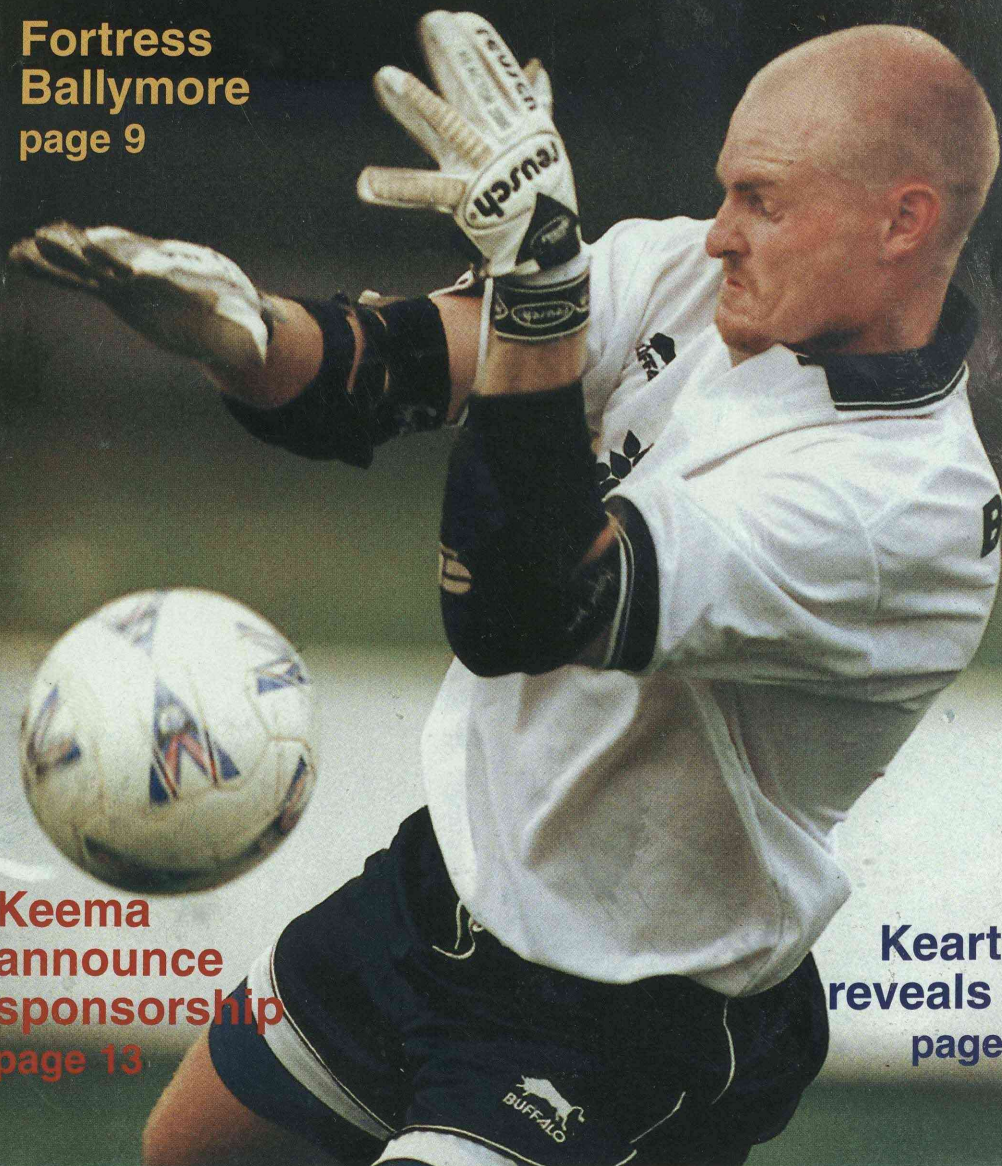


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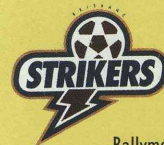
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Coach's Comment

Isn't life full of surprises! Four weeks ago I don't think there were too many amongst us that were game enough to predict that we would be coming into this match undefeated - let alone with three wins to our credit - myself included.

I was quietly hopeful but I've learnt over the years that hopes don't always become realities. I've also learnt not to be over-confident.

A degree of humility goes a long way. So does a degree of honesty. Against the Kingz and Sydney United we did well enough to deserve the results.

Against the Knights last Saturday we were lucky!

On the football you need some luck. Talking after the game to our chairman, Ross Melville, he agreed.

He also said we were overdue some luck based on last season. I agreed.

It has been said you make your own luck and that's true.

We earned ours as a club during a torrid off-season. As a team we've earned it during a tough pre-season with attitude, work ethic and commitment.

And we'll earn some more by maintaining these good habits, but hopefully we won't have to dip into the account as much as we did against the Knights in future matches.

It was certainly an exciting match, but not much good for the ticker!

Apart from the fact we won last weekend, I also got some joy from the post match press conference.

It was nice to hear the opposition coach saying the result would have been different but for missed chances - reminded me of myself over the past few seasons.

I was also quite amused when one of the media contingent asked why we were doing so well after all the pundits down south had predicted disaster.

Look at the players you lost, they said.

What they didn't look at I told them was who we replaced them with.

Our "new guys" have been great.

They've raised the bar a few notches because they are good quality players who set high standards for themselves. The rest of the squad have responded accordingly. Now we are all setting higher standards.

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...from the
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Confidence or contentment? These two words are often misrepresented.

The Strikers so far have a record of three matches for three wins, two of which were played away from our home ground, Ballymore.

Much was said in the southern media before the season began with the so-called experts writing us off as the league's likely wooden spooners.

But already those critics have started to eat their words with the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers sitting second and unbeaten from its three matches.

Our match tonight won't be easy against the Sydney glamour team, Northern Spirit, particularly with their striker Pablo Cardozo just two goals short of joining the 100-club.

But just what has been the difference this year to past seasons?

Many people I talk to say it comes down to confidence. A team playing with confidence is hard to beat, just like the individual sportsman.

Being injury free for the first time in many years also has been a major contributing factor and one, which coach John Kosmina, has welcomed.

After our last home game in which we methodically beat the Football Kingz, Kosmina was able to select an unchanged side for the match against Sydney United, which we won after coming from behind with three second half goals.

Contentment also comes into the equation as a major factor behind our early season form.

Soccer Australia's rightful decision to reinstate the Strikers to the national league enabled the board to look to the future and to give it confidence to make long term planning decisions.

SA decision to licence the Strikers in its own right and free the club from its previous ties with the Queensland Soccer Federation enabled the board to take the positive step forward into full-time professionalism.

Becoming a club of fulltime professionals gives the club and its players, a sense of security and with it contentment.

I believe the decision to move to full-time professionalism has been one of the driving forces behind part of our early season form, and of course, the players determination for success.

The players no longer have to work for a living and subsidise their income by playing football.

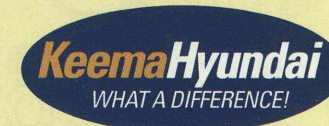
They now live and breathe the game and train five days a week, which has removed a lot of their financial anguish and concerns over their livelihoods.

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...from the Captains desk

So far, so good – is the best cliché I could think of to describe our start to the season!

With two excellent away results coming in the last three weeks and with the bye in the other round to go with our home win over the Kingz, we find ourselves in a lusty second position coming into tonight's testing fixture against Northern Spirit.

However, as we all know second placing in round five does not mean anything in the grand scheme of things.

But what it provides us with is a chance to ensure we can all be happy when the season comes to a close.

Again with the season in its infancy, it can still only be considered a small chance.

But if the lads can maintain, and indeed possibly improve on the standards we have already set during these early stages, then perhaps we will convert that chance into reality.

Maintaining these standards, which put simply is mere consistency, is really what the football season is all about.

Even with the Australian season being relatively short you still have to be consistent over the entire 24 rounds if you are to be successful.

Without being critical of our squads in past seasons we have been unable to achieve that necessary consistency.

This is what the lads and coach John Kosmina are trying hard to change this season.

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Spirit scalp will make four

The old adage of never changing a winning combination certainly rings true for coach John Kosmina as his unbeaten side attempts to make Ballymore a fortress against Sydney glamour side Northern Spirit tonight.

The Strikers have got off to a dream start and currently are second behind Perth Glory but more importantly two of their three victories have been away from home.

Kosmina's men have not played at home since it beat the Football Kingz in the season opener at Ballymore last month and will be determined to stretch its unbeaten record to four.

At the start of the season, Kosmina declared the Strikers needed to win its home games and pick up a few wins on the road to achieve their goal of making the Top Six.

So far, so good and the best news for the Strikers has been they remain injury free.

Kosmina is reluctant to make changes to a winning formula unless forced to through injuries or suspensions.

"If it's not broken why try to fix it," Kosmina said.

"We got no serious knocks against the Knights and we're injury free and want to continue the momentum against Northern Spirit."

Although the scoreline suggested the Strikers had a comfortable 2-nil win over the Knights there were a few areas of concern Kosmina is keen to rectify.

"We lived a bit dangerously and were a bit lucky against the Knights for a while in the second half," he said.

"We can't expect to do that every game and we need to solve that fairly soon."

One of the Strikers' main dangers tonight will be Pablo Cardozo who is trying to join the "century" club" of national league goal scorers.

Cardozo missed scoring in Northern Spirit's

3-loss to his former club Olympic Sharks last round as he attempts to become only the 13th player in the 25-year history of the league to reach the magical milestone.

And it can't come quick enough for the silky skilled Cardozo.

Kosmina has huge respect for Cardozo, describing him one of the game's best finishers.

"We need to remain tight and concentrate at the back against him but the best way to get on top of him is to stop their midfield feeding him," Kosmina said.

Alongside Perth's Damian Mori, the greatest goalscorer in the history of the

NSL, Cardozo stands as one of the best marksmen in the local game.

During stints with Sydney Olympic (twice), Adelaide Sharks and now Spirit,

Cardozo has proven time and again that he has few peers when it comes to frequently putting the ball into the back of net.

Cardozo has certainly helped make a difference at Spirit this season but the question is can the Strikers stop him tonight while not taking their eyes off the remainder of a highly talented outfit?

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Knights' accept unfair rule

Melbourne Knights refused to lodge an official complaint over a loophole, which allowed Adelaide City's Aurelio Vidmar to dodge an NSL suspension to play against them in round two.

Vidmar was given a one-match ban after being sent off in the final NSL game last season.

But he was deemed to have served his suspension during an off-season guest stint playing for Croydon Kings in the South Australian State League.

That cleared the way for Vidmar to play and score the equaliser in their 1-1 draw against Melbourne Knights last month, which sparked an outcry from some Knights officials.

They were incensed that Knights captain-coach Andrew Marth was unable to serve a similar suspension carried over from last season because of different player eligibility rules in Victoria.

Marth, who had a bout of 'flu and missed the Strikers game last weekend, was forced to sit out the opening match of the NSL season when the Knights' went down to Newcastle.

"Aurelio's situation was checked with the powers that be - both the local federation and Soccer Australia - and they gave it the green light," Adelaide City chief executive officer Jeff Widera said.

"Our football department looked into the matter thoroughly."

Knights general manager Robert Hrzic said the club would accept Soccer Australia's ruling.

But he said an inconsistency among state federations over the eligibility of NSL players was something that needed to be addressed.

In South Australia, national league players can play in the State League regardless of the amount of matches they have played.

In Victoria, national league players can only turn out in the Premier League when they've played less than four NSL games the previous season.

"We decided not to take any action," Hrzic said.

"It's happened. The reality though is that it doesn't seem fair, but the rules allow for it to happen."

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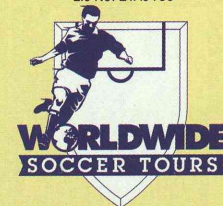
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No bid for Farina

Soccer Australia will not enter into a bidding war to renew the contract of national coach Frank Farina, according to SA deputy chairman Greg Woods.

Italian Serie B clubs with coaching offers of up to \$1 million has approached Farina, whose \$125,000-a-year contract expires at the end of this month.

But Woods said SA was in no financial state to match such a package.

Farina has already fielded offers worth more than \$500,000 from Japanese J-League clubs and the latest international overture comes after SA's failure to shore up the 37-year-old beyond the current World Cup qualifying campaign.

"The chairman (Ian Knop) has had discussions with Frank Farina...and I think the outcome of those discussions were pretty positive," Woods said.

"Frank is a very valuable asset to soccer in Australia - there's no argument about that.

Farina, who last month visited South America to watch World Cup qualifying

matches, has a strong record as coach of the Socceroos, amassing 17 wins from 30 games, including wins over world champions France and Brazil.

At this stage he has put on ice any overseas offers, preferring to concentrate on Australia's campaign to qualify for the World Cup, which culminates with matches against the fifth-placed South American team later this month.



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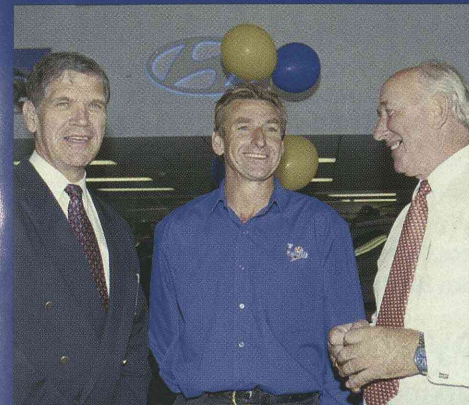
Keema is the largest Hyundai dealership in Queensland with centres at Taringa, Cleveland, Mt. Gravatt and Springwood and is the second largest dealership in the country.

"We got involved with the Strikers because of our previous involvement with Hyundai," said Keema founding director Henk Kabel.

"We have been in this business for 45 years and I have followed soccer for many years.

"I personally became involved with Brisbane soccer more than 40 years ago with a Dutch club called Hollandia (now Brisbane Lions).

"And we're still involved sponsoring junior soccer today and we're delighted now to be involved with the Brisbane Strikers."



CEO of Keema Automotive Group, Graham Stallard (left) with Strikers coach John Kosmina and Keema founder Henk Kabel.



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Strikers captain, Stuart McLaren is obviously pleased with his new Hyundai which is part of the Keema sponsorship arrangement.

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Kabel said the sponsorship arrangement with the Brisbane Strikers provided five vehicles to be used by Strikers management, coaches and some players in its development program.

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Skipper notches up 100

It sounds more like cricket with Brisbane Strikers skipper Stu McLaren 101 not out and Paul Foster unbeaten on 51 against Northern Spirit tonight.

In the Strikers' 2-nil away win against Melbourne Knights last round, McLaren celebrated his 100th national league appearance while Foster set a milestone by achieving his 50th appearance for the Strikers in his third season with the club.

And both players look destined for many more games in future years for the Strikers.

At just 26, McLaren, who eventually wants to coach after his playing days are over, could not be happier with the Strikers reincarnation in the national league this season.

He rated the step to full-time professionalism as a huge step forward, which has allowed the players and Kosmina, to full devote their time and energy on winning football matches.

"The step to professionalism had to happen and was the right move by the club management," he said.

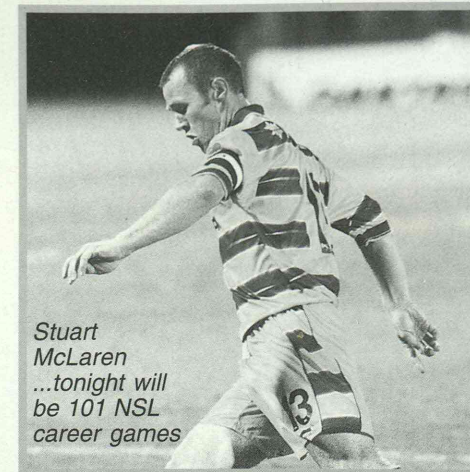
"If you look at the trend of football in Australia these days, most clubs are moving to full time professionalism and it's these full time clubs like Perth Glory that are at the top of the tree.

"There's a long way to go although it's a shorter season this year, but we'll all be disappointed if we don't at least make the Top Six."

McLaren was born in Glasgow, Scotland and moved to Australia as a young boy with Brisbane his first port of call.

McLaren's early football years were spent with Capalaba and Mt Gravatt in Brisbane before ultimately he was forced to move with his family to Rockhampton in central Queensland.

While playing for the Berserker club in Rocky, McLaren linked up with former Brisbane Strikers teammate Jeromy Harris before moving



*Stu McLaren
...tonight will
be 101 NSL
career games*

to the AIS after accepting a two-year scholarship.

It was in Canberra where he struck another friendship with another former Strikers' player, keeper Clint Bolton.

McLaren jumped at the opportunity to play for Wollongong Wolves in the national league before heading back to Scotland for a two-year stint with Sterling Albion and a brief stint in Asia.

McLaren had always been regarded as a defender but at Sterling Albion he was used as a striker, a position he later played when he first joined the Strikers.

"My style of play quite suited the Scottish game up front and I enjoyed it," he said.

McLaren's versatility was quickly utilised by coach John Kosmina resulting in the then 23-year-old claiming the Strikers' Golden Boot award with seven goals.

Kosmina bestowed the captaincy on McLaren in 1999 and shuffled the Scotsman back into defence, a move that has finally found him his niche in the Strikers.

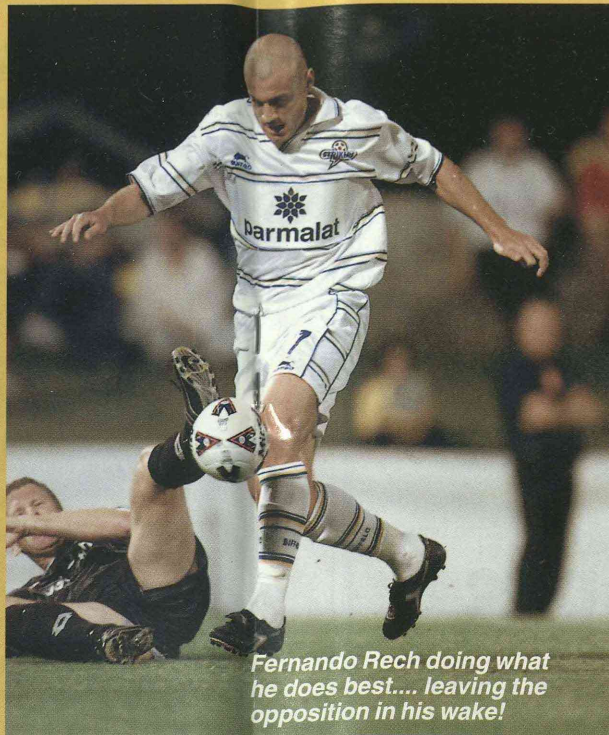
"The move back to defence came about after Steve Laybutt departed and we acquired two quality strikers, so it was logical I move back to the defence," he said.

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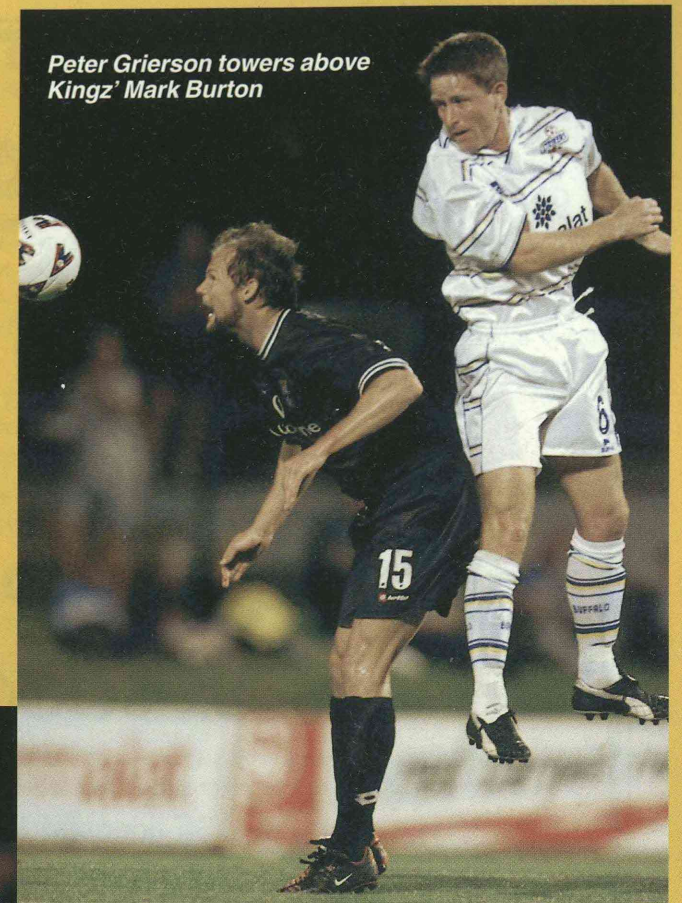
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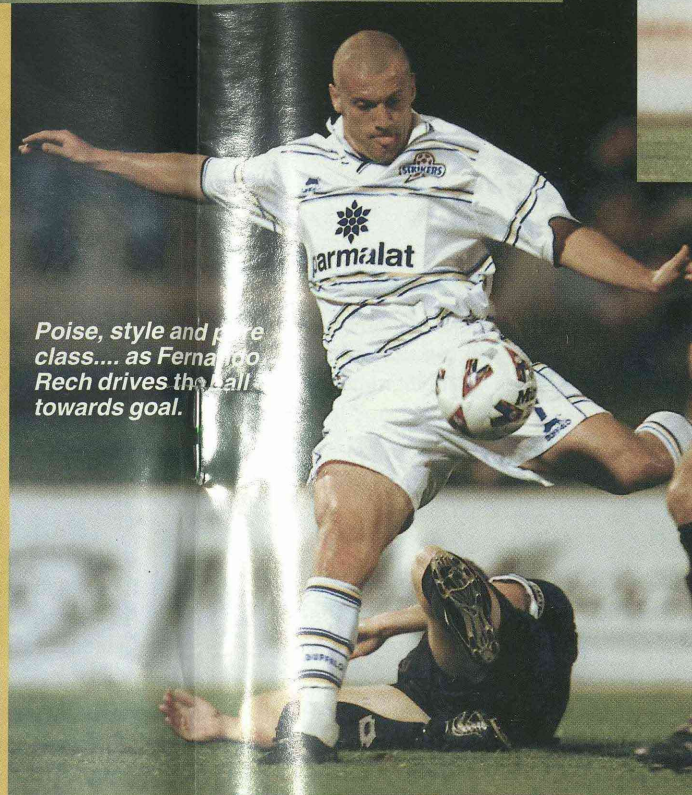
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I have often thought that the moniker 'Strikers' is well applied to a team coached by John Kosmina - Australia's first great striker and Rod Brown - Brisbane's greatest striker!

If your team is clearly sent onto the field to entertain, to strive to score and to play fairly in a robust and competitive way, you are lucky.

That's what we have with the Strikers. Coaches and captain have created a wonderful spirit.

Senior players have told me that this year the team is united and the atmosphere is great.

However, as a 'Strikers Watcher' who has taken an interest in the administration of the club as well as the performance of the team, I can tell you that throughout the organisation we are blessed with dedicated people.

Not only dedicated but also forward thinking, energetic and enthusiastic and with all their thoughts directed at the Strikers' goal.

Just like Kossie's team which a lot of you know.

We can be proud of our team, and we can be proud of the administrators.

Many people were involved in the fights to stop the Strikers being moved to the Gold Coast and the campaign for re-instatement into the National Soccer League.

The club's directors demonstrated great leadership and the staff (paid and unpaid) demonstrated great dedication throughout those trying times.

They should have pride, and we should have pride, in the fact that they led a successful fight fairly, in a robust and competitive way.

The BSSA made its contribution to the fight and contributes to the games at home.

The BSSA and the Strikers have passed

through the furnace together on a couple of occasions and have forged a very strong relationship.

The BSSA thanks the Strikers for being a strong, spirited group dedicated to entertaining football for the fans of Brisbane and Queensland.

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In the chaotic cosmos of the NSL there are some who did not come through the furnace at all.

The Strikers, due to the good people who work to bring them success, came through covered in glory.

The cake is made. Let's ice it with another Championship!

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Success in Melbourne

Brisbane Strikers made it three wins on the trot when it travelled to Melbourne Knights for a convincing 2-nil win at Knights Stadium last Saturday night.

Coming off a bye after two first up victories, the Strikers showed no signs they were affected by the extended break to come away worthy winners.

Like last season the Strikers are showing they can score goals but unlike last season's defensive record, the new-look Strikers are a much tougher outfit this time conceding just two goals.

Ever reliable Paul Foster opened the scoring against the Knights after 13 minutes converting from the penalty spot while new recruit Kris Trajanovski made it two with a goal 15 minutes from time.

Brisbane's victory keeps it in touch with ladder leaders Perth Glory who thumped Auckland Kingz 7-2 to stay clear at the top of the table.

The win was yet another surprise for its southern detractors after the Strikers were expelled and then re-instated into the league by Soccer Australia in the off-season.

Kosmina is delighted with the Strikers' early season form.

With a perfect record of two away wins already this season, the Strikers have bettered its entire away record last season when it won only one game away from Ballymore.

"If you look at the sort of people in the

squad, you don't write off players like Trajanovski, John Carbone and Fernando (Rech)," Kosmina said.

"It is the personality of the players we have got - some guys who are fairly emotionally and mentally tough."

Trailing 1-0 in the second half, Melbourne had much of the play, particularly through Daniel Vasilevski, with at least six good chances, but without injured strikers Toto Da Costa and Joe Tricarico, was unable to convert.

"Possession wise and in goal opportunities we did quite well," Knights player-coach Andrew Marth said.

Marth missed the game with a bout of 'flu.

"We didn't have anyone there to finish it off for us," he said.

"We have aimed for the top six and I am confident we can get there at the end of the season."

The Strikers got off to a dream start with what Marth described as a soft penalty when keeper Martin John fouled Foster.

However, John redeemed himself nine minutes after the break denying the Strikers the chance to go two-nil up with a stunning save from a Trajanovski's header.

The Strikers ended the Knight's misery and faint hopes for a draw in the 75th when a long ball out of defence enabled Trajanovski to capitalise by slotting home the winner.

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First win at Utd's ground

Coach Branko Culina trotted out a lame excuse after the Brisbane Strikers continued its bright start to the season with a decisive 3-1 win against Sydney United in their round two clash last month.

"The squad is made up by players who are not wanted by other clubs," said a solemn Culina who was appointed Bravehearts coach less than three weeks before the start of the season.

"At the moment we have been asked to get results from players who are not quite ready."

The Strikers trailed 1-nil at the half time break before replying with three-second half goals in only 15 minutes.

It was the Strikers first ever win at United's Sport Centre which kept the Queenslanders unbeaten and joint leaders with Perth Glory.

At the end of a staid opening half, United grabbed a lucky goal seconds before the break when Strikers keeper Jason Kearton made a fundamental error on his line.

The usually reliable Kearton botched a regulation save which enabled Commins Menapi to pounce on the rebound and gleefully claim the first goal of the match.

But that was where the good times ended for Sydney United. Four minutes after the break Strikers' frontman Paul Foster cashed-in on his first half perseverance, heading home a Kris Trajanovski cross to level the score 1-all.

Six minutes later the striker was in the thick of things again, this time combining with Fernando Rech who was happy to embarrass the United defence with an easy goal.

United continued to open up on the wings, combining with a lack of speed and poor marking to nullify the Bravehearts' modest attempts in attack.

But it was a flighted break straight through the central defence that cost the home side its final goal. A crafty individual effort by Trajanovski handed the Strikers consecutive wins and second overall on the NSL ladder by percentage to Perth Glory.

Strikers coach John Kosmina was more than happy with his team's performance - particularly after halftime.

"They probably went out and started believing in themselves a bit more," he said.

"We certainly had a bit more bite in the second half."

European clubs make life difficult

Uruguay's bid to avoid a World Cup qualifying play-off with Australia has been frustrated by European clubs, which won't release players for high-altitude training.

As Oceania winner, Australia takes on the fifth-ranked country in the South American qualifying group, currently Uruguay, for a berth in next year's World Cup.

Facing Ecuador next month, Uruguay's plans to catch fourth-placed Brazil, which is two points ahead, could be derailed by a reluctance by European clubs to release players to attend high-altitude training.

Australia has also had a running battle with European clubs, which have petitioned against releasing players for a friendly against France in Australia on Nov 11.

Uruguay coach Victor Pua had planned to take his squad to the Mexican city of Toluca to prepare for the game on Nov 7. The Ecuadorean capital Quito,

venue for next month's match, is 2,800 metres above sea level, roughly the same altitude as Toluca.

"The clubs are reluctant to release their players 10 days in advance as Pua wanted because they are very busy," said Uruguay spokesman Heber Gonzalez.

"They are only going to release them five days ahead as the rules require."

Gonzalez said that Uruguay would arrive in Quito only a few hours before the game.

Uruguay, which won two of the first four World Cups but is no longer considered a major international force, is already contemplating the dates of a possible showdown with Australia.

Their final qualifier against Argentina is on November 15 but the first leg of the playoff is due to be played 72 hours later in Australia - a 24-hour journey from Montevideo which involves crossing 13 time zones.

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Qld Champions kickoff new season with Vision

As defending WNSL Champions Queensland Sting, (the QAS Womens national league team) open the 2001-02 season with a game against the visiting Victoria Vision today at Ballymore.

There are several changes to the Queensland team this year, most noticeably captain Kim Revell who is out through injury.

This opens the door for some younger members of the squad to step forward and take the opportunity to impress at the top level.

The Queensland squad has a good mixture of youth and experience. Although a couple of the experienced players are still not yet 20.

New captain Kate (Shorty) McShea, still only 18, has already played a dozen internationals for the Matilda's, including the Olympics, while joint vice captains Traci Bartlett, scorer of the

winning goal in last years grand final and inspirational goalkeeper Claire Nichols will look to drive the team on to match last seasons performances.

Coach Mike Mulvey is pleased with the preparations, especially the way the players have responded to the changes of personnel.

"To lose players the calibre of Kim is a worry for any team," Mulvey said.

"But the players have worked their socks off and I can sense a feeling of anticipation throughout the squad as we get ready for the visit of Vision today.

"The most important aspect for me is to see that the players have the desire to match last seasons heroics and so far in training, the answer is yes, now lets see what happens on the park today."

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| 1 | Claire Nichols | Matilda |
| 2 | Traci Bartlett | Matilda |
| 3 | Karla Reuter | Young Matilda |
| 4 | Pam Grant | |
| 5 | Sarah Blackwell | Young Matilda |
| 6 | Olivia Hohnke | |
| 7 | Kate McShea | Matilda |
| 8 | Elissia Canham | Young Matilda |
| 9 | Alicia Ferguson | Matilda |
| 10 | Lana Harch | Young Matilda |
| 11 | Zoe Nolan | Matilda |
| 12 | Amy Beattie | |
| 13 | Alexis Tramacchi | |
| 14 | Bryony Duus | Matilda |
| 15 | April Mann | Matilda |
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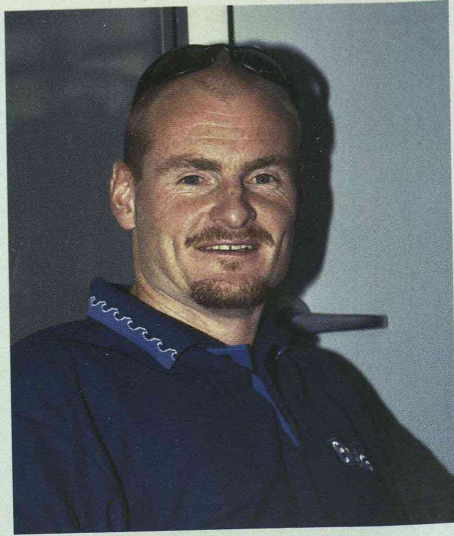
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Jason Brett Kearton

Date Of Birth: 09/07/69
 Birthplace: Ipswich, Aust.
 Age: 32
 Position: Goalkeeper
 Nickname: "J"
 Marital Status: married
 Children: Jakes 7, Chloe 3
 Occupation: Professional footballer
 Position: goalkeeper
 Left/Right footed: right footed
 Eye Colour: green
 Hair Colour: blonde
 Height: 6ft 1in
 Weight: 12st 7lbs



Do you wear glasses/contact lenses: No
 What brand of boots: Reebok
 National Rep honours: Nil
 Medals/Trophies: FA Cup winners medal
 Number of seasons with Strikers: First
 Past Clubs: Crewe, Everton
 Overseas experience: Everton, Crewe
 What age first played: 7yrs. followed my brother
 Junior Clubs: Coalstars, Bris Lions
 Career Highlight: FA Cup winners medal
 Biggest achievement to date: Playing in English Premier League
 Ambition: Play as long as possible. Coach g/keepers
 Favourite Actor: Bruce Willis
 Favourite Actress: Julia Roberts
 Favourite Moves: Die Hard 1, 2, 3
 What movie character would you be: Superman
 Favourite Comedian: Billy Connolly
 Favourite magazine: Muscle Media
 Favourite band/singer: Bruce Springstein
 Favourite food: Pizza
 Favourite TV show: The Footy Show
 Favourite TV character: Alf Steward (Home & Away)
 Favourite cartoon: Bugs Bunny
 Most watched sports program: Women's beach volleyball
 Favourite overseas player: Michael Owen
 Favourite overseas team: Liverpool
 Most admired locally based Austn. player: Bob Catlin
 Most admired overseas-based Austn. player: Harry Kewell
 Most admired defender: Steve Bruce
 Most admired midfielder: Roy Keane
 Most admired striker: Michael Owen
 Most admired goalkeeper: David Seaman
 Most admired sports person: Michel Jordan
 Major influences: Parents
 Soccer superstitions: None

BRISBANE STRIKERS		Opponents		F-A	
Player Statistics		Opponents		F-A	
Date					
Fri 5/10	Rnd 1	Kingz FC	H	2-1	
Sun 14/10	Rnd 2	Sydney United	A	3-1	
Sun 20/10	Rnd 3	Bye			
Sat 27/10	Rnd 4	Melbourne Knights	A	2-0	
Sat 3/11	Rnd 5	Northern Spirit	H		
Fri 9/11	Rnd 6	Parramatta Power	A		
Sat 17/11	Rnd 7	Newcastle United	H		
Wed 21/11	Rnd 8	Adelaide City Force	A		
Sat 1/12	Rnd 9	Olympic Sharks	H		
Sat 8/12	Rnd 10	Wollongong Wolves	H		
Fri 14/12	Rnd 11	South Melbourne	A		
Sat 22/12	Rnd 12	Marconi Stallions	H		
Sat 5/1	Rnd 13	Perth Glory	A		
Fri 11/1	Rnd 14	Kingz FC	A		
Sat 19/1	Rnd 15	Sydney United	H		
Fri 25/1	Rnd 16	Bye			
Sat 2/2	Rnd 17	Melbourne Knights	H		
Fri 8/2	Rnd 18	Northern Spirit	A		
Sat 16/2	Rnd 19	Parramatta Power	H		
Fri 22/2	Rnd 20	Newcastle United	A		
Sat 2/3	Rnd 21	Adelaide City Force	H		
Sat 9/3	Rnd 22	Olympic Sharks	A		
Fri 15/3	Rnd 23	Wollongong Wolves	A		
Sun 23/3	Rnd 24	South Melbourne	H		
Sat 30/3	Rnd 25	Marconi Stallions	A		
Sun 7/4	Rnd 26	Perth Glory	H		
		Individual League Appearances		32	134
		Individual League Goals		0	4

1 Kearton
 2 Mitchell
 3 Skerrett
 4 Mitchell
 5 Mitchell
 6 Kearton
 7 Kearton
 8 Kearton
 9 Foster
 10 Traenkle
 11 Cabrine
 12 Cabrine
 13 Prie
 14 Orger
 15 Mcker
 16 Mcker
 17 Baird
 18 Drake
 19 Drake
 20 Baddock
 30 Cox

Legend: ▲ = Played - S = Substitute - ○ = Non playing substitute - ◆ = Own goal in scoreline - ◆ = Yellow card - ■ = Red card

PARMALAT BRISBANE STRIKERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW 2001 - 2002

Round	Date	Opposition	Time/Venue
5	Sat Nov 3	Northern Spirit	7pm - Ballymore
6	Fri Nov 9	Parramatta Power	7.30pm - Parramatta Stadium
7	Sat Nov 17	Newcastle United	7pm - Ballymore
8	Wed Nov 21	Adelaide City Force	8pm - Hindmarsh Stadium
9	Sat Dec 1	Olympic Sharks	7pm - Ballymore
10	Sat Dec 8	Wollongong Wolves	7pm - Ballymore
11	Fri Dec 14	South Melbourne	7.30pm - Bob Jane Stadium
12	Sat Dec 22	Marconi Stallions	7pm - Ballymore
13	Sat Jan 5	Perth Glory	7pm - Perth Oval
14	Fri Jan 11	Kingz FC	7.30pm - Ericsson Stadium
15	Sat Jan 19	Sydney United	7pm - Ballymore
16	Fri Jan 25	Bye	
17	Sat Feb 2	Melbourne Knights	7pm - Ballymore
18	Fri Feb 8	Northern Spirit	7.30pm - North Sydney Oval;
19	Sat Feb 16	Parramatta Power	7pm - Ballymore
20	Fri Feb 22	Newcastle United	7.30pm - Marathon Stadium
21	Sat Mar 2	Adelaide City Force	7pm - Ballymore
22	Sat Mar 9	Olympic Sharks	7.30pm - Toyota Park
Cronulla			
23	Fri Mar 15	Wollongong Wolves	7.30pm - WIN Stadium
24	Sat Mar 23	South Melbourne	7pm - Ballymore
25	Sat Mar 30	Marconi Stallions	7pm - Marconi Stadium
26	Sun Apr 7	Perth Glory	3pm - Ballymore

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- 2 Richie Alagich
- 3 Shane Stefanutto
- 4 Jon McKain
- 5 Stuart McLaren
- 6 Peter Grierson
- 7 Fernando Rech
- 8 Adam Webber
- 9 Paul Foster
- 10 Kris Trajanovski
- 11 John Carbone
- 12 David Pilic
- 13 Wayne Heath
- 14 Daniel Dreger
- 15 Matthew McKay
- 17 Michael Baird
- 18 Lawrence Drake
- 20 Corey Baldock
- 30 Nathan Coe
- Coach - John Kosmina

NORTHERN SPIRIT

- 1 Lupce Acevski
- 2 Julian Watts
- 3 Simpm Bell
- 4 Noel Spencer
- 5 Robert Trajkovski
- 6 Scott Thomas
- 7 Andrew McDermott
- 8 Craig Foster
- 9 Adrian Cervinski
- 10 Pablo Cardozo
- 11 Troy Cranney
- 12 John Hutchinson
- 14 Michael Cartwright
- 17 Gabriel Mendes
- 18 Robbie Enes
- 19 Ryan Griffiths
- 20 Paul Henderson
- 21 Adam Griffiths
- 22 Jacek Sobczyk
- 27 Brent Fisher
- Coach - Mike Hickman



EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	4	4	0	0	14	3	12
STRIKERS	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Newcastle United	4	2	2	0	5	2	8
Parramatta Power	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Olympic Sharks	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Marconi Stallions	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Northern Spirit	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Sydney United	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Melbourne Knights	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Adelaide City Force	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
South Melbourne	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Wollongong Wolves	4	0	1	3	2	8	1
Kingz FC	4	0	1	3	6	14	1

OTHER ROUND 5 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 2 Nov	Wollongong Wolves v Kingz FC
Fri 2 Nov	Adelaide City Force v Newcastle Utd
Sat 3 Nov	Perth Glory v Sydney Utd
Sat 3 Nov	Olympic Sharks v Parramatta Power
Sun 4 Nov	South Melbourne v Melbourne Knights
	Bye - Marconi Stallions

ROUND 6 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 9 Nov	Adelaide City Force v Wollongong W.
Fri 9 Nov	Newcastle Utd v Olympic Sharks
Fri 9 Nov	Northern Spirit v South Melbourne
Fri 9 Nov	Parramatta v STRIKERS
Fri 9 Nov	Melbourne Knights v Marconi Stallions
Fri 9 Nov	Sydney Utd v Kingz FC
	Bye - Perth Glory

LATE NEWS...

The first national soccer league match to be played indoors was scheduled to be held in Melbourne last night.

South Melbourne and the Melbourne Knights were to play their local derby under the closed roof at Colonial Stadium.

The match was originally to be played at Bob Jane stadium tomorrow but South Melbourne and Colonial stadium bosses

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Wolves	4	4	0	0	9	4	12
QAS	4	3	1	0	9	1	10
Aust. Inst. Sport	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
Sydney United Youth	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
Parramatta Power Youth	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
ACT Academy	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Newcastle United Youth	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Olympic Sharks Youth	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Sydney United Colts	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
Brisbane Toro	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Marconi Stallions Youth	4	1	0	3	3	5	3
Northern Spirit Youth	4	0	1	3	2	9	1
NSW Inst of Sport	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Marconi Stallions Colts	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Damian Mori	Perth Glory	7
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	4
Paul Urolovic	Kingz FC	3
Paul Foster	Brisbane Strikers	3
Kris Trajanovski	Brisbane Strikers	2
Fernando Rech	Brisbane Strikers	2

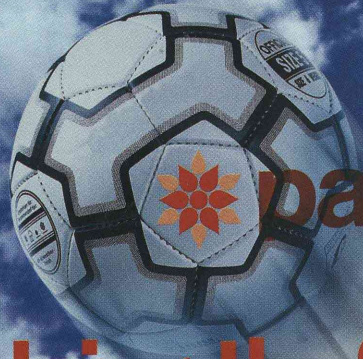
Nth. youth LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Pablo Aviles	Brisbane Toro	3
Alex Brosque	Aust Inst Sport	3
Anthony Danze	Aust Inst Sport	3
Matt Hifton	Qld Academy Sport	3
Lieghal Dellis	W'gong Wolves Yth.	3

agreed to shift the match.

Stadium Operations' Manager Ian Collins said he hoped last night's game would be the first of many soccer games to be played at Colonial stadium.

The stadium is also likely to host more National Soccer League matches this season and has been earmarked as a possible NSL finals venue.



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