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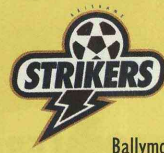
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Coach's Comment

Words fail me. Last Monday morning I cried. I cried for the players and for the game in this country.

We had the best team available, the best we've ever put together and they did the best they could.

On the day Uruguay were the better team, but not by much. Australia's failure to qualify for the World Cup had nothing to do with what happened on the park.

I look at it from a totally different perspective, a more philosophical view if you like.

As a football nation Australia hasn't earned the right to play in a World Cup yet.

If we had made it we would have been the only country there where the game wasn't the number one sport.

I'm not saying we need to be number one to qualify.

Given the ground soccer has to make up to the other football codes in this country that will not happen.

Well, not for a very long time. But we have to try to be and that direction can only come from honest, professional management at the highest level.

The kind of management that really does put the game first not just pays lip service to the cliché. The kind that isn't rife with cronyism and vested interest.

The current board hasn't had the time to prove itself but they started on the right foot by re-instating the Strikers in the National League after amoral politics saw us originally kicked out.

This board is paying the price for their predecessors and sadly so are the players and the game overall.

I'm sad to the core of my being.

I'm also angry. I'm angry that the "future of the game" in Australia is so dependant on us making the World Cup.

I'm angry that soccer is a poor last in the "football code" stakes when we were the first game to go national 25 years ago.

Making the finals shouldn't keep the game alive, it should be a bonus that gives it more credibility and increased finances. I firmly believe you get out of something that which you give.

You give with honesty, goodness and integrity you will eventually get the same in return and also some success. Sadly the players and the game have paid a big price for the way soccer has been run for the last 28 years.

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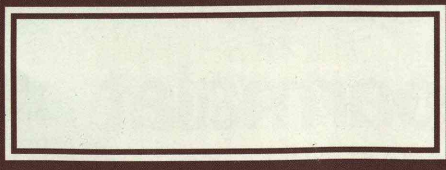
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Houllier hopes to be back

Gerard Houllier has shrugged off health fears and wants to return to the helm at English premier league soccer club Liverpool in the New Year.

The Frenchman, who underwent life-saving heart surgery after taking ill at Anfield last month, could be back in charge within two months and hopes to stay for a decade.

Although moves will be made to ease Houllier's workload, Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry insisted the Frenchman would resume full control of the team which has been in the hands of assistant Phil Thompson while Houllier has been recovering.

"We all appreciate what Phil has done, but I don't see there being any significant shift in the way that he and Gerard do their respective jobs," Parry said.

"I am convinced that Gerard will come back and make the same contribution he did before his illness.

"We will discuss it in detail with him and his

doctors, but all the indications so far have told us that is perfectly possible.

"His contribution before, in terms of hours spent caring and worrying about this club, was absolutely immense. Every waking hour, and half his sleeping hours, was devoted to getting the best out of the team.

"He simply never switches off, but he is going to have to."

The Frenchman, however, is not expected to return to the club until the New Year.

"I estimate January or February for normal service to be resumed. He will not want too many fanfares - he'll just turn up and get on with it," said Parry.

"When he does come back, I am certain it will be long-term. We see him being here for years to come and I believe he does as well."

Thompson has not let Houllier down during his time in charge taking Liverpool to second place in the premier league as well as the second phase of the European Champions League.

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Sharks mostly from Qld.

Olympic Sharks have long been dubbed the "sleeping giants" of Australian soccer but it's a term the Parmalat Strikers hope to bury at Ballymore tonight.

After the Strikers' 1-all draw last week against Adelaide Force and the Sharks' 2-1 win over Wollongong, the Strikers find themselves with the same scenario prior to its only loss of the season against Newcastle United.

Against Newcastle, the Parmalat Strikers went into the game in second place with a one-point advantage but came out of the game with a loss enabling the Novocastrians to leapfrog the Strikers into second place.

Tonight's game sees the Strikers in third place and being circled by the Sharks, who are only one point adrift.

It could be said the Sharks come to Ballymore for a virtual "home" game with so many former Queenslanders in their squad.

Although an original Sydneysider, coach Gary Phillips also is an adopted Queensland after a distinguished playing career with the Strikers and then as head coach of the Queensland Academy Of Sport.

No less than six former Strikers and QAS players are now on the Sharks' books. Youngsters Wayne Srhoj, Jade North, Andrew Packer and Morgan Cawley, the son of tennis great Evonne Cawley, headed south along with striker Jeromy Harris and keeper Clint Bolton.

Ironically Srhoj is yet to play for Olympic after undergoing a recent ankle operation.

Phillips may be an unknown quantity as a coach at national level but those who know him closely never doubted he would be a successful replacement for sacked coach Branko Culina.

The Sharks finished third last season but lost several key players in the off-season including Scott Baillie, Pablo Cardozo, George Goutzioulis, Kresimir Marusic, Ante Moric and Harry James.

Phillips has steadily rebuilt his squad into an effective force offsetting the losses by signing Queenslanders along with attacking midfielder Tom Pondeljak and defender Ante Duric from Norwegian club Molde.

Duric celebrated his return to the Sharks last week with a goal in Olympic's win over the Wolves at Toyota Park.

Joe Spiteri, one-time striking partner of Mark Viduka in the national league, also is in the squad after recently gaining an international clearance from Swedish club Norrkoping.

Spiteri, a former Socceroo, partnered Viduka at the Melbourne Knights before spending eight years abroad, most of the time in the physical Belgium league.

Officially Spiteri is with the Sharks for four weeks but Phillips is hoping the stay will be extended.

Strikers' coach John Kosmina, who also has done a great job rebuilding his team after the exodus of several of last year's squad, rates the visitors highly but is looking for a more focused attitude from his players tonight.

"We know what we've got to do and that is to play better than our two previous games at home," Kosmina said.

"When we've played away from home we've been a lot more focused and have picked up wins that we probably didn't expect.

"At home we've been too comfortable and that has to change against this side."

Kosmina is not concerned by the Sharks' Queensland influence and acknowledges this could be the Strikers' toughest home game so far this season.

"They're a great side and Juric's return makes them even tougher," Kosmina said.

"He was Olympic's player of the season last year and in my opinion he was the player of the year in the national league and will make a big difference to them especially on set pieces."

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Strikers still unbeaten away

It was the night the Parmalat Strikers left their shooting boots at home.

A 1-all draw against Adelaide Force at Hindmarsh Stadium last round would normally seem a fair result for the Parmalat Strikers.

But for missed opportunities, the Strikers, who still remain unbeaten on the road, could and should have snatched victory.

The draw keeps the Strikers third on the national league ladder behind leaders Perth Glory and second placed Newcastle United.

Coach John Kosmina was philosophical about the draw.

"We've never beaten Adelaide City in Adelaide but we should have this time," Kosmina said.

"But if you had asked me if I would have been happy with a point before the game I would have said yes.

"It's always difficult to travel to Adelaide and overall I'm happy with the point."

Kosmina also was delighted the Parmalat Strikers again came away from the match injury-free.

"We played well and we didn't get any injuries," he said.

"We missed some really good chances that normally we wouldn't miss.

"Even when David Pilic came on he hit the post."

Kosmina continues to be impressed with the Strikers defence and noted a marked improvement from new Scottish signing Ron McQuilter.

"Ronnie needs match practice but he was very solid just like our entire defence," he said.

After a scoreless first half riddled with missed chances, the Strikers hit the front through midfielder John Carbone before Adelaide hit back soon after from Aureli Vidmar.

The Strikers' leading scorer Paul Foster was the main culprit for Brisbane, missing two golden opportunities and also having an early header

saved by keeper Adrian Cagalj.

In the 19th minute, Foster was on the end of a Brisbane intercept and was able to run unguarded from the halfway line with only Cagalj to beat.

But instead of burying the chance he struck a soft right-footer straight at the advancing Cagalj who deflected it to safety.

Foster missed an even better chance in the 34th minute, when he blasted a perfect cross from Kris Trajanovski over the crossbar despite being just two metres from an unguarded goal.

The missed opportunities continued after the break when Richie Alagich slammed a left-footer into the crossbar in the 58th minute.

Carbone finally broke the deadlock in the 60th minute, putting away an easy goal after Fernando Rech shot from close range with the ball rebounding off Cagalj's face.

Adelaide's Nick Sabljak had a chance to level five minutes later when he kicked a ball between the legs of Brisbane keeper Jason Kearnton but the ball deflected off the inside of Kearnton's leg and narrowly missed.

Vidmar finally levelled in the 76th minute, heading home an easy goal set up by a clever Sabljak header across the goal face. Brisbane hit the woodwork a second time when substitute David Pilic drove a left footer in the 85th minute.



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Brownlie riled over tackle

It's time national soccer league referees started protecting players better, according to Marconi and former Brisbane Strikers forward Royce Brownlie.

After a Julian Watts tackle left Brownlie sidelined with ankle ligament damage during the second half of the Stallions' 2-0 loss to Northern Spirit recently, Brownlie was upset referee Gerry Connolly did not feel the offence warranted a yellow card.

Brownlie, 21, is expected to be out of action for up to six weeks after scans revealed the extent of the ligament damage.

"I was just starting to get on the field playing full games again and scoring a few goals," said Brownlie, who has already scored three goals this season.

"The referee is supposed to protect the players. He (Connolly) likes to let the game flow but sometimes that's not always the best decision."

Watts also escaped punishment for a similar tackle in the first half on Brownlie, which forced the striker from the field for treatment before he returned in the second half.

Brownlie said some NSL referees were too lenient on illegal tackles.

"They say that anyone that comes from behind a player to take the ball is a red card offence," he said.

"But some referees pull it and some don't. Some referees don't even give a yellow card."

Brownlie said his coach Lee Sterrey was furious about the Watts tackle because his young squad lacked the depth to cover for injured key players.

Brownlie said he hoped the Stallions would not suffer from his absence.

"We know we've got some skilful players and hopefully everything goes our way."

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TV money big issue in UK

English soccer narrowly averted following a similar fate as American baseball after a planned strike this weekend failed to eventuate.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger predicted English soccer would follow American baseball, with a tarnished popularity if a proposed strike over an increased share of revenue from television rights was not resolved.

"I've always said if a strike happened, we would have struggled to survive," Wenger said.

Middlesborough manager Steve McLaren said football was the winner after the impasse was settled.

"It's a sensible thing to get round the table and thrash out a deal and a compromise. I think you are talking extreme measures by striking," McLaren said.

"Quite rightly, the players backed the union. But I think common sense has come into it from everybody, and they've resolved it as quickly as possible and it can only be for the benefit of football."

Glenn Hoddle, the former England and Tottenham manager went further by declaring a strike would have been the "beginning of the end" of football in England.

The settlement of the dispute came just eight days before virtually all Premier League, first, second and third division matches in England would have been called off.

English football this weekend was bracing itself for a players' strike called by the English players' union (PFA) after talks between it and the Premier League over television broadcasting revenue broke down last week.

The matter was expected to go to the High Court during the week with the premier league clubs seeking an injunction to stop the strike before a settlement was reached.

The union's move dramatically raised the stakes in its battle for a five per cent share of the Premier League's \$A4.5 billion television deal.

Professional Footballers' Association chief executive Gordon Taylor said the action would have affected all league games where television cameras were present.

"We felt we were left with no alternative," Taylor said.

"We just felt it was time to draw a mark in the sand."

The Premier League believed any strike would have been "illegal" and confirmed it would have sought a court injunction to prevent industrial action.

Since all matches in the Premier League and the three other professional leagues are covered by television, the strike would have wiped out all professional domestic football today.

Manchester United's game against Chelsea at Old Trafford would have been the first game affected if strike action occurred.

Premier League chief executive Richard Scudamore believed the planned strike was illegal.

"Certainly we believed it was illegal," he said.

The PFA, which runs welfare schemes for disadvantaged players and former players, said it had always received five per cent of television money, which under the new deal would amount to around \$A74 million a year.

Taylor said after further talks last week the best offer given to the PFA was \$A55 million a year.

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Schwarzer planning ahead

The form of Socceroo goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer has his English club Middlesbrough worried but it's playing down fears he could soon head to Europe.

The 29-year-old Australian has said recently he may have to leave Teesside to achieve his ambitions.

Middlesbrough boss Steve McClaren insisted that his aims match those of his first-choice goalkeeper.

"We are pleased to hear Mark expressing a desire to play European football - we like players with ambition," McLaren said.

"Everyone here at Middlesbrough is striving towards the goal of European football and we need players of the calibre of Mark Schwarzer to achieve this aim."

Schwarzer impressed greatly in the recent friendly against France and again in the World Cup qualifiers against Uruguay.

"I'm not going to lie and say I'm completely happy where I am," Schwarzer said in a recent Sydney report.

"I want to play at the highest level I possibly can and that means playing in European competition regularly."

Schwarzer is committed to Middlesbrough until the summer of 2004.

He signed the long term deal as Bryan Robson tried to assemble a squad capable of taking the club into Europe for the first time.

But the fact the club has failed to capture a major trophy, let alone qualify for Europe, is a major disappointment on Teesside and a major motivational force both for McClaren and chairman Steve Gibson.

The closest Boro have come in recent years to qualification was in 1998-99 when they finished ninth in the Premiership, their first season back in the top flight.

But 12th place the following year and 14th after a desperate fight against relegation in the

last campaign have seen those dreams drift a little further from becoming reality.

Schwarzer arrived on Teesside in February 1997 in a \$A4.1 million move from Bradford City, the club he had joined barely three months earlier.

The Sydney-born keeper had previously plied his trade with Blacktown and the Marconi club at home before heading for Germany - where his father was born - and spells with Dynamo Dresden and Kaiserslautern.

McClaren is already due to hold talks with Schwarzer's Australian colleague Paul Okon on his return from international duty.

The former Fiorentina midfielder's future looks to lie away from Middlesbrough following his failure to win a regular place under the new boss.

But it seems likely that the manager could also seek assurances from his keeper that the Teesside club remain part of his longer-term plans.

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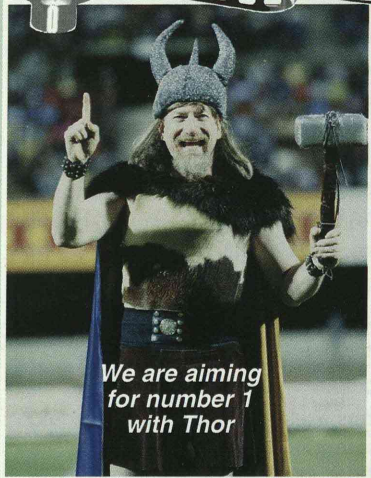
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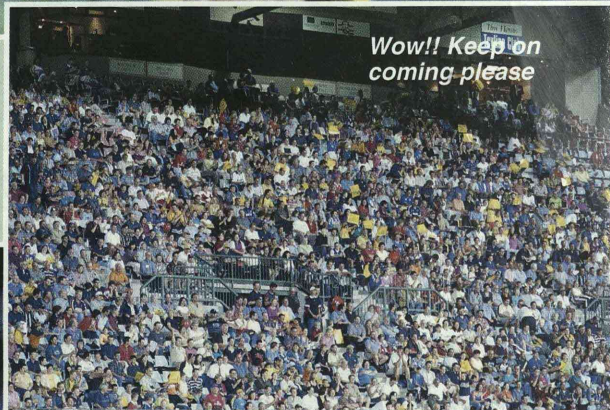
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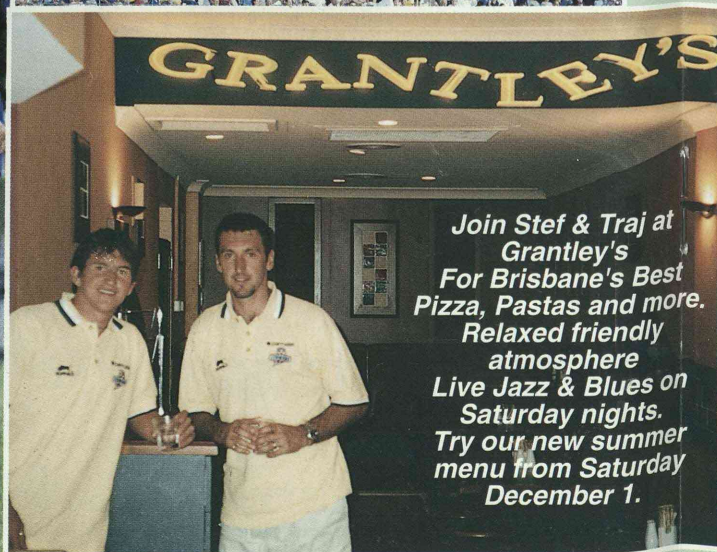
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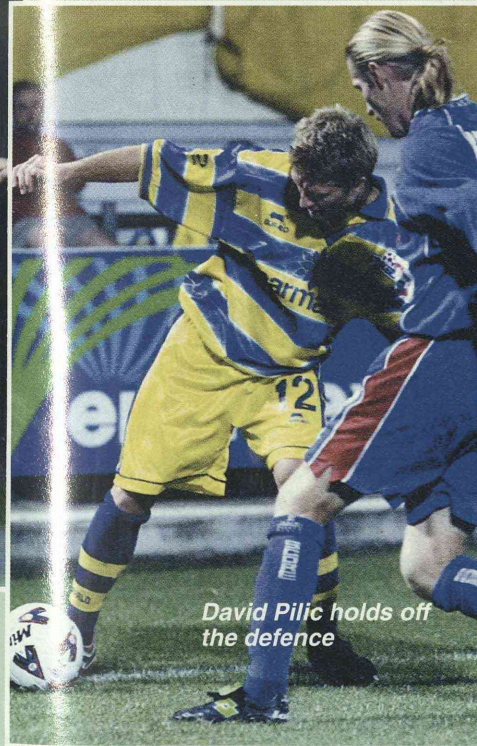
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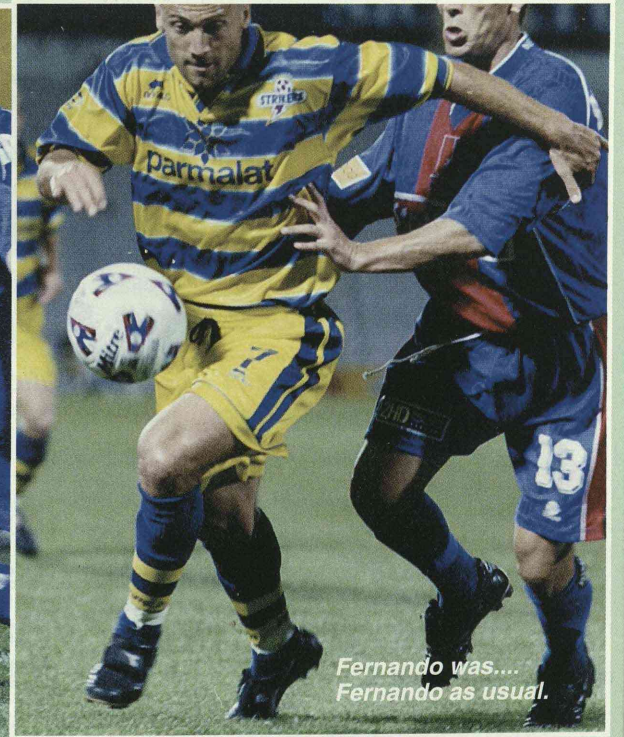
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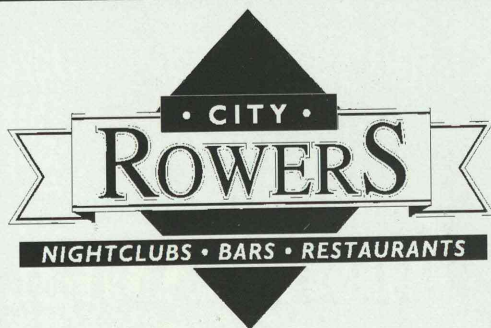


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Bodyguards for World Cup

Players and officials will be protected by full-time bodyguards when they play in South Korea during the World Cup finals next year.

The move is all part of special security plans being put in force to prevent any possible terrorist attacks during the world's biggest sporting event.

Competing nations will also be allowed to bring their own security experts.

"Every team will be allowed to bring their own security officers. They can have 20 and we will work in close cooperation with them," said Park Sang Hwan, deputy director of World Cup security.

He added that some teams would have higher protection than others.

"We will assess the risk to each team on an A,B,C,D level, A being the highest risk, and apply a different level to each team," he explained.

Park confirmed that following the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington security plans for the World Cup have been reinforced.

"Since the attacks we are now trying to cope with new types of terrorism and developing a plan to deal with them. Some new measures have been put in place," he said.

No-fly zones have been set up around the ten stadiums to be used and extra security ordered for potential terrorist targets around the

stadiums.

"Facilities such as gas, chemical and electric plants near stadiums have been ordered to reinforce their security. Police in each area will ensure that they have done it," said Park.

Elite anti-terrorist units will also be posted inside the stadiums during match days, he added.

"They will not be visible but they will be there in every stadium and ready to act if needed," said Park.

Korean security experts have been in close contact with foreign intelligence services including the CIA and Britain's MI6 to discuss security following September 11.

Park has been invited by US intelligence chiefs to visit the Winter Games in Salt Lake City next February, the first major sporting event to be staged since the attacks.

But Park is quick to stress that a terrorist attack during the World Cup is considered highly unlikely.

"A terrorist attack in South Korea is considered as a low risk," said Park, who was involved with the security of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

"The operation for the World Cup is smaller and less people will be in use," he added.

"We have plenty of experience and the 2002 World Cup will be safe."

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From the BSSA...

With the Socceroos' World Cup qualification campaign now over, the focus of local football returns to the National Soccer League and the Parmalat Strikers, as our push towards our first finals appearance since 1997 continues.

It's hard to believe that just five months ago the idea of the Parmalat Strikers even PLAYING in the National Soccer League, let alone playing in its finals series, seemed no more than a forlorn hope. But, as they say, dreams do come true. And what a spectacle it has been.

The younger players have stepped up, and the veteran players have shown their worth. Most importantly, the Strikers have continued their policy of promoting the best of Queensland soccer with a few hardened interstate pros thrown in) and will continue to do so.

One of the key components of their success since the dark and desperate days of June has been the support given by you - the paying fan, the loyal spectator, the person who called to complain when the Strikers were axed.

A few months ago everyone employed by the Brisbane Strikers Football Club - players, coaching staff and administrators - and we in the Brisbane Strikers Supporters' Association, could have said to you one word - "goodbye".

Instead, we now say the same phrase every day - "thank you".

Over the coming months, the Parmalat Strikers can only get stronger, and with the extension to the Bank of Queensland stand due for completion early next year, more people will soon be able to take in the Strikers' experience.

This leads us back to you - the person reading this article.

Do you have any friends, workmates or relatives who might be interested in coming to a game of real football?

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The battle that was waged to have the Strikers reinstated in the NSL and the good form of the team this season, have resulted in the people of this city becoming more aware of, and ready to embrace, their soccer team.

All they need is encouragement in the form of a personal endorsement, and they will be ready to turn out to support it in larger numbers.

More people coming along to Ballymore this season can only help the Strikers build for the coming years.

With strong crowds, the Strikers will continue to make a mockery of those who felt our spot in the NSL wasn't deserved, and with your continuing support you will ensure those future generations of Queensland soccer players have their own team to aspire to.

So don't just sit down - spread the word and **STAND UP FOR THE PARMALAT STRIKERS!!**

JOIN THE BSSA AND STAND UP FOR THE STRIKERS

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Socceroos worth around quarter of a billion dollars

Cheap at "double" the price that's what some are saying about the cost of buying the Socceroos? And for those in the market don't expect change out of quarter of a billion dollars.

The World Cup squad which took on Uruguay in Melbourne and South America this month is worth an estimated \$250 million-plus - four or five times its market value in the previous campaign four years ago.

The growing depth of Australian talent in Britain and Europe is the reason behind the booming price tag and partly on the burgeoning transfer market, which never shows signs of slowing.

But it's also due to the skyrocketing value of three players whose careers have blossomed - Leeds stars Mark Viduka and Harry Kewell, and to a lesser extent Dutch-based Brett Emerton.

Between them they account for half of the Australian squad's value.

Viduka's \$18 million move from Celtic to Leeds at the end of last season is already looking like a bargain buy.

The 26-year-old former Melbourne Knights striker has been the subject of interest in the \$45m-65m range from continental giants Roma, Inter Milan and Real Madrid.

That's the sort of money you suddenly attract when you bang in 22 goals in a season in the Premier League.

Leeds boss David O'Leary, for obvious reasons, does not want to sell Viduka.

Nor does he want to sell Kewell, whose value has steadily soared into the \$45m-\$60m bracket since his World Cup debut as a teenager four years ago.

Former Socceroos coach Terry Venables gave Kewell the nod after being alerted to his abilities by his old mate George Graham, the previous boss at Leeds.

Venables was richly rewarded when Kewell scored both at home and away in the ultimately heart-breaking loss to Iran.

Kewell, still only 23, is now rated one of the most exciting talents in the world.

He has the pace and flair to create chances from nothing, the aggression to run at defenders all day, and the confidence to try the impossible.

Emerton, 22, is fast catching Kewell's heavyweight price tag, with an estimated value of up to \$25 million.

His Dutch club Feyenoord, which paid just \$1.2 million for him a year and a half ago, has rejected \$15m-plus offers from Liverpool, Arsenal and Leeds.

Emerton, Australian captain at the Sydney Olympics, is the big success story of the past year.

He has cemented his place in Holland and proven both a goal scorer and creator for Australia.

He scored for the Socceroos in the 2-0 victory over Scotland last November.

What the Socceroos are worth:

\$60m-\$70m Mark Viduka, 26, striker, based in England. \$45m-\$60m Harry Kewell, 23, midfielder/striker, England. \$20m+ Brett Emerton, 22, midfielder, Holland. Paul Agostino, 26, striker, Germany. \$10m+ Mark Schwarzer, 29, goalkeeper, England. Craig Moore, 25, defender, Scotland. Josip Skoko, 25, midfielder, Belgium. \$5m+ Paul Okon, 29, midfielder, England. John Aloisi, 25, striker, Spain. Mile Sterjovski, 22, striker, France. Marco Bresciano, 20, midfielder, Italy. Steve Corica, 28, midfielder, Japan. Stan Lazaridis, 29, defender/midfielder, England. Lucas Neill, 23, defender/midfielder, England. Danny Tiatto, 28, midfielder, England. Tony Vidmar, 31, defender, Scotland. Under \$5m Zeljko Kalac, 28, goalkeeper, Holland. Shaun Murphy, 30, defender, England. Kevin Muscat, 28, defender, England. Tony Popovic, 28, defender, England. David Zdrilic, 27, striker, Germany. Under \$1m Steve Horvat, 30, defender, Australia.

PARMALAT BRISBANE STRIKERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW 2001 - 2002

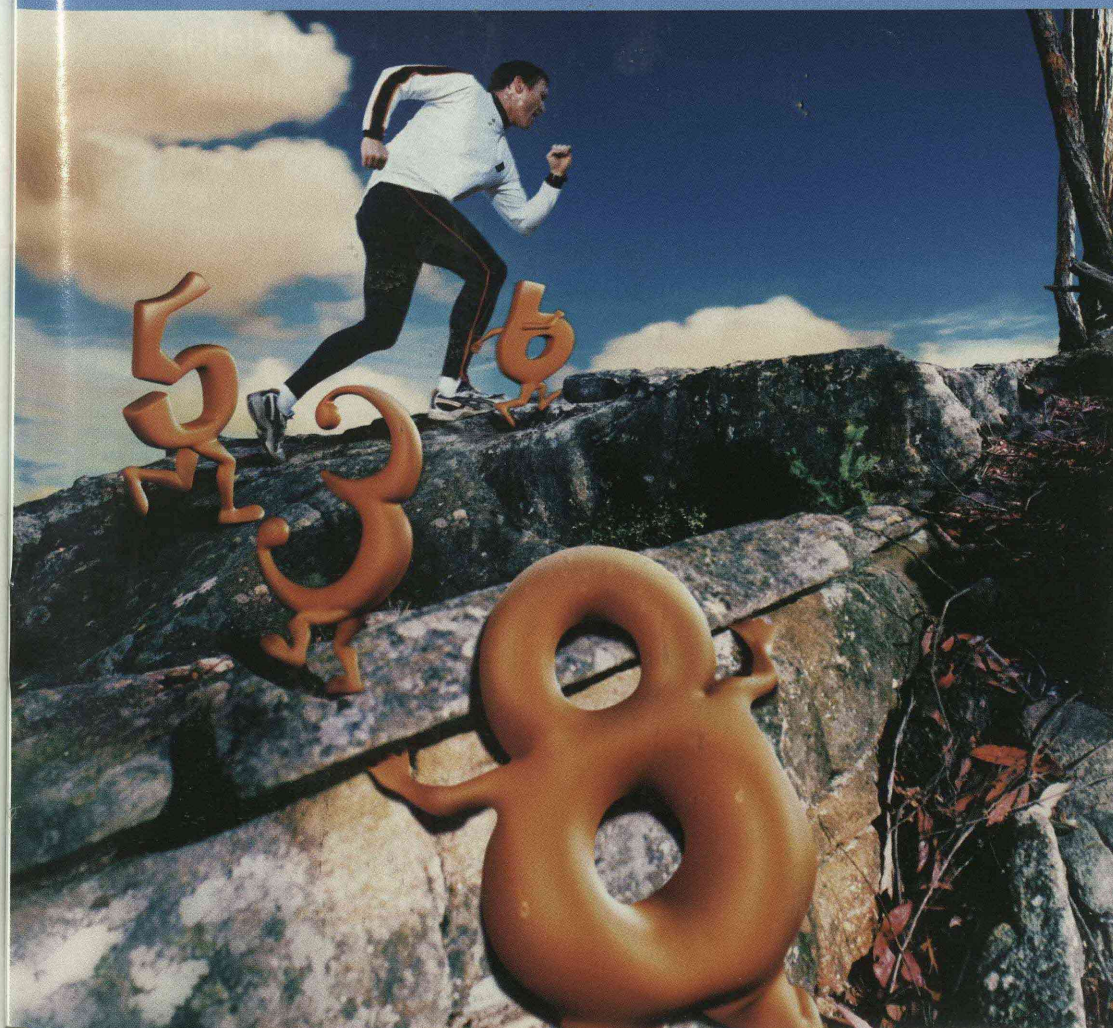
| Round | Date | Opposition | Time/Venue |
|-------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9 | Sat Dec 1 | Olympic Sharks | 7pm - Ballymore |
| 10 | Sat Dec 8 | Wollongong Wolves | 7pm - Ballymore |
| 11 | Sun Dec 16 | South Melbourne | 7.30pm - Bob Jane Stadium |
| 12 | 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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- 2 Richie Alagich
- 3 Shane Stefanutto
- 4 Jon McKain
- 5 Stuart McLaren (c)
- 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
- 16 Ronnie McQuilter
- 17 Michael Baird
- 18 Lawrence Drake
- 20 Corey Baldock
- 30 Nathan Coe
- Coach - John Kosmina

OLYMPIC SHARKS

- 1 Clint Bolton
- 4 Paul Kohler
- 5 Glenn Moore
- 6 Wayne Srhoj
- 7 Lindsay Wilson
- 8 Tommy Pondeljok
- 9 Dylan Macallister
- 10 Troy Halpin (c)
- 11 Jade North
- 12 Elias Augerinos
- 14 Greg Owens
- 15 Elias Demourtzidis
- 16 Jeromy Harris
- 19 Nick Carle
- 20 Glen Moss (RGK)
- 21 Morgan Cawley
- 23 Andrew Packer
- 24 Andrew Durante
- 26 Anthony Doumanis
- 27 Joe Spiteri
- Coach - Gary Phillips

EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Perth Glory | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 21 |
| Newcastle United | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 18 |
| STRIKERS | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 14 |
| Olympic Sharks | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 13 |
| Northern Spirit | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| Parramatta Power | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Melbourne Knights | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 10 |
| Marconi Stallions | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 8 |
| Adelaide City Force | 7 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Kingz FC | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 5 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 5 |
| South Melbourne | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| Sydney United | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 4 |

OTHER ROUND 9 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

| | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fri 30 Nov | Kingz FC v Northern Spirit |
| Sat 1 Dec | Perth Glory v Parramatta Power |
| Sat 1 Dec | Marconi Stallions v Newcastle United |
| Sun 2 Dec | Sydney United v Melbourne Knights |
| Sun 2 Dec | South Melbourne v Adelaide City Force |
| | Bye - Wollongong Wolves |

ROUND 10 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

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| Fri 7 Dec | Adelaide City Force v Marconi Stallions |
| Fri 7 Dec | Newcastle United v Perth Glory |
| Fri 7 Dec | Northern Spirit v Sydney United |
| Sat 8 Dec | STRIKERS v Wollongong Wolves |
| Sat 8 Dec | Olympic Sharks v South Melbourne |
| Sat 8 Dec | Parramatta Power v Kingz FC |
| | Bye - Melbourne Knights |

IMPORTANT NEWS...

The prestigious Grantley's restaurant at Morningside has joined the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers' with a sponsorship of each Ballymore man of the match award.

Grantley's restaurant, with its indoor and alfresco dining and full a La Carte menu, opened only six months ago and is already making a name for itself as one of Brisbane's finest. Situated at the corner of Wynnum Road and Lawson Street in Morningside, seats more than 80 people and caters for both corporate

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Aust. Inst. Sport | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 3 | 21 |
| Sydney United Youth | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 4 | 19 |
| Parramatta Power Youth | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 15 |
| Marconi Stallions Youth | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 8 | 15 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 15 |
| Newcastle United Youth | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 15 |
| ACT Academy | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 15 |
| QAS | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| NSW Inst of Sport | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 9 |
| Northern Spirit Youth | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 8 |
| Olympic Sharks Youth | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 5 |
| Sydney United Colts | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 25 | 5 |
| Brisbane Toro | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 3 |
| Marconi Stallions Colts | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 1 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Damian Mori | Perth Glory | 9 |
| Bobby Despotovski | Perth Glory | 6 |
| Paul Foster | Brisbane Strikers | 5 |
| Pablo Cordozo | Northern Spirit | 4 |
| Alex Moreira | Adelaide City Force | 4 |
| Joel Griffiths | Newcastle United | 4 |
| Esala Masi | Newcastle United | 4 |

Nth. youth LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Eric Anabalon | 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 |

and private functions indoors and in an undercover area outdoors.

Grantley's joint proprietors Natalie Sinnamon and sister Veronica Cook have been soccer followers for many years and are proud to back the Parmalat Strikers.

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