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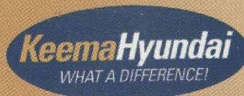
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Some Drake Magic against Perth Glory.



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The Parramatta Power
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to the
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FRIENDLY MATCH

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Coach's Comment



It actually feels nice to be writing a piece for this weekend's program after not playing at home for three weeks. Not that it makes it any easier coming up with the 300 or so words that are required.

Still it's good to be back home again and it's good to be back playing against the form team of the competition so far. I guess with the proliferation of Brisbane players in the Olympic squad it adds just that bit of extra spice to the mix.

The Sharks are on top of the table because they have been the most consistent team in the league to date. They have plenty of depth and plenty of quality.

We have gone six games undefeated so far because we have been displaying similar traits. Our performances of late have been good, solid team efforts. It is almost as if because we are playing better as a team that individuals are performing better. Our football has been simple and relatively effective. I guess the one thing we need to be mindful of is scoring goals at home. 25 in total so far and 17 of those away from home in just 8 games. Yet we've made a lot more scoring opportunities

in our home matches but for whatever reason haven't taken advantage of them. I believe the only solution is to keep working to make chances and eventually they will start going in!

Matt McKay is a great example of this principle. It has taken him a long time to score his first goal for the club. At times he's been unlucky or the keeper's made a great save or he's hit the bar or post. At other times in his enthusiasm to get the ball in the net he's finished poorly or rushed his shot. The most important factor in all this though is that he's kept trying. He has kept working himself into scoring situations. He has been prepared to take responsibility and try to score no matter what the outcome.

That sort of attitude has been indicative of our recent run of form. Every player that takes the park is taking responsibility for getting the desired result and it is showing in team and individual performances. Keeping all this in mind tonight's match should be a cracker.

Enjoy the game

Kossie

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...from the
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With four points from a possible six from our difficult away matches over the festive period it is easy to see why there is a certain feeling of satisfaction amongst the players. Indeed with the last month and a bit providing some reasonably good results we are perhaps entitled to a little more than that.

But the lads are more aware than most that we cannot afford to become over confident or complacent with nine matches remaining before a top six, of which we are currently not a part of, is finally determined.

That aside, what has bound to have provoked a fair share of thought and discussion recently is the question of 'what has caused the apparent turnaround?'

There have been improvements to many facets of our game, both individually and as a unit, but after a few hours in deep deliberation I put it down to a fairly simple reason. I believe that the players are now more honest. By that I mean more honest with themselves and about themselves,

and more honest with each other and about each other.

Now obviously we didn't all come into training one morning and decide we were going to be that way so thanks must be given to Kath Vivian and Nathan Seefeld for their efforts with the team. Kossie must also be given some praise for getting the sports psychologists involved with the team.

But when it comes down to it the players have still had to focus and apply themselves to the ideas being put forward during these sessions just as they would to a training session on the park or in the gym.

Hopefully we can all continue to develop this side of our game as we go about the business of getting the results which are required for us to qualify for the finals.

As for tonight, we are playing the champions, almost enough said. Just sit back and enjoy.

Thanks for your support

Stuart McLaren



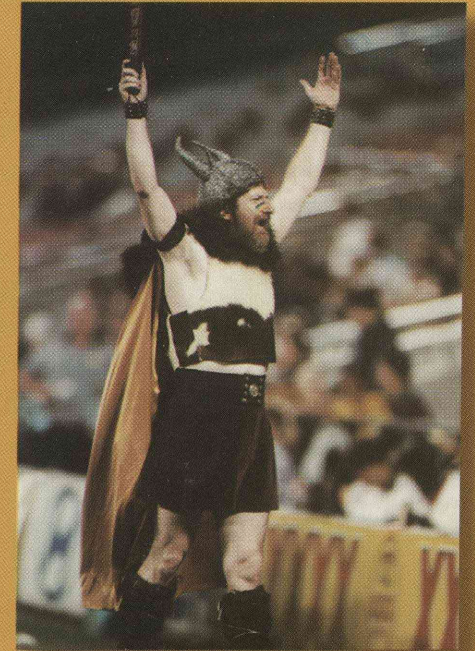
GOOD AS GOLD



THOR'S TEAM OF THE DECADE

Thor's team of the decade has finally come to a close. Supporters were made aware the closest entry to Thor's team will win a major prize of an autographed Strikers jersey and ball.

We are proud to announce that the winner of Thor's team of the decade is, Sierra Millar. Her team was as follows:



Bolton

Gwynne Zoricich Hunter Steffanutto
Meredith Harris Phillips Wehrmann
Rech Farina

Subs: Foster Wright Brown

Once again congratulations Sierra, and a very big thank you to Thor for all his hard work and dedication.

THOR'S TEAM OF THE DECADE

Bolton

Gwynne Hunter Jackson^{WRIGHT} Zoricich

^{PIMPLET} Meredith Phillips Wehrmann ^{ROLAK}

^(K) Brown Farina Rech

Subs: Foster, Kearton, McLaren

Blanchy's BACKCHAT!

Sample of good taste

I must take this opportunity to thank you all at the Brisbane Strikers for the wonderful Christmas spirit shown at the last home game. Free entry for the kids was a wonderful touch and was only outdone by the fantastic sample bags, which my children thoroughly enjoyed and set the Christmas scene.

Yep, Santa was good to me as well

Bill Watkins

A very happy New Year

Another excellent result against Northern Spirit. Well done team. Finally you are getting the results you deserve. Keep up the good form against Wollongong and play well. I was just looking at the ladder and this week ends fixtures. Very interesting. Of the 5 teams between us and 6th place – one has a bye, two play away to the top two teams and should lose, Wollongong we play and Adelaide play Marconi. It is only this last result that would need to be an upset for us to jump into the top six if we win. By no means infeasible. Even if Adelaide win we would be in equal 6th place with them. And if 5th

place Sydney lose, we could be in equal 5th. Up where we belong – what an incentive. And it would be great to keep the undefeated run going to give us momentum the Olympic match on the 11th. I'll be there (and with some friends – thanks for the bonus ticket) Go the Strikers.

Ben Schmidt Member #553

It didn't quite go our way last week but tonight should make up for that.

The Secret Soccer Season

What does one have to do to get some information about the Strikers from the local media. As supporters we all know when the team is playing. But that's as far as it goes in Brisbane. You can't see the games or results on TV, I race out and buy the paper early the next day and what do I find, a couple of lines with the result, and nothing more, if your lucky. Come on guys surely someone in the office can knock together some sort of story for the newspaper. Hopefully the Television situation will change soon and I believe we need to lift our profile in the local press including the Quest community papers, who are only too willing to fill their sports pages with positive football news.

Tony Wellington

I agree its not the ideal situation, but we're are trying to rectify it

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From the BSSA

2003 - What will this year hold for our Brisbane Strikers? Hopefully, another year in which the team will get a fair chance to show off its true potential. Our first hope would be a spot in this year's final's series, which we are well placed to achieve. Secondly would be our continued participation in a well-managed and appreciated National Soccer League. If both events can happen, then I've promised Santa I won't ask for another present ever again.

But on a serious note, I do hope this year will continue the hard work put into the club in 2002. With the fantastic players (including a possible new face or two joining us during FIFA's transfer window), dedicated staff, and a bunch of crazy supporters you know (and love) as the BSSA, we'll all be working as a team to make 2003 another great year for football in Queensland.

As we commence 2003, the BSSA is pleased to announce a membership base of a little over sixty members. Now, while that may seem like a small group, it's in fact a true "Banana Army" willing to be more Barmy than any English cricket supporter. Although, with reports that

there are over two thousand cheering Barmy Army members present at this summer's matches, here's hoping that Strikers' games of the future will deliver a noisy bunch of that size and strength. Imagine thousands of people singing and standing up for the Strikers..... it's enough to bring a tear to your eye.

Our website is www.go.to/bssa and our next monthly is next Thursday, the 16th of January at 7pm at Crosbys at Albion. And don't forget to check out the second part of my interview with Paul Robinson (the man behind Thor) in this week's Free Kick. By the way, congratulations to the proud 14 players who made up Thor's Strikers Team of the Decade (11 starters and 3 substitutions). It's certainly caused many a discussion amongst the BSSA faithful since the Team was announced.

Finally, I have one simple New Year's Resolution - To continue to be the kind of supporter than makes the Brisbane Strikers a better club. Well, and to win the BSSA's Strikers Tipping Contest too.

Adam Coleman

"Brisbane Strikers - Keeping The Faith in 2002-2003"

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New Year breeds Hope

First things first, Happy New Year. I'm going to start with the mandatory Year in Review, but from a personal perspective. 2002 - "A dream come true" Quite simply I was given the chance to do something I've always wanted to do, but never thought I'd get the chance.

As for 2003, as you can see I'm still doing it, so the coming Year looms as another ripper on the old personal front. (Not to mention the bruises from having to pinch myself all the time, have nearly cleared.) The game against Perth saw, as you would have noticed, the Club take over ticket sales at the Main Gate. As a consequence, I was charged with the task, along with regular front man, John Wainwright, with handing out the Free Tickets for all our Junior supporters. Dressed in seasonal attire, Santa Hat and Tinsel, I was ready to mingle with the fans. Now I might be easily pleased, but without doubt that was the most enjoyable roles I've had to perform so far this campaign.

I got to catch up with people I know, I saw a lot of faces I recognised from around the local scene (and played the "Now, where do I know that face from game"). One thing I did notice through the constant flow of human traffic was an air of anticipation and excitement, which I believe was then enhanced by another outstanding performance by the lads, and culminated in your very loud and vocal support.

The noise and atmosphere generated by you, the fans, was awesome and once again confirmed your status as the "Best supporters in the League" This tag would not be forthcoming without the tremendous effort and enthusiasm of the BSSA. This band of loyal men and women are a vital part of Match Day, so why not

join in and become part of the carnival atmosphere that has become synonymous at Strikers home games.

A six game unbeaten streak, leading into tonight's clash with top of the table Olympic Sharks could be just the tonic needed to topple the League leaders, who boast a good number of former Brisbane favourites. So how's this for an allegiance dilemma? Gavyn Bolton is our much loved Program vendor, her son, Clint keeps goal for the visitors tonight. Gavyn has been a long time supporter of both her Son and the Brisbane Strikers, and since the former Strikers Custodians move down South, Gavyn has continued to support and work for the Club. So dilemma may not be the right word, because regardless of the result, there will be celebrations at the Bolton household tonight.

From all reports (and there's been a few) the sample bags were a big hit with the kids at the last home game. Many thanks must go to the Players that came across and handed out the bags and to the volunteers that worked long and hard to assemble and prepare the bags. A suggestion to the three young volunteers that worked so hard and for so long keeping the supply of bags to the ever increasing queue. Make sure you have yours before you start or you might just miss out.

Well, a new Year is upon us and all the indicators show the mighty Brisbane Strikers are once again a force to be reckoned with. Thank you all for your support throughout 2002, and we look forward to your continued support in 2003 and beyond. Well I've babbled on long enough, its time for you to sit back and enjoy the action.

Blanchy

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Angry Critics Signal Good News

Casual observers might have thought that FIFA's pre-Christmas decision to award one direct World Cup qualification place to the Oceania region would be greeted in Australia's sporting and media circles with unanimous joy. If so, those observers would have been surprised to find they were wrong.

While there was indeed a great deal of happiness and relief amongst the football fraternity here, the term 'unanimous joy' was certainly not one that could be used to describe the reaction in our media. Strange, that.

Immediately prior to, and after, the decision from Madrid was announced there was an upwelling of media comment around this country about FIFA's decision to fully accept its last outpost into its football family. "We don't deserve it", some said. "We are getting in through the back door"; "Australian soccer has grovelled shamefully on its hands and knees - we don't do that in Australia"; "Brazil now has more chance of missing out on qualification than Australia". And last, but not least: "FIFA has cheapened the World Cup - it is no longer a competition between the 32 best countries" - a vacant argument that ignored the fact that the World Cup has never been about the top 32.

Actually, the opposites of the above assertions are perfectly arguable, but their proponents showed little interest in weighing up both sides of their arguments - they simply wanted to get their negative points of view across to us. Why?

To find the answer, consider that few of the commentators who put these sentiments

across ever bother to write or speak about our code of football from one year to the next, let alone from one week to the next. And when they do, it is invariably to talk it down, sledge it, slander it and generally tell the man and woman in the street that they should view it with contempt.

It is hard to shake the suspicion that these people do what they do out of ignorance - or worse - fear. But why fear a sport? Is it because the thought of Australians "switching on" to football, the sport that transfixes all other continents, fills the hearts of these commentators with dread that "their" sports are threatened in some way? That the values and belief systems that spring from them and that they personally hold dear are also in some way threatened?

Irrational though it may seem - yes, it probably does! FIFA's decision, which gives football in our corner of the world the best chance it has ever had to win mass acceptance, is like poison to people with this mindset. They won't stop their criticism. We can expect more of it, particularly when our next World Cup campaign gets underway and they start willing the Socceroos to fail.

Informed football fans in this country will not be so naive as to think that FIFA's 'Gift From Madrid' to Oceania represents the cure for all our ills. Some have already argued, with justification, that it would have been better to try to qualify through Asia as a means of getting a better preparation.

But if there is one thing we can deduce from the raised angry voices of our once-a-year critics, it is the comforting knowledge that something good must have come out of Madrid for football in Australia!

Steve Pitman



Peter shows his style



Josh Rose on the Ball



A pretty Happy crowd and Fernando



And Full time arrives



Stuart tries his luck



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Adam Webber Looks to pass



Stefanutto Living on the Line



Shall we dance?

Word from the QAS Head Coach

With Christmas and New Year having come and gone and the playing season entering its second half people may assume that my thoughts would be in where we finish in the table and a rest for the players in a few months time.

Following this weeks game we have a bye therefore a free weekend, how wrong can you be.

Along with the Technical Director of Soccer Queensland, the Head Coach of Q.A.S.N.Q, my assistant Rod Brown and I will be in camp Friday through to Monday to view a select number of players who have been identified to work with the incumbent Q.A.S. players with a view to next years intake of Scholarship Holders.

Inclusive within the weekend will be testing of players, speed and athletic ability, technical ability, understanding of game responsibilities etc. There will also be a series of lectures in Nutrition,

Strength and Conditioning, Physiotherapy and the role of A.C.E. (Athlete Career, Education).

The new invitees will be able to compare themselves at their stage of development, technically, physically, mentally with players who have been with the Q.A.S. anything between six months and three years.

Those players will then return to their respective zones to practice all facets of there game to prepare for when they are next under the microscope, the zone talent identification series for both U/15 & U/16.

The viewing of future talent never ceases and the development of our future stars is a twelve months a year responsibility.

Enjoy the game, have a "Happy New Year"

Speak to you soon.

Bruce Stowell

Head Soccer Coach Q.A.S.

QAS PLAYERS

1	Mario Aparicio	G/K	10	Tim Smits	Striker
2	Chris Burley	Mid Field	11	Chris Grossman	Mid Field
3	Dave Richardson	Def/Wing Back	12	Daniel Leach	Def/Mid Field
4	Cole Stojakovic	Mid Field/Str	13	Willie Tumusiime	Def
5	Tim De Silva	Mid Field/Str	14	Ben Griffin	Def
6	Shane Robinson	Def/Wing back	15	James Lindeman	Mid Field
7	Chris Hagell	Def	16	Chris Acaster	Mid Field
8	Shawn O'Neill	Def	17	Jimmy Downey	
9	Brady Davidson	Mid Field	22	Caleb Patterson	G/K

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002-2003 NORTHERN DIVISION RESULTS - ROUND 16

FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2003

Wollongong Wolves Youth 6 (Martin 26' 32' 51', Majurovski 43', Abel 50', Werakso 70') QAS 1 (Richardson 6')

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2003

Sydney United Youth 2 (Cindric 15', Markovic 80') ACTAS 2 (Barisic 29', Cattnach 54')
Olympic Sharks Youth 2 (Hilton 13' pen, Haliti 52') Parramatta Power Youth 1 (R. Cardozo 17')
Marconi Mustangs 0 Canberra Deakin 2 (Spaleta 54' pen, Pideski 87')
Northern Spirit Youth 1 (Woodruffe 76') Newcastle United Youth 2 (Mitchell 30', Cowburn 67')

BYE - AIS BYE - Marconi Stallions Youth

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002-2003 NORTHERN DIVISION LEAGUE LADDER - ROUND 16

TEAM	P	W	D	B	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power Youth	14	8	3	2	3	35	19	27
Canberra Deakin	15	7	4	2	4	38	21	25
Wollongong Wolves Youth	13	6	4	2	3	31	18	22
AIS	10	6	3	4	1	16	7	21
Newcastle United Youth	14	5	5	2	4	21	19	20
Northern Spirit Youth	13	5	4	2	4	13	10	19
Sydney United Youth	13	5	3	2	5	29	20	18
Olympic Sharks Youth	13	4	5	2	4	15	14	17
ACTAS	12	5	2	3	5	20	23	17
QAS	14	4	2	2	8	18	37	14
Marconi Stallions Youth	13	3	4	3	6	15	31	13
Marconi Mustangs	14	0	3	2	11	5	37	3

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002-2003 NORTHERN DIVISION FIXTURES - ROUND 17

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2003

ACTAS Vs Northern Spirit Youth Time: 5.00 pm Venue: Hawker Oval
Newcastle United Youth Vs Marconi Mustangs Time: 5.15 pm Venue: Energy Australia Stadium

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2003

QAS Vs Olympic Sharks Youth Time: 4.35 pm Venue: Ballymore Stadium

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2003

Canberra Deakin Vs Wollongong Wolves Youth Time: 5.00 pm Venue: Hawker Oval
Marconi Stallions Youth Vs AIS Time: 5.00 pm Venue: Marconi Stadium
BYE - Parramatta Power Youth BYE - Sydney United Youth

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002-2003 NORTHERN DIVISION LEADING GOALSCORERS ROUND 13

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	CLUB	GOALS
Spaleta	Michael	Canberra Deakin	13
Pideski	Carl	Canberra Deakin	9
Gavaghan	Peter	Parramatta Power Youth	8
De Silva	Timothy	QAS	7
Glavas	Luka	Sydney United Youth	7
Majurovski	John	Wollongong Wolves Youth	7
Smits	Tim	QAS	7

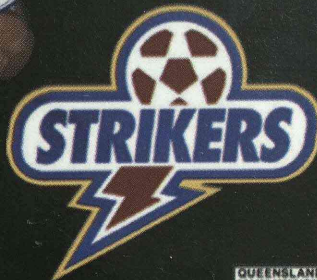


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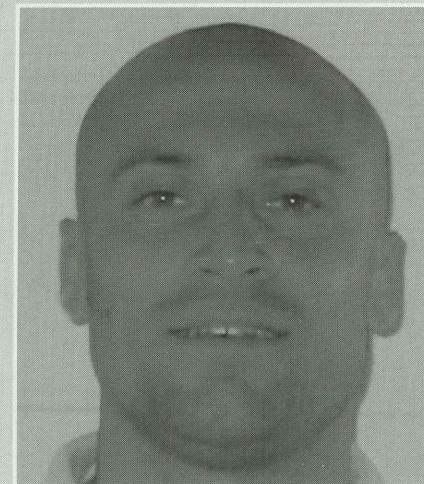


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Fernando Rech

Date Of Birth: 13/3/74
 Occupation: Soccer Player
 Hobbies/Interests: TV
 Current Playing Position: Midfield
 Came to Club: 2000
 Previous Club: Etti Jundiai
 Nickname: Nando
 Star Sign: Pisces
 Ethnic Origin: Brazilian
 Hair Colour: Brown
 Eye Colour: Green
 Height: 183cm



Weight: 87kgs
 Do you have a personal sponsor? No
 Favourite Food: Brazilian BBQ
 Favourite TV Show: Programa Do Jo (Brazilian Show)
 Favourite Book: Morcegos Negros (Black Bat)
 Favourite Actress: Catherine Zeita Jones
 Worst Habits: Biting Finger Nails
 Most Prized Possession: My Family
 If you could be any person in History who would it be?
 List 3 people you would invite to Dinner:
 Most Ridiculous Sport: God - Because he is God
 Ultimate Sports Fantasy: My Mother, My Daddy, Ronaldo
 If you could have any Superpower Play in World Cup
 what would it be:
 Favourite Quote: To Fly

Favourite Day of the Year:

Even if I spoke the Language of Angels and the Language of Man, without love I'd be nothing
 Xmas Day, because it is a universal day
 What's in your Fridge: Steak
 What's under your bed: A Book
 What's in your Soccer Bag: Boots
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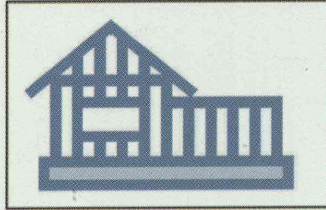


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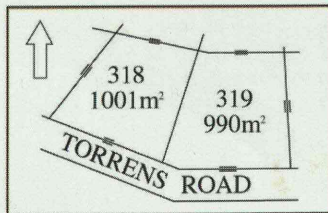
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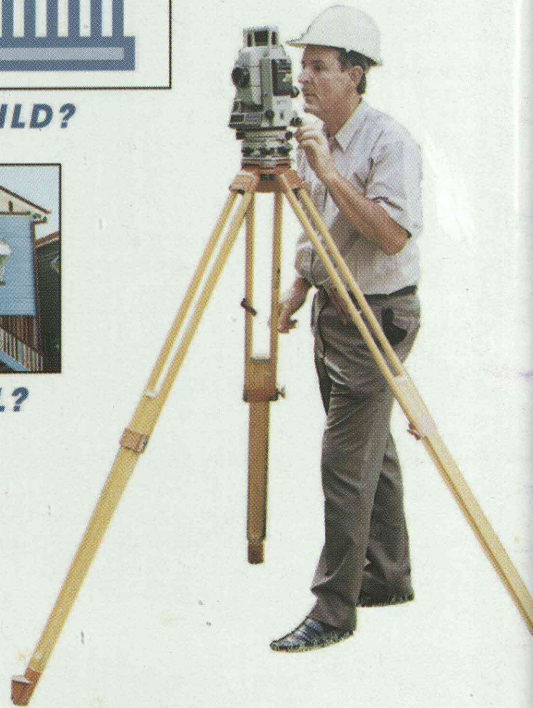
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Round Up

Round 15 Review

NORTHERN SPIRIT 2 (J Hutchinson 55', B Fisher 94') **BRISBANE STRIKERS 3** (P Grierson 6', 60', A Roche 36')

Cautions: nil

Venue: North Sydney Oval Referee: Perry Mur Crowd: 1,455

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 2 (D Mennillo 82', S Young 85') **MARCONI STALLIONS 4** (A Brosque 21', 47', 68', A Costanzo 28')

Cautions: D Mennillo (WW) 17', P Cotte (MS) 43', D Heffernan (WW) 67' **Red Card:** D Huxley (WW) 41'

Venue: Win Stadium Referee: Matthew Breeze Crowd: 3,152

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (T Dodd 72' O.G.) **NEWCASTLE UNITED 1** (J Griffiths 6')

Cautions: nil

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium Referee: Eddie Lennie Crowd: 4,236

OLYMPIC SHARKS 3 (H Ishida 39', T Pondejak 47', J Porter 90') **MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1** (H Fa'Arudo 49')

Cautions: G Souris (OS) 18', A Packer (OS) 35', T Halpin (OS) 56', A Cervinski (MK) 58', A Kovacic (MK) 64', W Srhoj (OS) 71', I Erdogan (MK) 86', L Lapsansky (MK) 88

Red Card: A Kovacic (MK) 81'

Venue: Toyota Park Referee: Con Diomis Crowd: 3,346

SYDNEY UNITED 1 (A Doumanis 11') **FOOTBALL KINGZ 0**

Cautions: R deGregorio (FK) 26', A Doumanis (SU) 44', G Mendez (SU) 53', B Santalab (SU) 89'

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre Referee: Peter Green Crowd: 2,943

PERTH GLORY 2 (S Miller 72', D Tarka 77') **PARRAMATTA POWER 1** (K Salapasis 74')

Cautions: A Gumprecht (PG) 44', A Elrich (PP) 71'

Venue: Perth Oval Referee: Ben Williams Crowd: 9,203

ADELAIDE CITY FORCE BYE

Round 16 Review

ADELAIDE CITY FORCE 3 (C Pelosi 11', D Pellegrini 15', I Fyfe 35') **MARCONI STALLIONS 0**

Cautions: A Costanzo (MS) 33', A Brosque (MS) 44', D Pellegrini (ACF) 46', A Vidmar (ACF) 48', J Spiteri (MS) 81', N Budin (ACF) 83', P Cotte (MS) 83'

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Referee: Greg Leverton Crowd: 2,409

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 1 (S Lyons 9') **BRISBANE STRIKERS 1** (M McKay 86')

Cautions: S Laybutt (BS) 19', R Stanton (WW) 46'+, S Lyons (WW) 55', B Farah (WW) 72', D Cervinski (WW) 82'

Venue: WIN Stadium Referee: Craig Zetter Crowd: 3,008

PERTH GLORY 5 (M Horsley 8', S Pryce 11', B Despotovski 23', A Gumprecht 54' 85') **FOOTBALL KINGZ 0**

Cautions: E Junior (PG) 6', H Ngata (FK) 20', J Taylor (FK) 53'

Venue: Perth Oval Referee: Matthew Breeze Crowd: 10,092

NORTHERN SPIRIT 0 **NEWCASTLE UNITED 0**

Cautions: I Ferguson (NS) 7', A Wilkinson (NS) 12', P Tsekenis (NU) 33', E Masi (NU) 34', D Beltrame (NU) 48', N Spencer (NU) 65'

Venue: Brookvale Oval Referee: Con Diomis Crowd: 1,685

OLYMPIC SHARKS 1 (A Milicic 20'pen) **PARRAMATTA POWER 2** (J Buonavoglia 30' 81')

Cautions: T Halpin (OS) 52', A Packer (OS) 74'

Venue: Toyota Park Referee: Perry Mur Crowd: 3,606

SYDNEY UNITED 0 **SOUTH MELBOURNE 1** (V Coveny 51'+)

Cautions: G Mendez (SU) 18'

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre Referee: Mark Shield Crowd: 2,730

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS BYE

BRISBANE STRIKERS 2002/2003

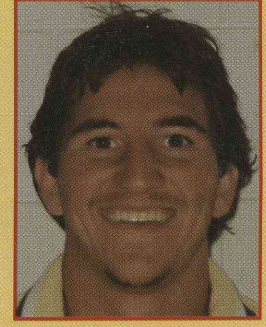
Player Statistics

Date	Opponents		F-A	Player Statistics																						
	Rnd 1	Rnd 2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Sat 21/9	Northern Spirit	H	1-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sun 29/9	Perth Glory	A	4-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 5/10	Wollongong Wolves	H	1-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 12/10	Olympic Sharks	A	0-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 19/10	Adelaide City Force	H	2-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sun 27/10	Melbourne Knights	A	3-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 2/11	Marconi Stallions	H	1-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 9/11	Parramatta Power	A	0-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Rnd 9				Bye																						
Sat 23/11	Football Kingz	H	0-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Fri 29/11	Newcastle United	A	3-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 7/12	South Melbourne	H	2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 15/12	Sydney United	A	3-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 21/12	Perth Glory	H	1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Fri 27/12	Northern Spirit	A	2-3	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Fri 3/1	Wollongong Wolves	A	1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
Sat 11/1	Olympic Sharks	H																								
Fri 17/1	Adelaide City Force	A																								
Sat 25/1	Melbourne Knights	H																								
Fri 31/1	Marconi Stallions	A																								
Sun 9/2	Parramatta Power	H																								
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Sat 1/3	Newcastle United	H																								
Sun 9/3	South Melbourne	A																								
TBA	Sydney United	H																								
Individual League Appearances				72	171	99	59	137	91	61	36	96	302	85	56	20	20	27	1	37	17	12	13			
Individual League Goals				0	4	1	1	10	16	26	0	7	76	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	

Legend:

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

Junior Development Report



I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and an even happier new year. It is great to be back in Brisbane for our first home game of 2003. Over the past few weeks the players have been taking a bit of a break from appearances, concentrating mainly on training hard and spending sometime off with family.

I thought being the first junior development article of the year I would outline the agenda for the Brisbane Strikers junior development program for the coming year. Obviously with the appointment of Mrs. Jacqui Wright it gives the program an important new dimension.

Once again the program will be mainly based on performing fun promotional school visits. Over the past few years the focus has been to mainly appear at primary schools around South-East Queensland. This year we will once again appear at a great deal of primary schools in Brisbane but we will also be expanding the program to include high schools around Brisbane. This

will hopefully attract a new age bracket of supporters.

Also this year the program will be concentrating on appearances at junior soccer clubs in South-East Queensland. With the emphasis being on appearing at sign on, carnival, fixture days etc. Obviously it is always difficult with the junior soccer season being different to the National soccer league season. Over the coming months the club will be trying to appear at as many soccer clubs as possible to drum up support for our run into the finals.

To add to all this the Brisbane Strikers will run coaching clinics definitely in the January and July school holidays and maybe in April. In the coming off-season the players will also get the opportunity to travel throughout Queensland running promotional visits and coaching clinics for our thousands of regional supporters.

Finally I hope you enjoy the game tonight, and don't forget about our coaching clinic running from the 21st till 23rd January.

Shane Stefanutto



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Round Sixteen in Review

The Strikers continued their unbeaten run on Friday in Wollongong in an entertaining 1-1 draw. Both coaches felt their respective teams deserved to win, but both agreed the match officials made some interesting decisions that influenced the game.

A first half goal to Shane Lyons was cancelled out by Matt McKay late in the second half, his first in the National League.

Three goals in the first 32 minutes killed off any hopes Marconi had of winning in Adelaide. Pelosi Pellegrini and Fyfe the scorers as the Force ran out easy 3-0 winners and keeping the Stallions at the bottom of the league.

Perth Glory scored five unanswered goals against the Football Kingz to consolidate their position in the top six.

The scorers were Horsley, Pryce, Despotovski and a pair for Gumprecht. Even though he did not score Damian Mori remains the leagues leading scorer.

In what locals called the worst game seen at Brookvale Oval Newcastle and the Spirit shared the points in a goalless draw. For the Spirit the point took them off shared bottom place with Marconi and it was their first clean sheet of the season.

For Newcastle it was a lost chance to retain third place, slipping to fourth on 22 points.

South Melbourne stepped up to third following their defeat of Sydney United in Sydney. A goal by Vaughen Coveny in the 51st minute was enough to gain all three points and keep United out of the six.

The shock of the day came at Toyota Park when Parramatta Power scored a two one victory over ladder leaders Olympic Sharks, who took an early lead through Milicic from a penalty, only for Buonavoglia to score twice for the Power. A result that takes them in to the six and closes up the Sharks lead on the top of the ladder.

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1. Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing area is prohibited at all times and offenders will be prosecuted.
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5. Smoking in the Grandstand is prohibited
6. Have a nice evening.



Not any cola.



National League Review

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON 2002/03

TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	GF	GA	PTS
Olympic Sharks	15	11	2	2	1	34	17	35
Perth Glory	15	11	1	3	1	32	13	34
South Melbourne	14	7	3	4	2	23	19	24
Newcastle United	15	6	4	5	1	23	15	22
Adelaide City Force	14	5	3	6	2	24	21	18
Parramatta Power	14	5	3	6	1	18	18	18
Sydney United	15	5	3	7	1	14	21	18
Wollongong Wolves	15	4	5	6	1	17	21	17
Melbourne Knights	14	4	5	5	2	25	31	17
Football Kingz	14	4	4	6	1	16	20	16
Brisbane Strikers	15	4	4	7	1	25	32	16
Northern Spirit	12	3	3	6	1	16	26	12
Marconi Stallions	14	3	2	9	1	13	26	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

MORI Damian	Perth Glory	12
GRIFFITHS Joel	Newcastle United	11
PELIKAN Anthony	Melbourne Knights	9
YOUNG Stuart	Wollongong Wolves	9
RECH Fernando	Brisbane Strikers	7

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DRAW FOR THE NEXT 2 ROUNDS

Round 17

Fri 10 Jan
Marconi Stallions Vs Melbourne Knights
Football Kingz Vs Wollongong Wolves
Newcastle United Vs Perth Glory

Sat 11 Jan
Brisbane Strikers Vs Olympic Sharks
Parramatta Power Vs Adelaide City Force

Sun 12 Jan
South Melbourne Vs Northern Spirit
Sydney United BYE

Round 18

Fri 17 Jan
Adelaide City Force Vs Brisbane Strikers

Sat 18 Jan
Northern Spirit Vs Sydney United
Perth Glory Vs South Melbourne
Olympic Sharks Vs Football Kingz

Sun 19 Jan
Melbourne Knights Vs Parramatta Power
Wollongong Wolves Vs Newcastle United
Marconi Stallions BYE

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Round 17

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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 Stephen Laybutt
- 10 Kris Trajanovski
- 11 John Carbone
- 12 David Pilic
- 13 Wayne Heath
- 14 Daniel Dreger
- 15 Matthew McKay
- 17 Chris Scuderi
- 18 Lawrence Drake
- 19 Joshua Rose
- 20 Corey Baldock
- 21 Anthony Roche

Coach - John Kosmina

OLYMPIC SHARKS

- 1 Clint Bolton
- 2 George Souris
- 4 Paul Kohler
- 5 Mark Byrnes
- 6 Ante Juric
- 7 Wayne Srhoj
- 8 Tom Pondeljak
- 9 Ante Milicic
- 10 Troy Halpin
- 11 Jade North
- 12 Franco Parisi
- 13 Gary Phillips
- 14 Greg Owens
- 15 Sarranti Parisos
- 16 Matt Hilton
- 17 Jeromy Harris
- 18 Joel Porter
- 19 Zenon Caravella
- 20 Brett Hughes
- 21 Morgan Cawley
- 22 Elias Demourtzidis
- 23 Andrew Packer
- 24 Andrew Durante
- 25 Brett Studman
- 26 Labinot Haliti
- 27 Hiroyuki Ishida
- 28 Tolgay Ozbey
- 29 Dominic Hudap

Coach - Gary Philips