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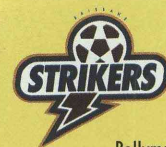




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*COVER: Strikers' captain Stuart McLaren in the thick of the action against Northern Spirit at Ballymore when the Parmalat Strikers dug deep to come from behind and force a draw.*

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**For the third time this season we came from behind last weekend to notch our third away win in five games.**

It's not the ideal situation being a goal down, but it tells us heaps about the character of this team.

The goal we conceded was a good goal, albeit a penalty, but it was well constructed and there wasn't much more we could have done to prevent it.

What was pleasing from my perspective was how the team reacted to it, or rather didn't react.

The boys took it in their stride as if to say, "so what! they scored and now we've got to get two to win."

We were patient. We kept doing the things we'd been doing all game, the same things that saw us hit the post and have a seemingly fair goal disallowed before Parramatta scored.

We kept our minds on the job and everybody did their job - didn't lose our shape, didn't panic, just kept trying to play the football we are capable of with passion and self-belief and the rest is history.

Five games: four wins and a draw, second on the ladder - so far undefeated. So far, so good, but still much too early in the season to get carried away, to get cocky or to make any bold predictions.

Our next big test, apart from tonight's match, will come when we are defeated. And we will be as sure as the sun comes up in the morning, as much I'd like to believe otherwise.

I'm being a realist here! It won't always work out like it has so far. If, however, we show the kind of character we have displayed to date we will take defeat in our stride as well and get on with the job of making the top six.

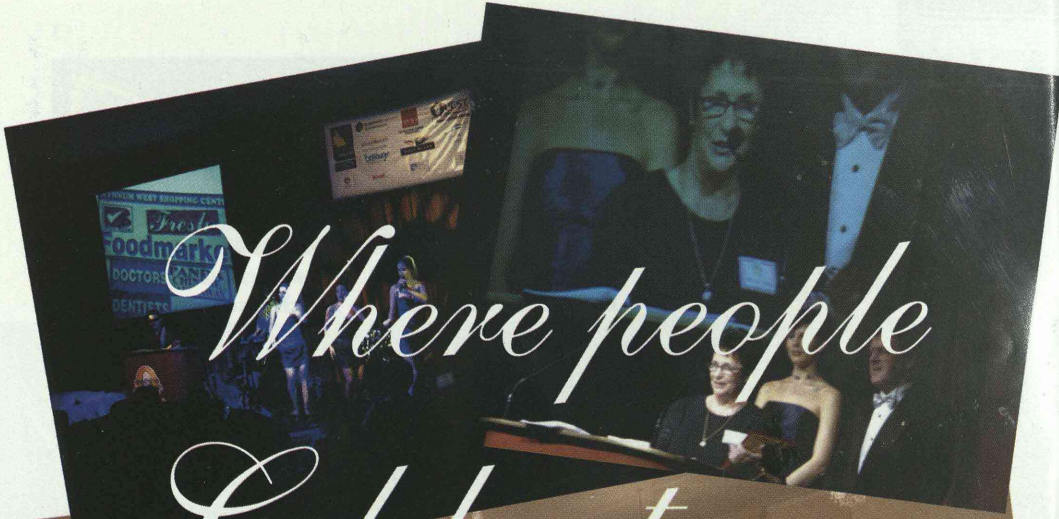
Speaking of character, didn't the Socceroos show some the other night against France? As a coach you couldn't ask for a better game as a warm-up just a week or so from a World Cup qualifier.

The Aussies took all the best in the world could throw at them in the first half and still managed to score first.

Despite conceding early in the second half (and what a great goal it was) we didn't lose concentration and got the draw. Australia will make the finals this time around. We've got the right players with the right attitude, just like the Strikers!

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...from the  
**Chairman's desk**

**On my recent trip to Melbourne I witnessed a great result when the Brisbane Strikers beat the Melbourne Knights.**

But what really surprised me was just how the Victorian public and its soccer administrators were following our progress.

It was highly encouraging to hear compliments emanating from Victorian soccer officials about how well the Brisbane Strikers had done so far this season, despite the off-field drama in the off-season when Soccer Australia cast doubt over whether we should be in the national league at all.

It was a long hard battle the Strikers won to get back into the competition after the Soccer Australia board chose to exclude us.

Our justifiable reinstatement was due to many factors, none more so from our loyal supporters and sponsors who inundated Soccer Australia with faxes protesting the original exclusion. But calls for our return also came from bodies and supporters outside Queensland, particularly our rival national league clubs including the Melbourne Knights.

I was particularly impressed with the sincerity shown by officials of the Victorian Soccer Federation who congratulated us on our return to the league and how well we had started the season despite losing several of last season's squad.

While it was pleasing to hear of the support we had outside Queensland it is a great pity the Brisbane Strikers has never received the same degree of enthusiasm and support from sections of our own soccer fraternity in Brisbane, including some of the Strikers' own stakeholders.

It is also a big disappointment to learn that soccer in Brisbane, under the jurisdiction of the Queensland Soccer Federation, has embarked on a deal with rugby league and the emergency services such as the ambulance, fire brigade and police to utilise Perry Park's facilities.

Rugby league clubs Brothers and Fortitude Valley have formed a new company bidding for a return to the QRL's state league.

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## ...from the Captains desk

**Last weekend's come from behind victory over the Parramatta Power was another significant effort, not only from the fact that we gained another important three points, but because we also kept up the theme of repaying the faith.**

A positive result was the best way to say thank-you to the group of Strikers supporters who were in attendance at Parramatta Stadium last Friday week.

If their reaction was anything to go by they enjoyed the match as much as we did, probably more.

While we are on the subject of support, on behalf of the players, I would like to say a big thank-you to all of you guys for the way you get behind the team and the tremendous effort you have put into doing so.

This support is vital for us particularly when things are not quite going our way.

A perfect example was when you helped lift the boys after we conceded the goal against Northern Spirit which ultimately resulted in Fozzies' fantastic equaliser.

Your support will again be appreciated as we attempt to overcome a Newcastle side that have made just as good a start as ourselves this season.

Yet again this will be our toughest test so far (we seem to be saying that a lot recently), which I guess is a testament to the closeness of the competition this season.

Newcastle have some very good signing's and I'm sure you guys are in for an entertaining evening.

Finally the famous GUMP shirt is still doing the rounds in the Strikers dressing room.

Winners so far have included Dregs, Corey, Jon McKain, Bairdy, Lenny (Lawrence) and Superman, oops I mean Steffo. Watch this space for future GUMPS!

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

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# Bogey team for Kosmina

**John Kosmina and the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers want to set the record straight by beating third-placed Newcastle United at Ballymore tonight.**

Newcastle has proved somewhat of a bogey side for the Strikers in recent years until last season Kosmina's team walked away with an away win and a home draw from their only two clashes.

Last week's 2-1 win against Parramatta Power provided Kosmina with a little known milestone with his 50th career win from 180 matches in charge of a national league side.

Statistics mean little to Kosmina who coached Newcastle for three seasons and is now in his fourth season with the Strikers.

"I'm not fazed by statistics," he said.

"It's my job to coach and I'm getting on with the job.

"Newcastle are a good side and their coach Ian Crook will have them well organised and buzzing.

"We beat them 2-nil in Newcastle last year then in our first game at Ballymore we draw nil-all.

"They've been a bit of a bogey team for us but we should have beaten them at home last year."

That was the game when former Strikers' defender Nick Meredith was taken off by stretcher in the first half with concussion and in the second half Peter Dwyer was sent off.

Newcastle has started this season with a bang, just like the Strikers, remaining unbeaten with three wins and three draws from its six games. The Strikers are just one point clear of the visitors but has played one less game.

Defensively both sides have conceded only four goals while the Strikers have scored ten goals to Newcastle's eight.

Kosmina is likely to field an unchanged line-up against Newcastle after young defender Wayne Heath made the most of his first national league start against Parramatta.

"Wayne played extremely well and showed a lot of character against Parramatta," Kosmina said.

"He came off the bench for the first time against Northern Spirit and did a first class job and will hold his place again."

Kosmina believes Heath, a former Brisbane City junior and Queensland Academy of Sport product, has the makings of a bright future in the national league.

The Strikers, who were dogged by injuries last season, again go into the Newcastle clash injury free. Goalkeeper Jason Kerton put a scare into the camp before the Parramatta win when he injured a wrist at training.

"For a while last week we were a bit concerned whether he would play but he showed a lot of character to play and kept us in the game with one great one-on-one save.

"His wrist is fine now and we didn't get any injuries out of the Parramatta game."

Kosmina believes Newcastle have too many good players to be worried by any one particularly person.

"They've got quality players all around the park and they all work hard," he said.

"Joel Griffiths is lightning fast and has scored three goals this season already so naturally we'll need to watch him closely."



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# Patience the key to victory

**Two goals in eight minutes enabled the Parmalat Strikers to maintain its unbeaten record with a 2-1 win over Parramatta Power at Parramatta Stadium in their last round encounter.**

The Strikers have now won all three away games with one win and a draw from its two home games to remain in second place, two points adrift of leaders Perth Glory.

Irish import Wayne O'Sullivan gave Parramatta the lead with a 66th minute penalty after busy forward John Buonavoglia was pulled down. But Brazilian dynamo Fernando Rech soon levelled the scores when he swept around defender Nick Orlic for a 76th minute tap-in goal after finally evading some tight Parramatta marking.

Strikers' ace marksman Paul Foster snatched the winner eight minutes later when he swept on a rebound after Kris Trajanovski hit the post.

After scoring first, Parramatta looked like taking maximum points before Rech and Foster pounced to take the steam out of the home side after the break.

The two defensive errors, which resulted in both goals for the Strikers, sapped the confidence out of Parramatta as they continued to create chances but failed to put them away.

Parramatta coach David Mitchell lamented his side's missed opportunities.

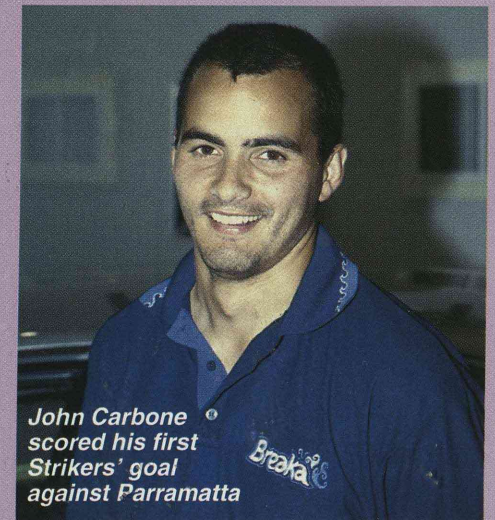
"The sad part is we never looked like conceding a goal," Mitchell said.

"We had the chances but we have to learn how to put them in.

"The two goals which were conceded by Orlic and by keeper Les Pogliacomini coming out of his goal were unprofessional and not acceptable.

"Brisbane is a compact team which works well together and if you give them time and space, they'll hurt you."

Strikers' keeper Jason Kearton had to parry shots by O'Sullivan, Buonavoglia and Elrich with Tobin and Orlic getting their head to crosses but pushed the ball over the bar.



**John Carbone scored his first Strikers' goal against Parramatta**

Brisbane almost took the lead one minute before the break when John Carbone hit the upright and Foster soon after the start of the second half headed the ball into the goal but had it disallowed for pushing a defender.

Brisbane played a waiting game against the constant Parramatta attack and finished stronger than the Sydney team.

Strikes coach John Kosmina believed his side's patience was a key ingredient for its victory.

"We were patient and knew we would eventually open them up and we did," Kosmina said.

"We lived a bit dangerously at times but the players have a load of confidence and they're hungry." Parramatta started brightly with Buonavoglia testing Kearton in the first minute with a point blank shot.

Speedy Ahmed Elrich and O'Sullivan were continual threats along the right side for Parramatta and frequently got the better of the Strikers' backline.

Foster was the only player to break through against a stalwart Parramatta defence in the first half but Orlic and Alex Tobin proved unbeatable in the air.



# Viduka to realise dream

**Mark Viduka, The "V Bomber", as he's still known to many Australians, has acknowledged the Socceroos face a tough task gelling quickly as a team in time for the most important matches in Australia's soccer history.**

Viduka and Leeds team-mate Harry Kewell will spearhead Australia's attempt to qualify for the World Cup in a home and away qualifier against a South American opponent - most likely Uruguay.

The difficulties confronting Australian coach Frank Farina are best illustrated by the fact that these matches will mark the first time in two years that Viduka and his highly rated Leeds team-mate Kewell have played together in the green and gold.

"It's difficult to gel quickly", said Viduka.

"I think that's one of the bad things about playing for Australia - you don't get many times to play together."

"But we're going to have to do our best over one game and try to get some sort of organisation going and take it on from there to the qualifying rounds."

Leeds has been accused in the past of making it difficult for its star strike force to represent Australia, but Viduka was adamant there were no such problems this time.

"I think it was clear to them how important it was for us to come and play these games and it would have been difficult to stop us," he said.

Viduka will be the main avenue to goal in an Australian side he believes has the ability and versatility to overcome their lack of match time together.

"It's been a dream of mine to play for Australia in the World Cup and I think if we make it it's going to be a couple of the biggest weeks of my life," he said.

Australia has qualified for the World Cup finals just once, way back in 1974.

# Beckham airs his views

**David Beckham believes Manchester United's loss of form is down to fatigue rather than a lack of hunger for more trophies.**

The England captain said he did not believe Paul Scholes would quit Old Trafford despite a reported fall-out with manager Alex Ferguson.

"We are all frustrated, every one of us - including the manager - because we are not playing as well as we can. We know that," Beckham told a news conference before England's friendly against Sweden.

"But there is not a problem in the Manchester United ranks. People may be saying there's a crisis, but there is a crisis every week with Manchester United - win, lose or draw.

"I'm sure it's more fatigue than hunger but ... all the players can do is respond in the right way and prove we are still hungry."

Champions United have won just one of their last seven games and Ferguson questioned his team's desire following the 3-1 defeat at Liverpool last week.

Newspaper reports said Scholes, who was to start against Sweden last Saturday, refused to play in a second string side in the League Cup last week when United were beaten 4-0 at Arsenal.

"I'm not prepared to discuss the situation between Paul Scholes and the manager," said Beckham.

"We want to keep it within our ranks and keep it in Manchester United.

"There won't be a problem with Paul. He's a strong character and a strong player. He is a big game player and he has proved that all over the years.

"I don't think Paul is down so I don't think he needs a lift and I don't think there is any chance of him leaving Old Trafford."

Beckham said the United squad's tiredness might have been triggered by playing in recent World Cup qualifiers.

"When you have big games like we have had with England there is a certain dip you take - especially physical.

"The last three games have been very hard and it takes its toll on your physical ability. I felt drained after the Greece game but I wanted to play in Greece (against Olympiakos Piraeus) in the Champions League and I'm glad I did."

Beckham laughed off claims that Ferguson was ready to dump some of the players who helped win the treble two seasons ago.

"Maybe that's the way the manager gets the response he wants from the players," he said.

"He doesn't speak openly to people about players but he when he feels he has to, he does, and we as players have to respond to that.

"But don't forget, the desire between every one of the Manchester United players is massive and that comes from the manager.

"Someone asked me if the manager is still hungry, and I don't think anyone can question how hungry he is. We are as hungry as Leeds and Liverpool - that's why we have done so well over the last eight or nine years.

"Our hunger is questioned at the start of each season and we always prove people wrong and it's up to us to carry on doing that.

"There are certain parts of a season when a team does have a dip and maybe this is that time of the season. We have to dig ourselves out of it."

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# FIFA puts bite on Korea

**Dog will be off the menu for the World Cup finals in Korea next year, if FIFA gets its way.**

FIFA President Sepp Blatter has sent a bizarre directive to the Korean Football Association asking the World Cup co-hosts not to eat dog while the World Cup is underway.

Dog is a delicacy in Korea but FIFA wants it off the menu to appease animal rights activists. Blatter is hounding World Cup finals organisers to be kind to man's best friend for the duration of the finals tournament from May 31 to June 30 next year.

"Blatter referred to the thousands of letters received in protest about the manner in which dogs and cats are treated in Korea, apparently in open contravention of existing laws," FIFA said.

"Dogs, in particular, are tortured while being prepared for human consumption."

Many Koreans believe dog meat helps delay the ageing process. Korean World Cup organisers have held meetings with government officials to prevent animal abuse in the country.

"It (the World Cup finals) would serve as an appropriate moment for Korea to show the world that it is sensitive to vociferous worldwide public opinion and that it rejects cruelty," FIFA said in a statement.

Australia is attempting to qualify for the World Cup finals tournament for the first time in 28 years this month. The Socceroos play the fifth-placed South American team in playoffs on November 20 and 25.

Meanwhile FIFA also will instruct referees to send off players who feign injury or dive at next year's World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

Blatter said FIFA considered diving — in order to earn a penalty or a yellow card for an opponent — as one of its greatest concerns.

Blatter said after a meeting with International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge that he wanted a stricter sanction against

cheating, including the red card.

The issue will be put to a FIFA meeting in January for approval along with other rules for the 2002 finals.

"Already the player can be cautioned, but if, in the referee's opinion, the player is showing dissent to the game, he can be sent off," Blatter said.

"That includes diving and lying on the field of play trying to stop the game. For that they can be shown red.

"Cheating is the human face of the game and, if you are running forward with the ball, it is easy to dive.

"The players feel under pressure and they want to win.

"But this is something we will be very strict on at the World Cup and we will have better-prepared and more professional referees."

FIFA may also use video evidence to underpin disciplinary procedures.

"In my opinion, if it helps fair play, a video panel should be used to punish any misconduct," Blatter said.

"If the players know the cameras are monitoring them all the time then they will behave better."

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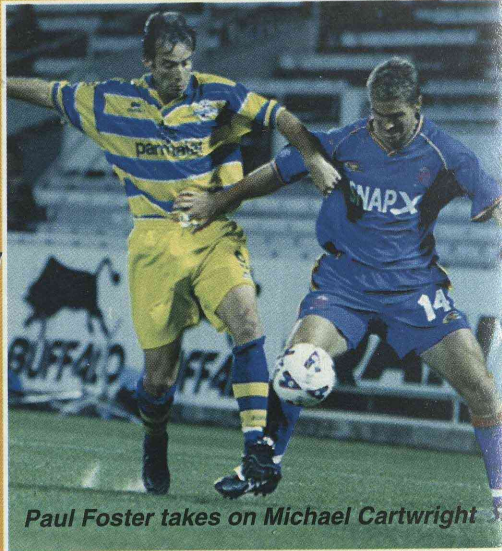
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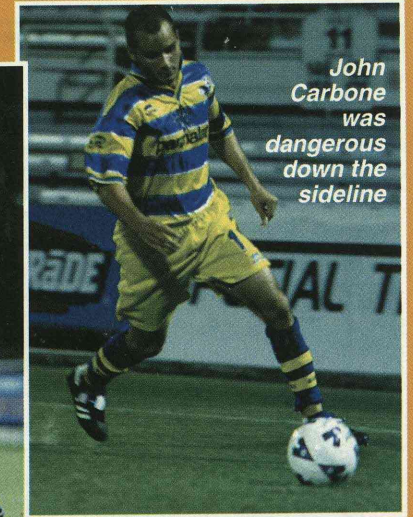
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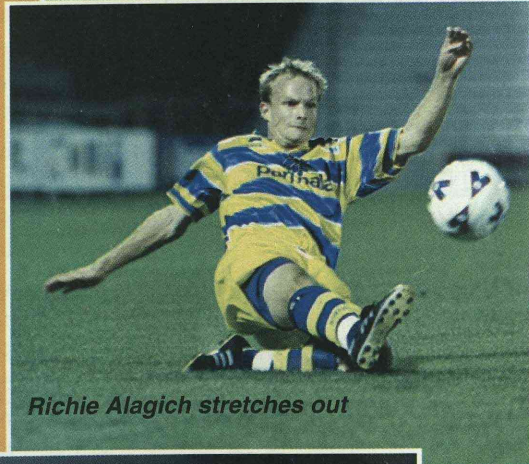
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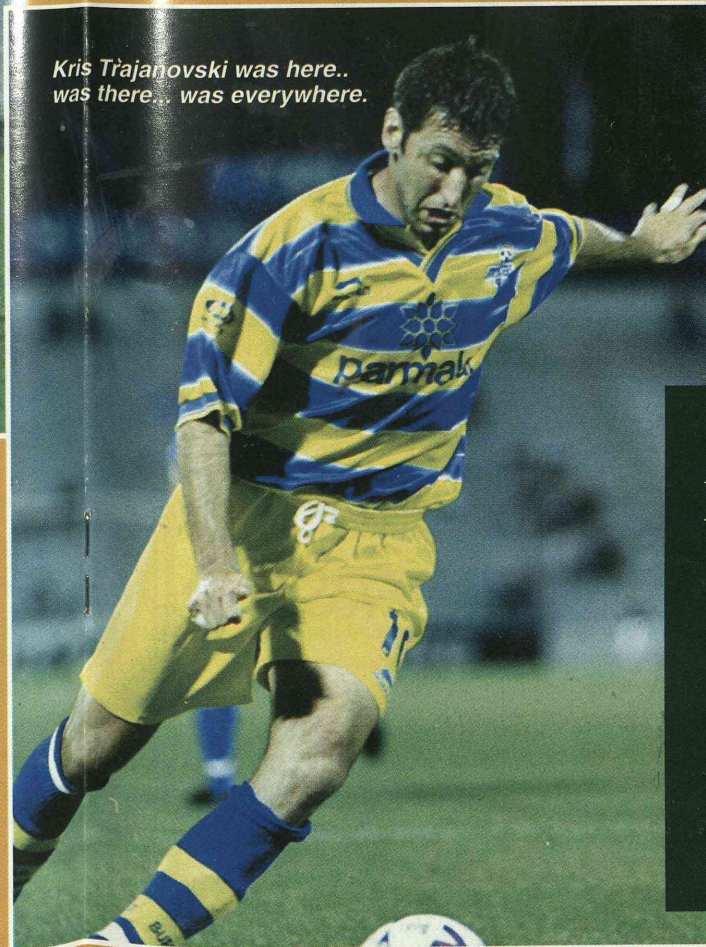
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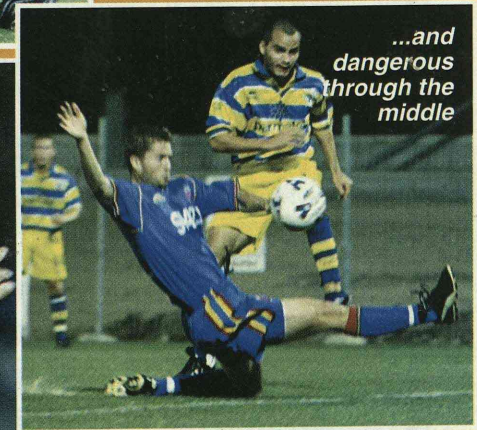
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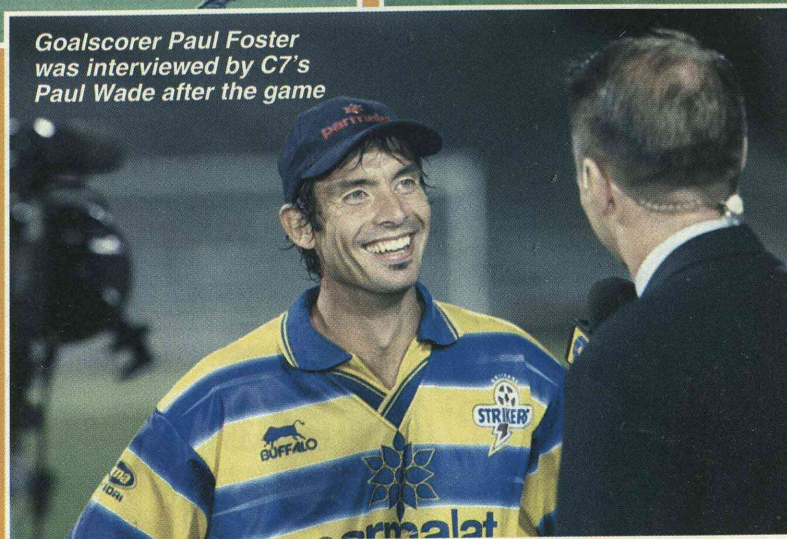
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## From the BSSA...

**An interesting thing happened as I left Ballymore after the Brisbane Strikers' first home match this season.**

Remember that game against the Football Kingz? It had an edge-of-the-seat second half, capped by an explosive winning goal from Paul Foster that announced that the Strikers were triumphantly back in town.

As I chatted to family members I heard bounding footsteps behind me and felt a tap on my shoulder.

I turned to see the joyously animated face of a Brisbane Strikers Supporters' Association mate of mine.

Without pausing for breath, he launched into something like this: "What a game! Wasn't it great? What a great goal by Fossie to win it! I saw a guy coming out of the stadium who asked me if it had been a good game. I said 'Well, I thought it was good, didn't you?'"

He said he was an Aussie Rules fan and didn't know, but then he went and bought a season ticket.

Isn't that great? And wasn't it wonderful to see a good crowd in?" And with that my mate, his face shining like that of a young boy who has just been given his first Lego set, skipped - yes, skipped - a few steps away up the street.

But this was no boy. No - it was a grown man on the mature side of fifty whose spare (non-football) time is spent earning a living as a GP. Yes, really!

Here was an intensely rational, professional man whose job requires him to be composed, considered, analytical, objective and even dispassionate in solving all manner of problems experienced by his patients.

Yet here he was, behaving like an awestruck, excitable kid. Why? Well, perhaps it's because for ninety minutes he had allowed himself the luxury of caring about nothing more serious than whether his team could put the ball in the net more times than the opposition.

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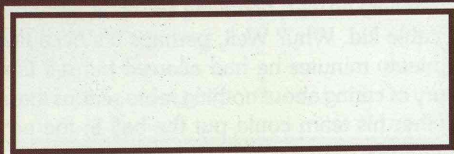
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## Boutsianis contract standoff

**Controversial Socceroo midfielder Con Boutsianis is on the official transfer list and could soon be set for a return to his former club, South Melbourne.**

Boutsianis left South Melbourne to join New Zealand-based NSL rival Kingz FC in the off-season.

But he quit the Kingz without playing a fixture following a bizarre contract standoff involving his personal trainer, who he wanted included in the club's pre-season training program.

Boutsianis soon walked out on the club and flew home to Melbourne and has yet to return.

Kingz FC director Chris Turner said the club had accepted it was unlikely Boutsianis would ever play for the Kiwi's.

Turner said Boutsianis was still being paid by the club despite never having played a game, but was being fined in excess of his wages.

He said if Boutsianis was transferred, either he or his new club would have to pay the outstanding fines and legal costs in addition to a transfer fee.

"If he wants to play for us, he can come back. But we are now prepared to transfer him," Turner said.

"If someone wants to buy Con, the club will have to pay a transfer fee - and what we're asking for is not exorbitant.

"Con will have to play the fines and legal costs. If the club that buys him wants to pay those, that's fine.

"Everything we're doing is being done under the terms of the players' collective agreement."

Turner said if no club bought Boutsianis, the matter was scheduled to go an industrial tribunal.

"He's still taking it to the tribunal and we're happy to take it to tribunal," he said.

"The tribunal will decide whether or not he's breached his contract.

"From our point of view, he's clearly breached his contract and we haven't breached the contract."

We are continuing to pay him as we have to under the collective agreement, but we're fining him in excess of that."

Boutsianis had accused the Kingz of conducting a vendetta against him by not releasing him from his contract.

It's believed South Melbourne are keen to do a deal with Boutsianis for its disgruntled goalkeeper Chris Jones, who has been relegated to No.2 at the club behind Michael Petkovic.



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The Wollongong Wolves risk being thrown out of the national soccer league if they again defy a Soccer Australia order and wear jerseys with the WIN logo.

Soccer Australia has effectively put the Wolves on notice after their players wore the WIN insignia during the club's recent match against the Football Kingz.

WIN Television's sponsorship of the Wolves, and the subsequent use of its insignia, conflicts with SA's sponsorship with rival network, Channel Seven.

Soccer Australia general manager Stefan Kamasz believed the use of the 'WIN Corporation' logo constituted a second breach of the NSL participation agreement after the Wolves wore a 'WIN Television' logo against Parramatta Power on October 13.

"In our view that is a second default event...if a club has three default events in any one year they can potentially lose their licence," Kamasz said.

"From Soccer Australia's point of view they do not have permission to wear the logo and the board is firmly of the same opinion."

Kamasz said the Wolves' choice to use the WIN insignia without referring to its television ties was irrelevant and SA's legal team was currently looking into issuing a second breach notice.

Wolves management met with SA last week to discuss a possible compromise but the parties could not agree on any use of the WIN logo.

"It wasn't acceptable to the board of SA because the offending part of the logo is WIN," Kamasz said.

But the three strikes and your out dictum seems to have had no effect on the Wolves, with general manager Graeme Haney declaring the club would continue to fight.

"At this stage I don't see us backing down - our legal opinion is we are on very solid ground and what is being imposed upon us is unreasonable," said Haney.

"We knew it wouldn't be out of the realms of possibility that we'd get a second notice but the difficulty is now not whether we have approval (for WIN's sponsorship) but why is the approval being withheld?"

"From the league's point of view there is no-one marketing the game and no dollars to be spent on marketing. We've got a major sponsor and we're willing to allocate just about all those funds into marketing the game... and Soccer Australia won't give us the opportunity to do that."

The Wolves off-field woes have been compounded by a poor start to the season, with last year's reigning premier sitting in the bottom half of the table.

## Kingz FC coachless

The Kingz will begin a search in earnest this week for a replacement coach following last month's sacking of Mike Petersen.

Club chief executive Chris Turner said the Kingz were in no hurry to find a replacement following the club's shock win over Sydney United last weekend in Sydney.

"We are still working through things in deciding exactly what we want," Turner said.

"We would like to have something in place soon but I can't say whether that will happen."

"Officially we are working through the process of deciding what we want."

Turner would not comment on rumours that Kevin Fallon was in the running.



# Richie Alagich

Date Of Birth: 30/10/73  
 Birthplace: Australia.  
 Age: 27  
 Ethnic Origin: Croatian  
 Position: Midfield  
 Nickname: "Gich"  
 Marital Status: Engaged  
 Left/Right footed: right footed  
 Eye Colour: hazel  
 Hair Colour: blonde  
 Height: 178cm  
 Weight: 73kg  
 Occupation: Professional footballer



Do you wear glasses/contact lenses: No  
 What brand of boots: Puma  
 Number of seasons with Strikers: First  
 Past Clubs: South Melbourne, West Adelaide  
 National Rep honours: Aust Schoolboys, Young Socceroo, Olyroo  
 Overseas experience: Nil  
 What age first played: 5yrs  
 Junior Clubs: Port Adelaide  
 Major injuries: ankle  
 Career Highlight: World Club championship  
 Biggest achievement to date: Representing Australia  
 Ambition: To be healthy and successful  
 Siblings who play sport at high level: Sister (Dianne)  
 Where do they play: Dianne plays in the Prof American League  
 Favourite Actor: Robert De Niro  
 Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption  
 What movie character would you be: Pele. Escape to Victory  
 Favourite band/singer: Metallica  
 Favourite food: Pasta  
 Favourite TV show: Becker  
 Favourite TV character: John Becker  
 Most watched sports program: Toyota World Sports  
 Favourite overseas player: Juan Veron  
 Favourite overseas team: Liverpool  
 Most admired overseas-based Austrn: Mark Viduka  
 Most admired defender: Laurent Blanc  
 Most admired midfielder: Juan Veron  
 Most admired striker: Gabrielle Batistita  
 Most admired goalkeeper: Rene Higuita  
 Most admired sports person: Dianne Alagich  
 Major influences: Dad  
 Worst habit: Not remembering names  
 Soccer superstitions: None

## BRISBANE STRIKERS 2001/2002 Player Statistics

Date	Opponents	F-A		Appearances	Goals
		Pl	Sub		
Fri 5/10	Rnd 1 Kingz FC	H	2-1	1	0
Sun 14/10	Rnd 2 Sydney United	A	3-1	1	0
Sun 20/10	Rnd 3	Bye		1	0
Sat 27/10	Rnd 4 Melbourne Knights	A	2-0	1	0
Sat 3/11	Rnd 5 Northern Spirit	H	1-1	1	0
Fri 9/11	Rnd 6 Parramatta Power	A	2-0	1	0
Sat 17/11	Rnd 7 Newcastle United	H		1	0
Wed 21/11	Rnd 8 Adelaide City Force	A		1	0
Sat 1/12	Rnd 9 Olympic Sharks	H		1	0
Sat 8/12	Rnd 10 Wollongong Wolves	H		1	0
Fri 14/12	Rnd 11 South Melbourne	A		1	0
Sat 22/12	Rnd 12 Marconi Stallions	H		1	0
Sat 5/1	Rnd 13 Perth Glory	A		1	0
Fri 11/1	Rnd 14 Kingz FC	A		1	0
Sat 19/1	Rnd 15 Sydney United	H		1	0
Fri 25/1	Rnd 16	Bye		1	0
Sat 2/2	Rnd 17 Melbourne Knights	H		1	0
Fri 8/2	Rnd 18 Northern Spirit	A		1	0
Sat 16/2	Rnd 19 Parramatta Power	H		1	0
Fri 22/2	Rnd 20 Newcastle United	A		1	0
Sat 2/3	Rnd 21 Adelaide City Force	H		1	0
Sat 9/3	Rnd 22 Olympic Sharks	A		1	0
Fri 15/3	Rnd 23 Wollongong Wolves	A		1	0
Sun 23/3	Rnd 24 South Melbourne	H		1	0
Sat 30/3	Rnd 25 Marconi Stallions	A		1	0
Sun 7/4	Rnd 26 Perth Glory	H		1	0
				Individual League Appearances	34
				Individual League Goals	0

1 Keaton  
 2 Alagich  
 3 Schemm  
 4 Mickan  
 5 MacLaren  
 6 Green  
 7 Heath  
 8 Wehrer  
 9 Foster  
 10 Trotter  
 11 Carron  
 12 Pitt  
 13 Heath  
 14 Degey  
 15 Mackay  
 16 Drake  
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# PARMALAT BRISBANE STRIKERS

## NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW 2001 - 2002

Round	Date	Opposition	Time/Venue
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 Pk 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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Round 7 - 17/11/01

## BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Jason Kearton
  - 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

## NEWCASTLE UNITED

- 1 Daniel Beltrame
  - 2 Michael Prentice
  - 3 Andy Roberts
  - 4 Chris Zorocich
  - 5 Todd McManus
  - 6 Matthew Bingley
  - 7 Travis Dodd
  - 8 Mark Wilson
  - 9 Joel Griffiths
  - 11 Peter Tsekenis
  - 12 Scott Baillie
  - 13 Milan Blagojevic
  - 14 Antony Surjan
  - 16 Joe Schirripa
  - 17 Esala Masi
  - 18 Mitchell Johnson
  - 20 Brad Swancott
  - 22 Robbie Middleby
- Coach - Ian Crook



# EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	5	5	0	0	16	4	15
<b>STRIKERS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
Newcastle United	6	3	3	0	8	4	12
Northern Spirit	6	2	3	1	8	8	9
Marconi Stallions	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Parramatta Power	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Olympic Sharks	5	2	1	2	6	4	7
Melbourne Knights	6	2	1	3	4	7	7
Adelaide City Force	5	1	3	1	8	6	6
Kingz FC	6	1	2	3	10	17	5
Sydney United	6	1	1	4	5	9	4
Wollongong Wolves	6	0	2	4	4	13	2
South Melbourne	5	0	1	4	1	6	1

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aust. Inst. Sport	5	5	0	0	16	3	15
Wollongong Wolves	6	5	0	1	14	9	15
Sydney United Youth	6	4	1	1	14	3	13
Parramatta Power Youth	6	4	0	2	16	8	12
QAS	6	3	2	1	13	8	11
Marconi Stallions Youth	6	3	0	3	10	6	9
Newcastle United Youth	6	3	0	3	7	11	9
NSW Inst of Sport	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
ACT Academy	5	2	0	3	6	12	6
Northern Spirit Youth	6	1	2	3	8	12	5
Olympic Sharks Youth	5	1	2	2	5	8	5
Sydney United Colts	7	1	2	4	5	14	5
Brisbane Toro	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
Marconi Stallions Colts	6	0	1	5	4	15	1

### OTHER ROUND 7 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Wed 14 Nov	Olympic Sharks v Adelaide City Force
Sat 17 Nov	Wollongong Wolves v Sydney United
Sat 17 Nov	Perth Glory v Melbourne Knights
Sat 17 Nov	Marconi Stallions v Northern Spirit
Sun 18 Nov	South Melbourne v Parramatta Power
	Bye - Kingz FC

### ROUND 8 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Wed 21 Nov	Northern Spirit v Perth Glory
Wed 21 Nov	Olympic Sharks v Wollongong Wolves
Wed 21 Nov	Parramatta Power v Marconi Stallions
Wed 21 Nov	Adelaide City Force v <b>STRIKERS</b>
Wed 21 Nov	Melbourne Knights v Kingz FC
Wed 21 Nov	South Melbourne v Newcastle United
	Bye - Sydney United

### NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Damian Mori	Perth Glory	8
<b>Paul Foster</b>	<b>Brisbane Strikers</b>	<b>4</b>
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	4
Pablo Cordozo	Northern Spirit	4
Alex Moreira	Adelaide City Force	4
<b>Fernando Rech</b>	<b>Brisbane Strikers</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Kris Trajanovski</b>	<b>Brisbane Strikers</b>	<b>2</b>

### Nth. youth LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Eric Anabalón	Marconi Stallions Youth	6
Brendan Santalab	Aust Inst Sport	6
Alex Brosque	Aust Inst Sport	5
Anthony Danze	Aust Inst Sport	5
Zelko Babic	W'gong Wolves Yth.	4

## LATE NEWS...

**Former New Zealand assistant coach Kevin Fallon has been appointed caretaker coach of the Football Kingz until the end of the season.**

Fallon replaces Mike Petersen following his shock resignation a fortnight ago.

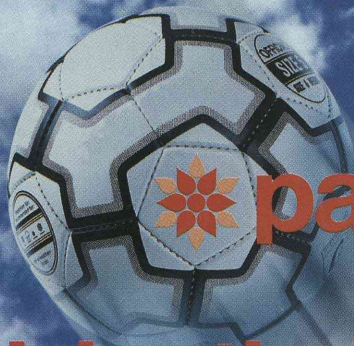
Kingz general manager Chris Turner said the club's current assistant coach Shane Rufer would remain as Fallon's deputy.

Petersen resigned after just four games in charge but since his departure the Kingz under Rufer has recorded a win and a draw.

Fallon was assistant to John Adshead during New Zealand's only successful World Cup qualification campaign in 1982.

He recently took charge of the New Zealand under-17 team for the 1999 world championships.





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