

While the Knights were beating the Wolves, just over an hour away in Toowoomba, Gold Coast City was thrashing the Raiders.

The visitors eventually won 4-1, with their goals coming from Steve Fitzsimmons, Shane Smeltz, Kris Dodd and Adam Vermillion. N. Thomas scored the Raiders only goal.

In Lions' 2-1 win at Dittmer Park, Jamie Lowndes and Des Hughes scored second-half goals for the visitors after Joel Smith had given Mount Gravatt a 1-0 half-time lead.

Round 25's other match took place in Bundaberg on Saturday, with Waves thrashing Rochedale 4-0 in a big surprise.

Jason Chapman scored a hat-trick for Waves, with Nick Maas grabbing Bundaberg's other goal against a disappointing Rochedale outfit.

PREMIER PREVIEW - WYNNUM WOLVES v TARINGA ROVERS

How Wynnum Wolves coach Peter Tokesi wishes he had an in-form striker.

A frustrated Tokesi is losing patience with his forward line's inability to score goals.

He said it had cost the Wolves wins in recent matches, which has led to them sliding down the ladder into their current position of sixth.

"We're looking for a striker, but there's not much around," Tokesi said.

But if the Wolves can turn their goalscoring woes around, starting on Saturday night against Taringa at Carmichael Park, they can still salvage something out of the season.

Fifth-place and a spot in Rochedale's end-of-season finals series is still up for grabs.

The Wolves are one point behind fifth-place Ipswich and have a slightly easier last two matches of the season than the Knights.

A win over the lowly-placed Taringa is vital for Wolves on Saturday night. They don't want to go to Spencer Park in the final round of the season with it all to do.

On paper, Wolves should account for Taringa, which has struggled for almost the entire season.

The Willie Wallace-coached side has only won five of its 25 matches this season and has scored just 22 goals.

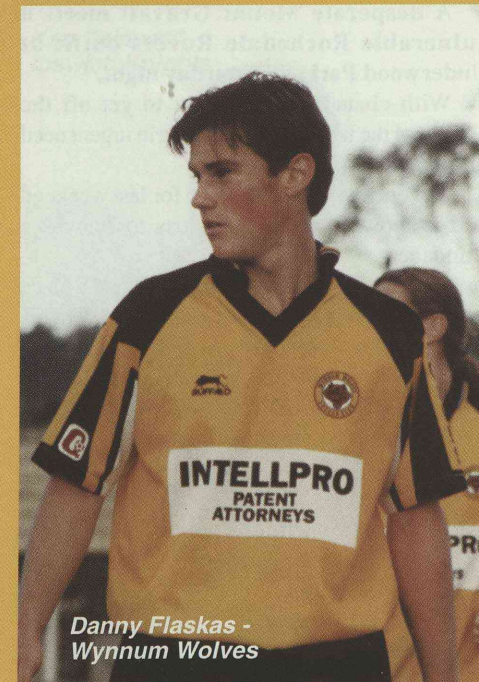
That goalscoring low is only equalled by Bundaberg. It's no coincidence that Taringa is second last and Waves third last.

Just three points ahead of bottom side Mount Gravatt, Taringa is also still in danger of taking home the wooden spoon.

WHO'S HOT: Aaron Thiesfield scored a good goal for Wynnum last week. It's surprising the midfielder isn't in Miron Bleiberg's state squad. Cameron Williamson continues to give his all for Taringa.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round 17 - Wynnum 2 def Taringa 1 - July 1.

TIP: Wynnum 2-0



Danny Flaskas - Wynnum Wolves

WynnumWolves v Taringa Rovers

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Saturday August 19, 7pm

WYNNUM WOLVES	TARINGA ROVERS
1 Garth McCulloch	1 Clint Dal Santo
2 Shane Gilroy	2 Shane Barnes
3 James Gowans	3 Matthew Packer
4 Steve Foreshaw	4 Damien Volker
5 Duncan Easton	5 (Not allocated)
6 Paul DeVries	6 Craig Barnes
7 Danny Flaskas	7 Francis Cossou
8 Anthony Roche	8 Craig Collins
9 Stuart Popplewell	9 Chris Donohue
10 Ben Wood	10 Steve Dawe
11 Owen Filewood	11 Darryl Hathaway
12 Aaron Thiesfield	12 Cameron Williamson
13 (Not allocated)	13 Mathew Bastian
14 (Not allocated)	14 Niki Kuyper
15 Cameron Filewood	15 (Not allocated)
16 (Not allocated)	16 Neil Reed
17 Mark Alaru	17 Joe Morris
18 Scott Rocker	18 Gianni Culpo
19 (Not allocated)	19 Willie Carter
20 Damian Rogers	20 Paul Timmins
Rgk Chris Giannangelo	

PREMIER PREVIEW - ROCHEDALE ROV v MT GRAVATT

A desperate Mount Gravatt meets a vulnerable Rochedale Rovers outfit at Underwood Park on Saturday night.

With chances running out to get off the bottom of the table, the Hawks are in urgent need of three points.

Rovers had nothing to play for last weekend and it showed in their 4-0 loss to Waves in Bundaberg.

With no chance of finishing first and a place in their own top-four series guaranteed, Rovers are just going through the motions.

The Peter Bannon-coached side has conceded a total of eight goals in its last two matches and as a result has slipped to fourth on the ladder.

Rovers can fall no further than fourth, with fifth-placed Ipswich nine points adrift. It's an impossible margin to haul in with only two matches remaining.

A Mount Gravatt win won't be totally unexpected, with the Hawks already having a victory over premiers-elect Brisbane City this season.

They also led second-placed Brisbane Lions 1-0 at half-time last Sunday before conceding two second-half goals.

If Mount Gravatt was to again grab an early goal, anything could happen, particularly considering Rochedale's defensive woes of late.

Rovers have conceded 35 goals in 25 matches this season. That's nine more than third-placed Gold Coast City and 18 more than top side Brisbane City.

WHO'S HOT: Former Strikers player Brad Ditton has battled hard all season in the Rochedale midfield. Joel Smith scored for Mount Gravatt last weekend.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round 17 - Rochedale 4 def Mt Gravatt 0 - Dittmer Park, June 10.

TIP: Rochedale 3-1



Mt Gravatt coach
Mal Bland

Rochedale Rovers v Mt Gravatt

Underwood Park, Rochedale
Saturday August 19, 7pm

ROCHEDALE ROVERS	MT GRAVATT
1 Graham Ross	1 Adam Lebian
2 Paul Grugan	2 Kieran Galloway
3 Ross Davidson	3 Ben Stabler
4 Dwayne Good	4 Richard Holliday
5 Damian Harris	5 Nathan Fairley
6 Alun Evans	6 Brett Jones
7 (Not Allocated)	7 Joel Smith
8 Michael Legg	8 Anthony McCullough
9 Matt Olley	9 Brendan Seipel
10 Clayton Koch	10 Drew Oberle
11 Gareth Dorey	11 Calvin Gnech
12 Roy Huth	12 Mike Rowland
13 Brad Ditton	13 Max Scott
14 Danny Stowers	14 Andrew Davidson
15 (Not Allocated)	15 (Not allocated)
16 Adam Watson	16 Robin Gosney
17 Corey Nicholson	17 Lincoln Greaves
18 Taro Urabe	18 Wade Baldwin
19 Darren Bender	19 Naoki Uemura
20 Todd Rumble	

PREMIER PREVIEW - Gold Coast City v Ipswich Knights

The Ipswich Knights have a whole lot to play for now that Brisbane City has confirmed its decision not to take part in the unofficial top-four semi-final series.

With City pulling out, the team finishing fifth will be invited to be part of the Rochedale Rovers-hosted playoffs.

Courtesy of their 2-1 win over Wynnum on Sunday, the Knights now hold fifth spot.

Now there, the Knights task to hold on to a finals spot gets harder. Ipswich's battle begins on Sunday at Palm Beach against Gold Coast City.

The Coast is full of confidence after a 4-1 away win over Toowoomba last Sunday. The victory enabled the Ken Lindsay-coached side to move into third spot, ahead of Rochedale.

The sides have met on two occasions this season, with the ledger standing at one win apiece.

Although the Coast will start the match as favourites, the Knights cannot be dismissed lightly.

They showed great fight to come from behind against Wynnum and will battle just as hard now that they have the chance of featuring in some post-season action.

It's been a frustrating year for Knights coach Frank Pimblett, but the chance for success at the end of a long campaign is spurring him and his players on.

An added incentive for the Coast is the outside chance it could finish second if Lions falter in their final two matches of the season.

WHO'S HOT: Trent Griffiths worked tirelessly on the right for the Knights last Sunday. Steve Fitzsimmons continued his great year with the Coast with another goal last weekend.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round 17 - Ipswich Knights 1 d Gold Coast City 0 - Eric Evans Reserve, June 11.

TIP: Gold Coast City 2-0

Ken Caldwell -
Ipswich Knights



Gold Coast City v Ipswich Knights

Palm Beach SC, Palm Beach
Sunday August 20, 2.45pm

GOLD COAST CITY	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
1 Jamie Irwin	1 Jason Lucas
2 Adam Evans	2 Ken Caldwell
3 (Not Allocated)	3 Trent Scott
4 Cameron Watson	4 Andrew King
5 Nathan Woodbridge	5 Clint Scott
6 Neil Ferguson	6 Peter Hinks
7 Steve Fitzsimmons	7 Richard Hilli
9 Shane Smeltz	8 John Clark
10 Tony Pearcey	9 Trent Griffiths
11 Kris Dodd	10 Peter McKendrick
12 (Not Allocated)	11 Pat Boyle
13 Warren Allen	12 Tim Reece
14 Karl Dodd	13 Stewart Drinkeld
15 Robert Millican	14 Scott Stenzel
16 Adam Vermillion	15 Adam Le Fly
18 Ian Hutchison	16 Wes Park
19 Nathan Thompson	17 Andrej Gacesa
20 Adem Poric	18 Peter Hallett
Rgk. Glenn Moss	19 (Not allocated)
	Rgk. Michael McCulloch

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE CITY v B'BERG WAVES

Brisbane City has "put the champagne on hold" until there is absolutely no chance the premiership can go anywhere else but Spencer Park.

A draw at home against Bundaberg on Sunday will be enough for Danny Wright's team to claim the premiership.

Even if City lost its last two games, Lions would have to win by big margins in their last two matches to claim an unlikely premiership.

But for this season's premiership to go to any other team other than Brisbane City would be an injustice.

City has led for the entire year, with only the occasional slight stumble keeping things interesting for other teams.

One of those mishaps came the last time Bundaberg visited Spencer Park. It was in round eight of the season and up until then City had won all of its matches.

But Waves caused what was at that stage the upset of the season in defeating City 1-0 - one of only four losses for City this campaign.

Further adding to Waves hopes of causing a second upset is their most recent result. Bundaberg thrashed Rochedale 4-0 at Thabeban Sports Complex last weekend.

Wright is wary of a confident Waves and isn't expecting a walk in the park for his side on Sunday.

"They had a good result against Rochedale so it won't be easy," Wright said.

But the chance to clinch the premiership at home should spur City on to greater heights.

WHO'S HOT: City midfielder Pablo Aviles has impressed his coach Danny Wright in recent weeks. Jason Chapman scored a hat-trick for Bundaberg last weekend.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round 17 - Brisbane City 3 d Bundaberg 0 - Thabeban Sports Complex, June 10.

TIP: Brisbane City 2-0



Cliff Tuck -
Brisbane City

Brisbane City v Bundaberg Waves

Spencer Park, Newmarket
Sunday August 20, 2.45pm

BRISBANE CITY	BUNDABERG WAVES
1 Mark Bland	1 Corey Baldock
2 Wayne Knipe	2 Rob Prendergast
3 Aaron Aldridge	3 Robert Thatcher
4 Clifford Tuck	4 Dale Zimmerlie
5 Wayne Strange	5 Lucas Read
6 Scott Elliott	6 Tony Roebuck
7 Pablo Aviles	7 Jason Chapman
8 Demetri Theochari	8 Jacob Noe
9 Vedran Becirbegovic	9 Nick Maas
10 Cristothe Cosson	10 Ashley Glass
11 Allan Cameron	11 Troy Robert
12 (Not Allocated)	12 Troy Hews
13 Bojan Vilic	13 (Not Allocated)
14 Nathan Carlos	14 Peter Bock
15 Damien Waugh	15 (Not Allocated)
16 Randall Banks	16 Jason Keune
17 Barry Wilkinson	17 Brett Kitching
18 Mark Battistin	18 Robert McVie
19 Stephen Starr	
20 Scott Higgins	

PREMIER PREVIEW - BRISBANE LIONS v T'WMBRA RAIDERS

The race for the Premier League title is over - well almost.

Brisbane Lions are clinging to the tiniest of hopes than Brisbane City will lose its last two matches.

If City does lose both its games and Lions win their two remaining fixtures, including Sunday's match against Toowoomba at Richlands, the arch-rivals will finish on the same points.

The title would then be decided on goal difference. City currently holds a huge advantage in that area, leading Lions by 13 goals.

It means that Lions not only need to win but need to do so by huge margins.

Hefty scorelines are not beyond the John Ogden-coached side. Star striker Royce Brownlie has scored 21 times this season and has a mortgage on the leading goalscorers title.

But Toowoomba won't be a pushover on Sunday. The Raiders will be keen to bounce back from the 4-1 drubbing they received at home last week from Gold Coast City.

The loss ended any hopes the Raiders had of finishing higher than their current spot of seventh.

With Bundaberg showing improved form of late, even seventh is not guaranteed, so Toowoomba will be desperate for at least a point at Lions Stadium.

The last time the two sides clashed the match finished in a stalemate, so a tight contest is a possibility.

WHO'S HOT: Lions defender Jamie Lowndes scored last weekend. Goalkeeper Trevor Gilliland will have been disappointed to pick the ball out of his net four times last Sunday.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Round 17 (catch-up) - Toowoomba 0 drew with Brisbane Lions 0 - Gold Park, July 1.

TIP: Brisbane Lions 3-0



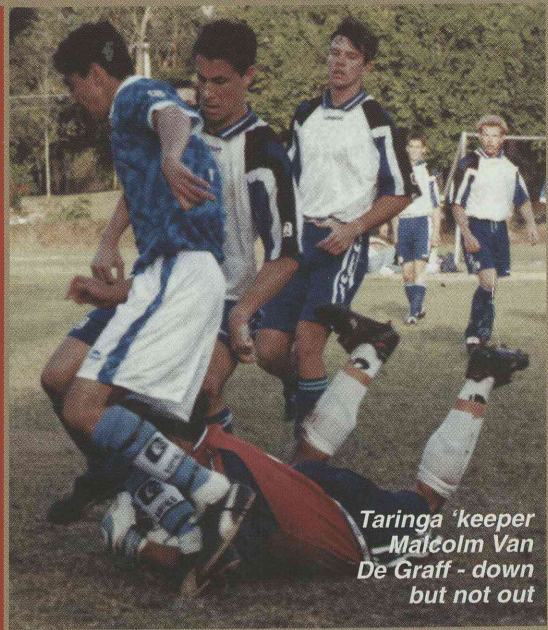
Toowoomba's
Anthony Brown

Brisbane Lions v T'wmbra Raiders

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Sunday August 20, 4pm

BRISBANE LIONS	TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS
1 Anthony Breaden	1 Trevor Gilliland
2 Jamie Lowndes	2 Colin Hackwood
3 Darren Sime	3 Martin James
4 Raj Kumar	4 Ken Duncan
5 Chris Day	5 Brent Hyslop
6 Darren Hillier	6 Anthony Brown
7 Steve Jackson	7 Gavin Freier
8 Des Hughes	8 Leigh Ramia
9 Royce Brownlie	9 Cameron Williams
10 Scott Robertson	10 Jamie Miller
11 Michael Baird	11 Steve Willmot
12 Danny Britton	12 Jason Bosward
13 B Lewandowski	13 Ashley Fox
14 Warren Moon	14 Steve Wilkes
15 Grant Dickens	15 Chris Wilkes
16 Shaun Molenda	16 Shane Biber
17 Steve Bland	17 Craig McConnell
18 Glen Farinazzo	18 Adam Nicholson
19 Ryan Hanger	19 Martin Rees
20 Corey Hagell	20 Liam Hackwood
21 Brett Dickens	

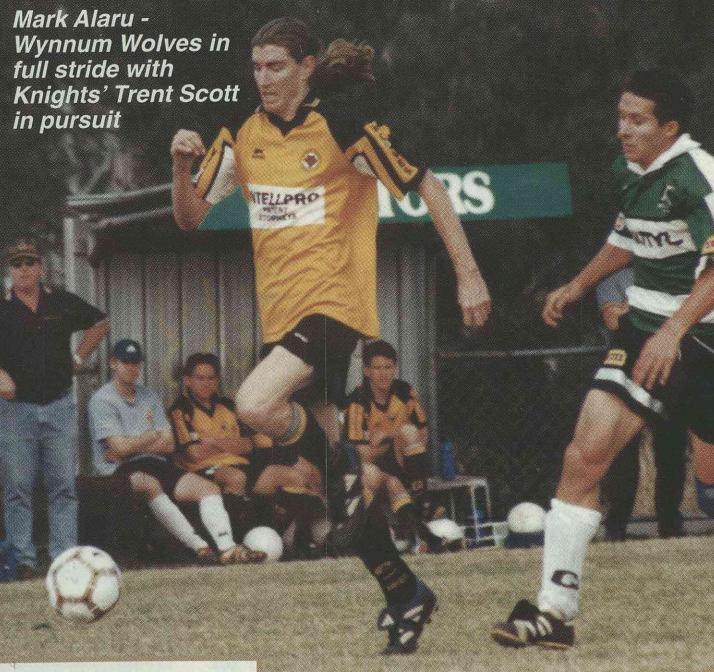
ACTION REPLAY



Taringa 'keeper Malcolm Van De Graff - down but not out



Brisbane City defender Damian Waugh gets in his cross before Taringa's Cameron Williamson arrives



Mark Alaru - Wynnum Wolves in full stride with Knights' Trent Scott in pursuit

Semi Pro Matches (Round 26)

Saturday August 19

Pine Rivers v Mitchelton
7pm - Wendy Allison Pk, Strathpine
Souths Utd v Eastern Suburbs
7pm - Wakerley Park, Runcom
Acacia Ridge v Capalaba
6pm - Ron Proud Field, Acacia Ridge
Redlands Utd v Olympic Utd
6pm - Showground Cmplx, Cleveland

Sunday August 20

Newmarket v North Pine
2.45pm - McCook Park, Newmarket
University of Qld v The Gap
2.45pm - Oval 3, St Lucia Campus
Grange Thistle v North Star
2.45pm - Wallace J Dann Oval, Grange
Rocklea Utd v Slacks Creek
2.45pm - Dunn Road, Rocklea



Wynnum rookie Danny Flaska got the better of Ipswich Knights' player Trent Scott



Knights' Pat Boyle contests a high ball with Wynnum's Steve Foreshaw

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Next weekend's Premier League (Round 27)

Sunday August 27 - 2.45pm

Mt Gravatt v Bundaberg Waves
Dittmer Park, Mt Gravatt
Ipswich Knights v Brisbane Lions
Eric Evans Reserve, Tingalpa
Brisbane City v Wynnum Wolves
Spencer Park, Newmarket
Taringa Rovers v Gold Coast City
Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly
Toowoomba Raiders v Rochedale Rovers
Gold Park, Toowoomba

NORTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

The premiership race in the north is now a race in two, following a weekend of results that has allowed Mitchelton to slip back into title contention.

Mitchelton accounted for Grange Thistle with consummate ease at the weekend, downing the one-time XXXX League club 4-0 to keep alive its faint premiership hopes.

The victory pushed Mitchy's premiership tally to 44 points, still four shy of leaders University of Queensland, however still breathing in a fight that is now in the final minute of the twelfth round.

University's 0-0 draw with North Star last weekend at Zillmere has kept Gary McDowall's boys in with a chance, although Mitchelton's destiny is not in its own hands.

The club still needs University to only take one point from its remaining two matches with The Gap and North Pine, and then has to win both of its games with Pine Rivers this Saturday night and Albany Creek the following week.

The statistics are stacked against Mitchelton, which let the students off the hook a fortnight ago, when the two sides met, however mathematically the club is still a chance.

University's scoreless draw with North Star effectively ended the premiership race for last year's title holders.

In a match that North Star needed to win to keep its title defence hopes alive, the students managed to keep things scoreless.

But despite the result, it seems intra-club turmoil may have been the 1999 premiers ultimate undoing.

After a week of huge changes at the club, including a changing of the guard at both the coaching level and within the club's board, it seems reality has caught up with North Star.

Despite going through a mid-season form slump, the club never once gave up hope of winning back to back titles, but now it must accept that it will have to relinquish the crown to either University or Mitchelton.

The internal turmoil is an unfortunate way

for the club to finish its 2000 campaign. This weekend North Star will meet Grange Thistle, in a match that will see the Stars assume favouritism. However it could mark a very good opportunity for Grange to spring an upset over a side that has nothing more to play for.

University can effectively put an end to Mitchelton's premiership race by taking care of The Gap this Sunday at Saint Lucia.

Should the students win against The Gap, the 2000 trophy will be heading their way a week prior to the season's end. A drawn match or a loss to The Gap will keep Mitchelton's chances alive for one last week.

The Gap has struggled somewhat in recent weeks, highlighted by last weekend's 2-1 loss to Newmarket.

The one-time top four contender is now a distant nine points short of the fourth placed Pine Rivers and will no doubt be looking to end the season on a winning note.

A victory over the potential premiers would be a very nice way to conclude the year for the young club, giving the players something positive to take into next season.

And while Mitchelton still has to rely on The Gap downing or holding University to a draw, the club needs to win its match this weekend.

Gary McDowall's men will travel to Pine Rivers with one thing on their mind this weekend, - take three points or be faced with the fact that this year's premiership race is over.

That fact should be enough motivation to see Mitchelton home this weekend, although the trip to Wendy Alison Park rarely brings any joy for visiting teams.

If Mitchelton doesn't take maximum points from this match, its season is over.

In the other match in the northern competition this weekend, North Pine will travel to Newmarket, with both sides looking to improve their standings on the ladder.

This mid-table clash, while not having anything much riding on it, should still provide plenty of enjoyment for local fans.

SOUTHERN SEMIPROS AND CONS

With just two rounds of matches to be played and the southern premiers trophy all but in the cabinet at Heath Park, Acacia Ridge is proving to be the real surprise packet in the south.

In recent years the Ridge has always had the capacity to be competitive with the strongest teams in the league, however consistency has always been a problem for the club.

It's still true that consistency even this year has not been great for the Ridge, but incredibly, as the season draws to an end, the one-time XXXX League club now finds itself sitting in outright second spot on the ladder.

The club jumped a point clear of last year's premiers Souths United at the weekend, courtesy of 2-0 victory over lowly Slacks Creek, and with two rounds remaining the Ridge now has the opportunity to finish the season on a high in second spot.

And that would be an outstanding result for a club that has gone through many changes in the last twelve months or so.

Not only would that sort of finish hold the club in good stead for any combined semi-professional competition next year, it also could be just the platform it needs to relaunch another XXXX League campaign.

This weekend the Ridge hosts Capalaba on Saturday night and the club must back up the following week to take on close rivals Olympic United at Goodwin Park. Victories in both would ensure a top two finish for the season.

East's meanwhile returned to winning form last weekend, thrashing the hapless Beenleigh 7-1 at Heath Park.

Once again, the clash proved a mismatch of monumental proportions, with the Tigers romping home against a Beenleigh outfit that just hasn't been up to the week to week rigours of semi-professional competition.

Certainly a drop in division could not do the club any harm, as it struggles to become competitive again and give its fans something to finally cheer about.

The Lions will take this weekend off with the bye, before hosting Souths United in the final round of the season next weekend.

At the other end of the spectrum, the team that flogged Beenleigh last weekend, Eastern Suburbs, remains a massive 16 points clear of the opposition on the points table.

Despite a couple of minor stumbles in recent weeks, the Tigers have proven they are far and away the best team in this year's competition, winning 16 of 22 matches.

This weekend East's will travel to Wakerley Park at Runcorn to take on last year's premiers Souths United, in what will no doubt be a bit of a grudge match for Souths.

Despite lying third on the ladder, it has been a year to forget for Souths, whose early-season inconsistency has cost them any chance of defending the title.

Teams cannot win just nine or ten premiership matches and expect to win premierships.

Last weekend's 0-0 draw with Olympic United, highlighted the sort of patch form Souths has been in for most of the year. That result was the club's ninth drawn match this year, a loss of 18 potential premiership points.

Saturday night's match represents an opportunity to peg back some ground on the ladder leaders, but more importantly to regain some credibility as thoughts now turn to next year's competition.

Olympic meanwhile will travel to Redlands this Saturday night, again hoping to move a little higher up the ladder and possibility into a top-two finish.

Redlands on the other hand cannot improve its position on the ladder, although the club can move closer to the middle of the pack and finish the year on a high.

Last week Redlands finished with a 0-0 draw against rival bayside club Capalaba. Similar results against Olympic this weekend and Eastern Suburbs the following week, will be tough but certainly not impossible.

Michelle takes 2000 crown

Michelle Thompson still finds it hard to believe she was crowned Miss Queensland Soccer 2000 at a gala dinner held at the Italo-Australian Centre on Saturday night.

The vivacious Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club entrant (right) was awarded Queensland's soccer's most glamorous prize.

"I'm still on cloud nine," Michelle said.

"I couldn't believe it was my name that was read out."

The 17-year-old retail management TAFE student is the daughter of Easts stalwart Phil Thompson.

She is rapt about getting the chance to represent the Qld Soccer Federation at various functions and cannot wait to use her main prize of a trip overseas.

Peninsula Power's entrant Emma Dale, was voted Miss Queensland Soccer runner-up.

The night's final award went to Brisbane City entrant Gianna Rosa, who raised the most money and accordingly won the Miss Fundrasing title.

It was a case of second time lucky for Gianna, who was also City's entrant last year.

QSF President Wallace Dann praised the girls and sent a hearty thank you to all the Quest sponsors, especially Guido Canale, the principal of Canale Travel who sadly was absent overseas.



The 16 Quest entrants at the glamorous evening last Saturday night

Redlands	19	4	6	9	20	42	18	Bethania	16	8	2	6	54	30	26
Park Ridge	19	6	0	13	39	73	18	Souths Utd	17	6	3	8	54	42	21
Bayside	19	2	1	16	9	70	7	Mt Gravatt	15	6	0	9	39	31	18
U15 Div 1								Logan Village	16	0	0	16	14	124	0
Rochdale	18	15	3	0	56	8	48	Colts Div 1							
Souths Utd	18	12	4	2	52	12	40	Souths Utd	19	14	3	2	85	27	45
Brisbane Lions	17	12	0	5	53	23	36	Rochdale	18	13	3	2	71	22	42
Slacks Creek	18	9	3	6	34	31	30	Capalaba	19	10	4	5	60	62	34
Albany Creek	18	8	3	7	37	35	27	Bris Lions B	19	10	3	6	49	39	33
Brisbane City	17	7	1	9	27	43	22	Acacia Ridge	19	8	4	7	63	47	28
Ips Knights	18	6	2	10	31	38	20	Ips Knights	19	4	6	9	32	43	18
Brisbane Toro	18	5	3	10	26	44	18	Mt Gravatt	18	3	2	13	32	62	11
Peninsula	18	3	1	14	22	58	10	Bris Lions O	19	0	1	18	14	104	1
Brighton	18	1	2	15	19	65	5	Colts Div 2							
U15 Div 2								Redlands	19	15	1	3	82	15	46
Rochdale	22	16	4	2	64	27	52	Jimboomba	19	13	2	4	71	21	41
Mt Gravatt	22	14	5	3	97	43	47	Souths Utd	18	12	1	5	45	32	37
Grange Thistle	22	14	3	5	60	30	45	Inala	19	9	1	9	49	27	28
Redlands	22	14	2	6	55	33	44	Annerley	19	7	1	11	40	46	22
Souths Utd	22	12	5	5	57	29	41	Wynnum	18	4	5	9	36	48	17
Park Ridge	22	11	5	6	74	52	38	Park Ridge	19	2	4	13	28	88	10
Beenleigh	21	9	0	12	46	63	27	Slacks Creek	19	3	1	15	27	105	10
Ipswich City	22	6	4	12	31	48	22	Colts Div 3							
Albany Creek	21	5	3	13	31	66	18	Clairvaux	19	16	3	0	87	17	51
Narangba	22	5	2	15	36	57	17	Greenbank	19	13	3	3	71	32	42
Mitchelton	22	4	1	17	23	72	13	Olympic	19	10	4	5	58	32	34
Pine Rivers	22	3	2	17	26	80	11	Ips Knights	19	8	3	8	53	34	27
U15 Div 3								Eastern Subs	18	7	1	10	22	39	22
Brisbane Lions	19	18	0	1	114	12	54	Rochdale	19	5	2	12	39	56	17
John Paul Coll	19	14	2	3	61	34	44	Redlands	18	4	0	14	30	67	12
Loganholme	19	11	2	6	71	45	35	Brisbane Lions	19	3	0	16	26	109	9
Rochdale	19	7	4	8	57	36	25	Colts Div 4							
Park Ridge	19	6	2	11	40	53	20	Loganholme	16	12	2	2	106	12	38
Ips Knights	19	5	3	11	35	87	18	Ipswich City	16	10	5	1	74	28	35
Capalaba	19	3	5	11	27	66	14	Jimboomba	16	7	4	5	63	44	25
Acacia Ridge	19	3	0	16	24	96	9	Centenary	17	7	2	8	28	39	23
U15 Div 4								Logan City	13	6	2	5	59	36	20
Ipswich City	17	13	2	2	66	16	41	Slacks Creek	17	4	3	10	40	103	15
Brisbane Lions	16	10	1	5	50	44	31	S'side Eagles	16	3	2	11	23	66	11
St Bernardines	15	9	0	6	55	45	27	Bethania	7	0	0	7	2	67	0

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Wehrman has a few nerves

Kasey Wehrman will know by tomorrow (Friday) whether he will represent Australia at next month's Olympic Games.

Much to his relief, the 22-year-old's long wait and his battle to prove his fitness is almost over.

If all goes to plan, Wehrman will be in Melbourne next week in camp with the rest of the Olyroos squad preparing for Australia's first Games match against Italy at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on September 13.

The Perth Glory midfielder believed the squad would be named last week, but after speaking to assistant coach Adrian Santrac, he found out the wait would continue.

But the former Brisbane Strikers star isn't panicking. He feels he has done enough to prove he has overcome ankle and groin injuries.

"I'm not too nervous. Hopefully, I'll be

leaving for camp with the rest of the boys on Sunday," he said.

Back home with his family in Brisbane, Wehrman has been training twice a day recently at Perry Park with Queensland Academy of Sport fitness advisor Ken Stead.

At the weekend he played his first match since Perth's National League grand final loss to Wollongong to fully test the progress of his injuries, particularly his groin.

Wehrman played for Mitchelton against the Brisbane Strikers and although he pulled up a little sore, he's happy with the fact he made it through the match without too many problems.

"I was glad that everything went all right," a relieved Wehrman said.

The talented midfielder is among at least 25 to 30 players battling for the 15 spots available to under 23 players in the Australian team.

Three of the 18-man squad will be made up of players older than 23, with the trio expected to be Socceroos skipper Paul Okon, Leeds striker Mark Viduka and left-sided player Stan Lazaridis.

Wehrman has no qualms about overage players being part of the Olympic squad, knowing their experience could help Australia win a medal.

He gives Australia a great chance at snaring a medal, having confidence the Olyroos can get through the "group of death" that includes Italy, defending gold medallists Nigeria and Honduras.

On a personal note, Wehrman said making the Australian team would help him achieve his goal of playing overseas once the Olympics were over.

Even if he is not selected tomorrow, a scenario that is highly unlikely, Wehrman said he would head to Europe for trials as soon as they could be arranged.

How they fared here and there

XXXX LEAGUE

MT GRAVATT	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	1 - 2	Rd25
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	1 - 4	Rd25
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	WYNNUM	2 - 1	Rd25
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0 - 2	Rd25
B'BERG WAVES	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	4 - 0	Rd25

XXXX RESERVES

MT GRAVATT	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0 - 4	Rd25
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	1 - 0	Rd25
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	WYNNUM	0 - 4	Rd25
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1 - 3	Rd25
B'BERG WAVES	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	1 - 5	Rd25

XXXX YOUTH

MT GRAVATT	Vs	BRISBANE LIONS	0 - 2	Rd25
T'WMBA RAIDERS	Vs	GOLD COAST CITY	1 - 0	Rd25
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	WYNNUM	1 - 2	Rd25
TARINGA ROVERS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	0 - 2	Rd25
SUNSHINE COAST	Vs	ROCHEDALE ROV	1 - 2	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH

MITCHELTON	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	4 - 0	Rd25
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	2 - 2	Rd25
NORTH STAR	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0 - 0	Rd25
THE GAP	Vs	NEWMARKET	1 - 2	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH RES

MITCHELTON	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	1 - 1	Rd25
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	1 - 3	Rd25
NORTH STAR	Vs	UNI OF QLD	4 - 0	Rd25
THE GAP	Vs	NEWMARKET	4 - 0	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 NORTH YTH

NORTH PINE	Vs	PENINSULA POWER	2 - 2	Rd25
NORTH STAR	Vs	UNI OF QLD	0 - 1	Rd25
THE GAP	Vs	NEWMARKET	1 - 2	Rd25
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	3 - 8	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	0 - 2	Rd25
CAPALABA	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	0 - 0	Rd25
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	0 - 0	Rd25
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	BEENLEIGH	7 - 1	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH RES

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	1 - 0	Rd25
CAPALABA	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	5 - 2	Rd25
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	2 - 8	Rd25
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	BEENLEIGH	5 - 0	Rd25

SEMIPRO DIVISION 1 SOUTH YTH

SLACKS CREEK	Vs	ACACIA RIDGE	6 - 0	Rd25
CAPALABA	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	6 - 0	Rd25
OLYMPIC UTD	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	0 - 2	Rd25
EASTERN SUBS	Vs	BEENLEIGH	7 - 0	Rd25

AMATEUR DIVISION 1

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	MOGILL UTD	2 - 2	Rd21
DARRA UTD	Vs	JIMBOOMBA	6 - 1	Rd21
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	SAMFORD	0 - 1	Rd21
ANERLEY	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	7 - 0	Rd21
PENINSULA POWER	Vs	INALA CITY	1 - 2	Rd21
SOUTH STAR	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	2 - 1	Rd21

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RES

GOODNA & DIST	Vs	MOGILL UTD	0 - 5	Rd21
DARRA UTD	Vs	JIMBOOMBA	1 - 4	Rd21
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	SAMFORD	4 - 1	Rd21

ANERLEY	Vs	BROTHERS UTD	1 - 0	Rd21
PENINSULA POWER	Vs	INALA CITY	7 - 0	Rd21
SOUTH STAR	Vs	IPSWICH CITY	1 - 1	Rd21

AMATEUR DIVISION 2

BETHANIA RAMS	Vs	OXLEY UTD	2 - 2	Rd25
LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	0 - 1	Rd25
PINE HILLS	Vs	PARK RIDGE	0 - 3	Rd25
BAYSIDE UTD	Vs	WOODRIDGE	1 - 0	Rd25
MOOROONDU	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	0 - 8	Rd25

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RES

BETHANIA RAMS	Vs	OXLEY UTD	7 - 1	Rd25
LOGAN CITY KINGS	Vs	CLAIRVAUX	0 - 5	Rd25
PINE HILLS	Vs	PARK RIDGE	0 - 3	Rd25
MOOROONDU	Vs	WILSTON ATHLETIC	2 - 5	Rd25

AMATEUR DIVISION 3

EASTS PINEAPPLE	Vs	SOUTHS UTD	3 - 0	Rd21
SAMFORD	Vs	GREENBANK	2 - 2	Rd21
MOGILL UTD	Vs	LOGAN CITY KINGS	3 - 6	Rd21
PENINSULA POWER	Vs	PARK RIDGE	2 - 2	Rd21
KINGSRIDGE	Vs	BRIGHTON DIST	0 - 9	Rd21

AMATEUR DIVISION 4

IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	BRISBANE CITY	1 - 4	Rd21
CAPALABA	Vs	NEWMARKET	2 - 8	Rd21
BRISBANE LIONS	Vs	TARINGA ROVERS	1 - 4	Rd21
MITCHELTON	Vs	THE GAP	1 - 1	Rd21
UNI OF QLD	Vs	MT GRAVATT	3 - 0	Rd21

AMATEUR DIVISION 5

SOUTHS UTD	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	2 - 0	Rd21
S'SIDE EAGLES	Vs	SLACKS CREEK	1 - 0	Rd21
IPSW KNIGHTS	Vs	GRANGE THISTLE	3 - 0	Rd21
ACACIA RIDGE	Vs	NORTH PINE	7 - 2	Rd21
UNI OF QLD	Vs	NORTH STAR	3 - 2	Rd21
ALBANY CREEK	Vs	PARK RIDGE	9 - 0	Rd21

AMATEUR DIVISION 6

NEWMARKET	Vs	REDLANDS UTD	4 - 1	Rd24
SLACKS CREEK	Vs	PINE RIVERS UTD	16 - 0	Rd24
NORTH STAR	Vs	SAMFORD	0 - 5	Rd24
BRISBANE CITY	Vs	UNI OF QLD	3 - 2	Rd24
EASTS PINEAPPLE	Vs	ALBANY CREEK	3 - 1	Rd24
OXLEY UTD	Vs	IPSW KNIGHTS	2 - 3	Rd24

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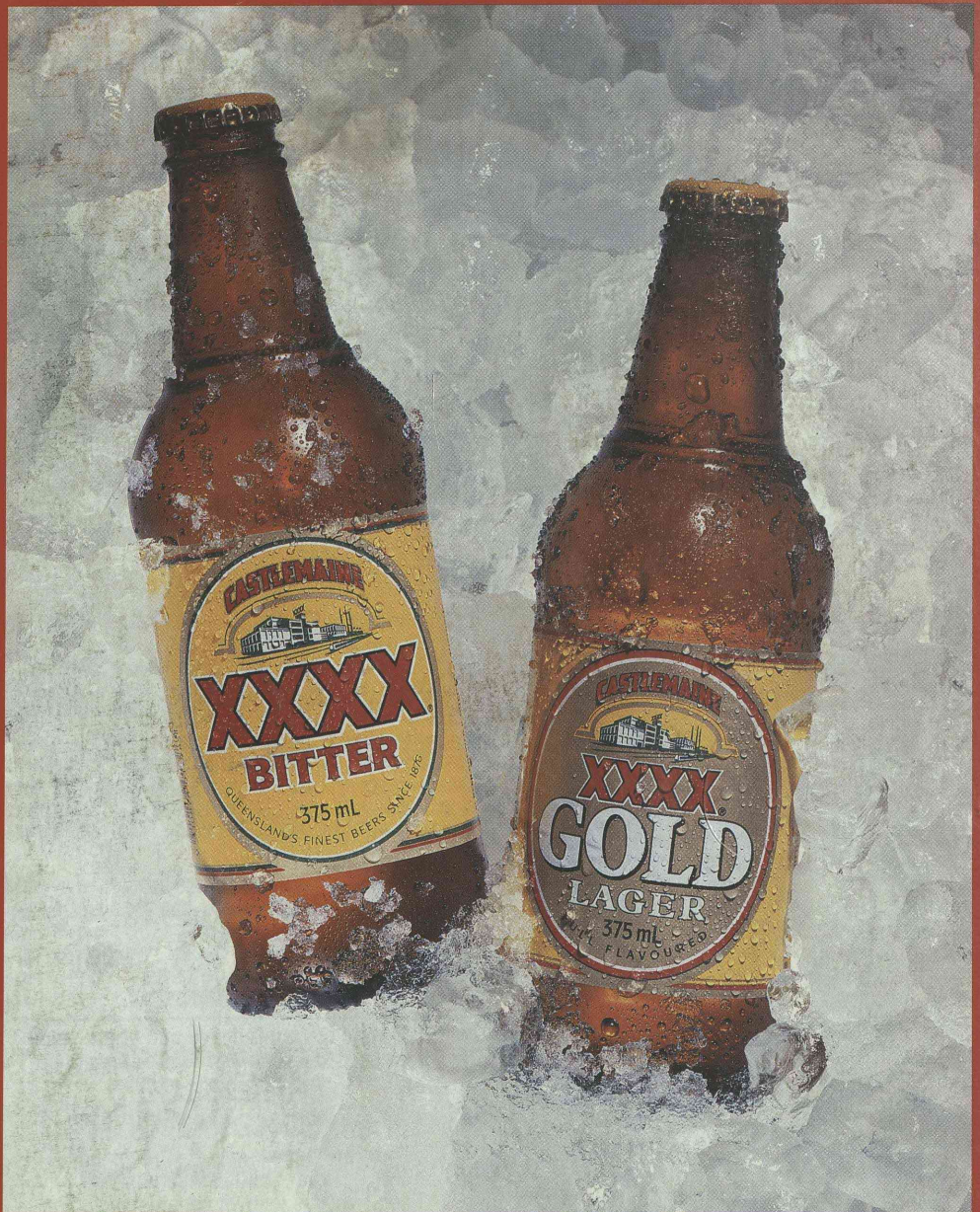
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