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## Comment

**I**s that the time? March already - the season is underway, and not before time if you ask me.

Pre-season is an intriguing time for soccer folk and has its own romance. The anticipation, the expectation and the hope that the upcoming year will bring greater rewards than the previous one always supplies copious amounts of optimism. More often than not of course, this is optimism misplaced but it's all part of the fun.

The usual shuffling of players between clubs, spurious rumours and occasional spicy gossip is all very entertaining but there's nothing like the real thing. The return to league action is welcomed in all quarters and hopefully we can look forward to plenty of tight Premiership races.

It is also a season in which we may finally witness a number of changes in how our game is administered. These changes heralded by the Australian Soccer Association signal the start of what is certain to be a crucial phase in the history of Australian soccer. Will Mr Frank Lowy and his newly appointed CEO, John O'Neill, get it right? Only time will tell, but O'Neill does bring a lot to the table. Soccer administrators of years gone by have been exceedingly good at looking back and recognising when change had taken place and the subsequent effects, however, they have been utterly inadequate at looking forward and predicting change.

This is where the ASA and local federations must do better. John O'Neill was appointed as CEO of Australian Rugby Union in 1995 and his tenure coincided with a time when the game was going through a major transition. Eight years on, the Australian Rugby Union Ltd is now regarded as one of the best performing national rugby bodies in the world, and has become a benchmark for its peers. To cap it off, O'Neill was named as Sports Executive of the Year by the Australian Sports Industry in 2002. His credentials are as good as any and fingers crossed that he will be able to breathe some life into the Australian game.

Finally, our best wishes go soccer stalwarts Eric Sinclair and Brian Portsmouth who haven't been too well of late. We hope their recoveries are both swift and full.

*Cover Pic: The Under 21 Summer League Grand Final Winners Palm Beach, Sharks Captain Neil Monro (centre), Southern Cross Catering Golden Boot award winner Steven Cleary of Peninsula Power (right) and Southern Cross Catering Best and Fairest award winner Toni Reinikainen of Sunshine Coast Hawks (left).  
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# LOCAL news

## SUMMER U/21 LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

**Palm Beach Sharks** 1 (Costello)  
**Peninsula Power** 0

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Referee: T. Ogston

● **The last weekend in January saw the Palm Beach Sharks crowned Champions of the 2003/2004 Summer Youth League after a narrow 1-0 Grand Final win over Peninsula Power Dolphins.**

A large crowd turned out at Palm Beach to see the conclusion of a very successful competition and the match kept the crowd entertained right until the final whistle, living up to all expectations. Only a John Costello penalty early in the second half saw off the determined Power in a match that could have easily gone either way.

Palm Beach Coach, Karl Herdle was understandably delighted with his team's win but was even more enthused by the concept of the league.

"It's absolutely brilliant. It's a good stepping stone between the Youth Team and the First Team. It gives us a good chance to bring the young ones up. I also think it's good for the regional sides as it gives their players a chance to show themselves off and make themselves known to other clubs. In our case we have picked up 4 players from Lismore".

"Our group was extremely hard with Lions and Rochedale in there, but we were fortunate enough to win it and only lost one game in the competition."

Of the players used in the Summer League Herdle rated match-winner John Costello as the standout performer.

"He was excellent for us, as was Neil Monro and Shane Robinson, they battled along for us all year and produced the goods. We have unearthed 4 or 5 players who definitely have a future in the Queensland Premier League"

The after match presentation saw the season awards;

Group 1 Winners: **Palm Beach Sharks**

Group 2 Winners: **Peninsula Power Dolphins**

The **Uhlisport Fair Play Award** for the team with the best disciplinary record went to Queensland Lions.

The **Southern Cross Catering Golden Boot** award for the leading goalscorer went to Steven Cleary of Peninsula Power with 10 goals.

The **Southern Cross Catering Best and Fairest** award for the player voted for by the referees went to Toni Reinikainen of Sunshine Coast Hawks.

Bruce Dinsdale, General Manager of Brisbane Mens Soccer, said, "The Youth League set out to develop youth players by giving them a quality competition to play in. It has un-earthed some exciting talent and the clubs will surely benefit from this in the future. It has given clubs and coaches the opportunity to see how their future players perform, react under pressure and develop their skills and tactical awareness." He also thanked all who participated in the competition.

"Without the help of the coaches, managers and volunteers who have given up plenty of their summer break, the competition would not have been the success it is. We have all seen some exciting and talented youth players during the season who hopefully will go on to bigger and better things in the future."

## NEW CLUBS ENTER LEAGUE

3 new clubs and 1 not-so-new have been admitted to the Brisbane Men's Soccer competition for 2004. Camira, Regents Park and Old Bridge enter the Metro Divisions for the first time and Brisbane Toro make a return in the Open Youth League.

Camira spokesman, Andrew Fogg, said the club had experienced rapid growth and consequently developed a sound junior base from which to build its future.

"We have teams running from U/7 to U/15, 3 Men's teams and a Ladies team. The club is progressing nicely."

Over at Loganholme's Old Bridge Sports Club, Sam Sehovic, secretary of the former Commercial League club, was excited about its Div 4 inclusion. "We are very happy to be there and looking to win the league. We are aiming for Division One."

Regents Park President, Paul Dowding said he thought the move was a step in the right direction for the juniors at the club. "We have 38 junior teams and 3 senior teams. We have wanted to get involved in the BMS League for a while now but did not meet all the requirements. We've undergone a \$250,000 extension at the club which brings the facility up to standard. In addition to that, we wanted to create a path from the junior ranks to the senior team for our players and it will be nice to see someone who has been with us from U/7's to U/17's still be a part of our club."

## LIONS TO FACE STIFF RESISTANCE

Although you would be hard pressed to find a punter anywhere who would bet against Queensland Lions continuing their dominance of the Premier League, those who are expected to lead the chasing pack are heading into the season with great optimism. At Spencer Park, Brisbane City have recruited well in the off-season and are looking forward to pushing Lions all the way to the finish. City boss Frank Pimblett is happy with his squad which he says was a little thin on the ground last year.

"We've got Matt Bell, Ned Stevenson, and Pablo Aviles back and others have come to the club so we've a bigger squad with more quality. Our pre-season form has been pretty good and I've been happy with the work rate. If the team wants to take the next step then we can't afford to be complacent in any game and we have to continue to work hard."

Pimblett is expecting a tight battle in the Premier League in 2004. "Rochedale have recruited well and Easts could be a dark horse. I think the league could be very even this year." For City though the main focus is closing the gap on rivals Lions. "I've got a good squad and a well-balanced side so I'll be looking to improve on last year. Lions were 17 points ahead of us and if we can't better that then I will consider it a failure."

At Wendy Allison Park, Pine Rivers Utd are looking to improve on what was an outstanding return to Premier League action in 2003. The Northside outfit surprised many with their excellent form last year which culminated in a Grand Final appearance. Rivers coach Clayton Koch has strengthened his side with the addition of Aaron Thiesfield from Wynnum and is looking forward to the return of 3 young players who are currently contracted to the Brisbane Strikers. Perhaps the most important 'signing' for Rivers though will be the return of Japanese striker Koji Kanagawa whose prolific scoring form last season was halted by a broken leg.

Rivers' slow start in the pre-season games was no surprise to Koch but he expects his side to be more than prepared for league action.

"I thought we would do a little better in some of the pre-season games but we've had some good run-outs and it was the same for us last year."

There will be expectations at Pine Rivers this term and Koch is aware of that. "We had to grind out a lot of results last year and it will be the same this season. We have to remember that is what helped us do so well and just because we made the Grand Final it doesn't make us world-beaters. I'll be looking for the team to apply itself and push for a top 4 spot again," he said.

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# Lions ready for NSL call-up

The announcement in 2003 of a restructured National Soccer League competition was met with mixed emotions by the soccer community at large - some queried the necessity for change, others were eager to have their visions of a revitalised sport realised, and for soccer to take its place in the Australian cultural and sporting ethos that it rightfully deserves.

Such was the case at Queensland Lions, a club which for the last 4 years has been patiently biding its time, preparing for the opportunity to re-enter the top competition in Australian Soccer. As Hollandia and Brisbane Lions, the club was a founding member of the National Soccer competition, and some say only financial considerations stood in the way of its continuous membership of the NSL.

Now in 2004, the club stands once again on the threshold of entry into the national competition. Since 2000, applications have been sent to the governing body of soccer in Australia - each time the response, whilst positive, has asked the board of directors to reach further into their reserves of patience, as the time has not been right for whatever reasons.

The club has spent the time in the interim building up its off-field business - the licensed club which occupies the premises at Richlands has grown from a small local concern into one of the largest clubs in Queensland. Its membership base is now just under 30,000 and through its acquisition of management rights for 2 other clubs south of the river, as well as the purchase of the former Mt Gravatt Workers Club, Queensland Lions is well able to back up its claims of readiness to participate on the field with the necessary financial resources off the field. In addition, the organisational structure of the club now includes an expanded Marketing department which is



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already working hard to secure sponsorship and advertising in preparation for the exposure attached to the national competition.

The eagerness of the club to join the NSL is reflected in its decision 2 years ago to effect a name change. The confusion which surrounded the advent of the Brisbane Lions AFL team is now history among those who experienced it, and the club fought for some time to uphold its claim. Subsequently, the decision to change the name from Brisbane Lions to Queensland Lions was not taken lightly, but was one which was well accepted by the members. The new name reflects the club's wish to be seen as representing not only its local area, but also to play a part in fulfilling the aspirations of young

Queensland hopefuls.

Marketing and Information Manager, Damian Mead said the club is now more hopeful than ever of securing a position in the new National Soccer League. "Everything is in readiness, from coaching and playing staff to marketing and advertising proposals. From the board of directors to the voting members, all await the announcement later this year which will launch a new era in the proud history of Queensland Lions Soccer Club."

ExtraTime wishes them the best of luck.



# Phil Moye

The BMS President talks it up

As we enter 2004 the push to restructure soccer administration in Australia is well under way. Much has been written about the necessity to 'fix' the problems at Soccer Australia and I agree that action is long overdue. How will this affect the average player, coach, manager and club? Not much, would be the short answer. The long-term effects will, however, be slow in coming and difficult to avoid.

In almost every other sport the national body is focused on promotion of the code, development of new clubs in locations not currently engaged in that sport. The national body funds development programs, outreach programs to new markets and high profile events to maximize exposure.

In soccer the players send money to the national body by way of the Soccer Australia levy and receive what in return? I don't know. Will restructure fix this? Not likely. The restructure as I understand it will result in an additional layer of bureaucracy called a 'Standing Committee' between the current federations and the state body. Will this improve communication between the state and local soccer?

Will this restructure deliver less administrative cost for the average club? Well when was the last time you saw a bureaucracy reduce costs? The impact of this structure is unknown and that raises other questions in my mind.

The restructure is an edict from the Australian Soccer Association. But who gets to implement the edict? The overworked and non-paid volunteer administrators of the federations. The ASA is the only body with significant funds (after all we send it to them). If the ASA is determined to alter the structure at least they should fund the change. My guess is that the focus will be on 'national' programs. These will encompass a national player database and national conformity with a raft of reporting and operational procedures. But who gets the benefits of these national compliance programs? The national body of course and to

some extent the state body. Will volunteer administrators receive national funding to implement these changes? I don't see that being discussed anywhere.

The restructure calls for a Brisbane Zone to administer all soccer matters in this area. Great idea. BUT.... currently the various soccer bodies, north and south juniors are administered by a group of efficient volunteer administrators. Men's and Women's soccer has self-funded staff but their job is to administer the competition not implement ASA directives on national policy. If a single body were to administer all soccer across Brisbane the load would have to be taken up with paid staff. Who will provide the funding for this?

Some will say this is a very negative outlook on an essential improvement to soccer. Essential? I agree. Improvement? Let's hope so because the alternative is not acceptable. Negative? Yes it is. The questions I raise are all related to 'division of labour' and 'funding' issues. Who is going to pay for a restructure that requires, in my opinion, a move to paid staff over volunteers?

Until I see some positive statements about the final shape of this restructure and how it will be funded I will remain skeptical about this process. Unfortunately I see that state and national bodies are focused on their goals and the cost of attaining those goals will simply be 'passed on' to the players under the old guise of 'user pays'. I see no evidence of a mind-set to reduce the cost of soccer to the average soccer player. As I mentioned in my last article, clubs cannot expect to raise membership fees endlessly. The national and state bodies will need to ensure that any cost reduction, however obtained, is passed onto the membership.

Administrators like myself, trying to contain costs to players, are in for an interesting time.

BMS is keen to hear your thoughts on these and any other matter for the betterment of soccer. If you wish to discuss the above issues please feel free to contact me through the BMS office.



# Opinion

**Internet forums. Useful tool or haven for anonymous tongue-waggers? Coops strips them down.**



**In this age of computers and the internet, it surprises me to see the amount of rubbish being spread across the pages of the various club message forums. But should it?**

Football in this country has always been regarded as the

sleeping giant. We have more kids playing our sport than any other. We all know that the only real media coverage we get is when something bad happens and yet when we are given the opportunity to contribute some constructive points to the various topics, what do we do? We bag our own, that's what we do. I know of many coaches, players, administrators and referees who read the forums. People who can make changes and people who can make a difference.

I fell in love with the forums a few years back when I stumbled across the Taringa Rovers Supporters Club Forum. It was the first time I had seen anything like it. I was delighted with the fact I could post what I believed was a decent topic for debate and was very interested to hear what others had to say. I honestly believed it was a great way for all of us to put our brains together to come up with ideas to help improve our great game.

As time went by I became more and more disillusioned with the whole thing. You would post a good subject and probably get a few decent responses and that was that. Yet when somebody went and watched a game and felt the referee had a shocker they would post something regarding this on the forum and the responses were unbelievable. This was not just a case of bagging a referee's performance; this was character assassination. The same went for any sort of topic that bagged a club or a coach, or an organisation, or anything really that didn't make people think too much. I was once again in a situation where we were shooting ourselves in the foot.

Nowadays the Taringa Rovers Forum is not alone. I am sure there are many more out in football land but the ones I read are Rochedale, Qld Lions & Mt Gravatt. I don't say too much anymore (except on our own one) but I still read with interest. I can tell that most of the people whose opinions I respected must feel the way I do as they have also dropped off. Maybe they too are sick and tired of all the rubbish.

Now I know some will say that they are public forums and people are entitled to an opinion. I have no argument for this. Of course people are going to give an opinion, but either put up a constructive alternative or keep your dirty washing at home. Don't say that the Board of Brisbane Men's is crap unless you put up an argument as to why. Don't judge people in public unless you hear the other side of the story. We are not in a position where we can afford to continually bag people. We are pretty much an amateur set-up with many volunteers doing the work. How long will we last if we keep turning each other away from the game?

Why do we not share the knowledge around? Wouldn't we all like to see 12 Queensland Lions in the Premier League? Wouldn't we all wish to see facilities like Lions have at every club? Would we all like to see three referees at every game? Would we like to see clubs who can afford to have full-time administrators? The list is endless. But while we continually bag one another we are always going to be left in our little club world.

This forum stuff could be a great advantage to us. With the limited media coverage we get at present, forums and website's can give us all a great insight into what is going on. We can still have our fun with predictions. We can still have our overseas stuff. In fact not a lot has to change. A simple 'think before I type' policy would do the trick. But who am I kidding. The people who bag are the people who hide behind false names. They don't have the guts to come out of hiding because they don't have the brains to back up their accusations.

Until we can all seriously share the one dream then we deserve everything we get. ■

# THE FULL MONTY

If you're a supporter of one of the Premier League clubs then prepare to adjust your Christmas card list

**W**e have all agonised over the vacant summer months, been persecuted by the better halves into performing duties in and around the house that get placed on the 'backburner' during the football season. Thank God summer is in the past and the real meaning to life can commence - let the games begin! Doesn't matter at what level you are involved, the football season will arouse more emotion and energy than has ever been the case in the summer months, what with the heat, contests that last 5 days and end up as a draw and hitting balls over a net instead of into the net. Anyway it is appropriate that we post the odds for all the combatants in the Premier League. The availability of these prices may well fluctuate severely as the season progresses, but here we are before a ball is kicked in anger, in alphabetical order:

## BRISBANE CITY

Where do geriatrics go when they die? Brisbane City! With Nick Meredith revitalising his career and the usual crowd of stalwarts, City look like being the major testing material for Lions. They are a strong outfit in all areas with experience being a key factor. As long as Nick can stay on the right side of the officials and not too many games are played in conditions exceeding 20 degrees, and that the kick off times do not compromise when the majority should be in bed (no doubt why the City Board still elect to play in the afternoon!), City will be in the firing line all season. City or the Qld version of Chelsea (The Pensioners) are second pick at 7/2.

## EASTERN SUBURBS

Back to the big time after winning the 1st Div last year, Easts will be a welcome addition to the league. At this stage the return of Coffey may be the key if he can get service from the midfield of Ditton and Molenda and Corey Baldock will add strength to the defence. Pre-season results were promising but the real test started on the weekend. Even so, it still looks encouraging. No doubt a team that will cause problems to a number of sides but I think that

fourth spot may be best that could be expected. Tigers aren't toothless but believe that Sportsbet will be offering odds of 15/1.

## MITCHELTON

The other promoted team from last year may well be the surprise package of the season. Apparently recruiting has been strong with Kuyper and Banks from Taringa plus a couple of more than handy players from Vanuatu. Excellent coaching staff in Brown and McDowall and some will see Mitchelton as a positive addition to the PL. Once again like the majority of clubs, it will be a great atmosphere at Teralba Park on a Saturday night, and methinks that Mitchy will be biting at the heels of those in the top 4. Although experience in the top flight might be a telling factor the Brook Hotel is offering odds of 5/1.

## NORTH STAR

Commendable effort last year to finish at the lower end of mid-table. Kenny Swan did a great job considering the turmoil the club had gone through. Playing depth will again be the key and hopefully this club will get its act together off the field to make it a genuine member of the PL. North Star will trouble many sides on their home ground and any points taken will be well earned, but still do not believe they will shine through any further than a mid-table at best, odds 25/1.

## PALM BEACH

One of my favourite road trips and a club which is an integral part of the PL status quo, but what a bitch of a place to come away from with the points! This year may be a little different as the departure of Karl Dodd and 'Ole Man' Grierson (both at the Strikers) will be a factor. Their return to the club will have a telling impact with the NSL season finishing earlier than normal and the start of the new NSL season in the air, will the Board of Palm Beach be able to resist approaching the local talent of Morley, Pillic & McLoughlin which could see the Sharks challenge Lions and City? Who knows what talent they will unearth from the select area of the Gold Coast, but experience at the top level may be a problem. I am going to stick my house on the line and predict that they will finish



outside the top 4. A big call, and as such I am offering the very juicy odds of 8/1, I can hear the rustle of the white shoes now as they pull out their 'hard earned' looking to get set!

#### PINE RIVERS

Another den that is hard to pierce is Wendy Allison Park - and what a great job they did last season. If goalscoring magician Koji, returns then look out for the Predators. Along with the new signing of Thiesfield and the coaching skills of Clayton Koch, Rivers can confidently claim to be top 4 material, although a lack of genuine pace in heart of defence may see them exposed at times. The main field has been completely redone and this may confuse the home side and the pig pen as it may allow visiting teams to play a more controlled game, but all in all they look a likely top 3 side and as such I cannot offer any better than 8/1.

#### QUEENSLAND LIONS

The only thing they haven't won in the last two seasons has been the Melbourne Cup, the local chook raffle at the Samford Pub and of course admission to the NSL! This season they have added further to their squad with Slaughter and 'Chooky' Collins plus the return of Chris Day and Tom Cruise look-alike, Des Hughes! Despite these additions and their obvious strength in numbers the boys from Richlands can expect stern opposition from the Pensioners at City. However, how can you expose oneself by offering odds any greater than 5/4 favourites to extend their current trophy cabinet?

#### ROCHEDALE

What will Coops conjure up this year? After the Houdini act of 2002, Rochedale had a more than creditable season in 2003 finishing in 6th position on 33 points. Coops has been able to put together a squad which oozes youth with a sprinkling of experience in the likes of 'journeyman' Cameron Watson and Tony Pearcy from the Coast. The other Gold Coast acquisition, Alex Panic is also a major plus. Fancy Rochedale to be a real threat in 2004 and will not be surprised to see them knock off the 'big guns' on their day. I can see Coops now in the queue at Sportsbet taking the odds of 12/1.

#### TARINGA

Once again it looks like this proud club will be going through a rebuilding process with many of their successful Reserve team from 2003 being asked to step up to the plate. First time appearance in the coaching ranks for Allan Waller will also be an interesting aspect as

Taringa struggle to regain past glories. There is no doubt that at JSP the home side will trouble visiting teams and maybe we will see a resurgence in the balcony choir, but in all reality Rovers are outsiders to seriously trouble the top 4 contenders and as such they are rated at 25/1.

#### SOUTHS UTD

This is another ground which will hold concerns for visiting teams and I have no doubts of their ability to spring the odd surprise result, but in reality I think Souths will be perennial strugglers this season and I would not be surprised to see them supporting the rest of the competition down in the cellar. Basically write your own ticket on their chances of taking out the league and as such I am quite prepared to offer 50/1. Their odds for relegation would be a lot tighter though - now that should provide good fodder for the dressing room wall and a reserved serving of egg for yours truly!

#### TOOWOOMBA RAIDERS

Another tremendous asset to the PL and always a tough road trip, the Raiders enjoyed their most successful season in 2003 finishing mid-table on 30 points but face the new year with the loss of long standing coach 'Broady'. However they will no doubt be keen to build on last year and whilst unlikely to make the top 4 will be a thorn in many sides, ask Taringa! The 'Tractor Boys' will be looking at mid-table and probably will not be considered anything but outsiders with odds of 20/1.

#### BRISBANE WOLVES

Not entirely sure what has gone on at Wynnum this past couple of years but they have looked like being a major threat to Lions only to end up struggling to put a result together. Last season they finished below mid-table which would have been a major disappointment to all the folk on the Bay. As such it is hard to get excited or confident about their chances other than any run of results to the positive or negative will not surprise, their inconsistency has determined their odds at 16/1 which could turn out to be a dangerous call for this bookie! Not sure that their name change fits all that well and in the years to come we may end up with a league with 6 weekly fixtures of Brisbane v Brisbane - come on Wynnum, don't loose your real identity!!

Well that's it, no offence intended but just a view from the sidelines. It'll be interesting to look back come the end of September.

Cheers for now, Monty

# Andy PASCHALIDIS

One of Australia's most respected soccer journalists pens a few lines for ExtraTime

**B**y the time you read this I would have returned to Australia from yet another whirlwind European football Tour. Actually, I'm not sure if you could call it a Tour considering I have taken another group of passionate football fans on a trip of a lifetime.

How else could you describe watching five big games in England in a week and three premium matches in Spain, including the friendly international between Spain and Peru at the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona?

The birth of pay television has made us so much more aware about the premium leagues in Europe particularly England, Italy and Spain.

To be honest, I'm rather surprised to have organised three Tours in the last 12 months. The first two culminated in the friendly internationals against England and Ireland.

If everything went according to plan the Socceroos would have played in Europe again but understandably coach Frank Farina opted for South American opponent Venezuela in February.

The memories of that 3-1 drubbing of England will live forever. Who would have expected the Socceroos to humble England in their own backyard? The 2-1 loss at the famous Lansdowne Road ground in Dublin was also a highlight despite the result. It must have something to do with social aspects of Irish life!!

Away from the football the highlight of that trip was a BBQ invitation from Birmingham's Socceroo Stan Lazaridis. How many Premier League players would have invited a dozen Aussie strangers to their house on the opening day of the season?

But that's what separates our players from most.

Aussies always stick together whether it's on the field or off it.

I caught up with Stan again as Birmingham were away to Manchester City a day after I arrived. In fact, our first game was hard to take - a VIP seat for Everton's home encounter with Manchester United.

Watching big games in England and Spain has a major effect when you return back home. With all due respect, it's hard to get motivated for some of our local games after you've seen Barcelona take on Atletico Madrid at the mouth-watering Nou Camp.

I'll never forget the first time I visited this world-class Stadium. It was 1997 and Fox Sports gave

me the chance to commentate the epic contest between Barcelona and Real Madrid. Actually, it wasn't so much an epic contest but an annual grudge match. Not much action with a goal from ex-Barca favourite Ronaldo the difference.



Andy with his tour party and EPL commentator Martin Tyler

It didn't worry me in the slightest. I was amongst 105,000 fanatics, calling the biggest game in the La Liga season. To

say I was emotional during the Barcelona theme song is an understatement.

Sadly, those opportunities have gone. Hopefully, I'll be back in the land of television soon, doing what I enjoy most.

For the moment, there's no time to dwell. I must start organising another European football journey. Maybe I might mix some one-day cricket with ICC Champions Trophy being held in England in September.

You can be assured one of the first things Adam Gilchrist, Brett Lee and their teammates will do is attend a classic Premier League game!!



In 2000, the Margate Amateur Sports Club Inc. and the Redcliffe City Soccer Club completed a successful merger that proved to be a marriage made in heaven...

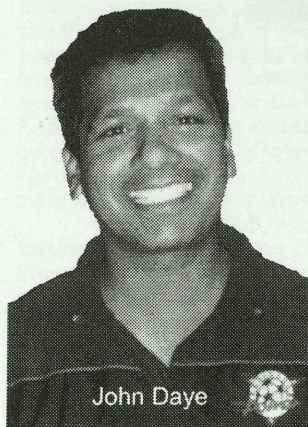
# Power Surge

And so Peninsula Power was born. Almost immediately the new club began to hatch a plan to propel themselves into the next millennium.

So shrewd was the plan that the club is now one of the largest in Brisbane, boasting over 35 junior soccer teams and 12 senior men's and ladies teams. Playing membership is over 600 strong.

As luck would have it, the prospects for future growth couldn't be healthier either. The Redcliffe Peninsula is home to over 50,000 residents and with booming population in the surrounding districts of Rothwell, Mango Hill and Deception Bay, sign-on day can expect to get busier each year.

With foundations soundly laid and plentiful playing stocks to call upon, it wasn't too long before the Bayside club started to make their mark on the field. In 2002 the club completed a treble in Division 2 by winning all 3 grades and with it, promotion. Coach Justin Kilshaw had already added former NSL players Steve Forshaw and Ian Roodhouse to the squad when opportunity came-a-knocking and Kilshaw accepted the post of Regional Director of



John Daye

It's a hard league and we are a young side, but we will be disappointed if we don't make the finals

Coaching for Central Qld. The club opted for continuity and the First Team reins were handed to assistant coach John Daye. Despite Kilshaw's departure, Power completed their first season in Division 1 with a youthful team that finished in a commendable 6th place. Good performances also from the Reserves who came 3rd and the Youth Team who finished 2nd. The club also entered an Under 21 team in the Summer Youth League where they won their group and only narrowly lost to Palm Beach in the Grand Final. As a result, coach John Daye is optimistic about the 2004 season.

*"We want to improve on last year and make the top 4. We have a number of young players who have developed in the Summer League and we are hoping that a few will be able to step up this year. It's a hard league and we are a young side, but we will be disappointed if we don't make the finals."*

The strength and depth being enjoyed by the production of good Youth players is no accident. The club's Junior base is one of the largest in the BNDJSA and has implemented an extensive development program headed by Director of Coaching, Greg Martin. Peninsula's annual School Holiday Soccer Clinics attract over 150 children and have been the recipients of the BNDJSA's 'Best Promotion of the Code' award on 3 occasions.

## ■ The Set-Up

The facilities at the main competition ground, A.J. Kelly Field, are impressive and would be the envy of many clubs in Brisbane. The new, two-story, \$150,000 clubhouse includes a function room, licensed bar, office, soccer shop, canteen, children's playground and a wide balcony overlooking the pitch. Peninsula Power is also one of only a few clubs in Brisbane that have separate training facilities. The training ground at Clontarf's Dalton Park, is well equipped with a clubhouse and 3 full size floodlit fields.

## ■ On the Telly

Power enjoyed national and international media exposure when the SBS World Football show covered the club's school soccer development program and aired the piece in Australia and Europe.

The wildly successful 'Soccer is Hot Ladies Calendar' was covered by A Current Affair and all Brisbane news channels. A sponsors dream, there was also extensive print media coverage included in the Courier Mail and several magazines

## ■ Peninsula's finest

Current Soccerroo Craig Moore played on the Redcliffe Peninsula as a teenager before moving on to the AIS in Canberra.

In the successful Women's Division Kate McShea has represented Australia at the Olympics, and Jess Mitchell at Youth level.

16 year old Melissa Feuerriegel captained Qld to two consecutive National Championship finals.



## ■ A Special Mention....

**Bill Smith:** *Vice President & Life Member.* Involved with Redcliffe City for over 20 years and came on board after the merger.

**Peter Ward:** *Treasurer & Life Member.* Involved for over 20 years with Margate.

**Michelle Feuerriegel:** The driving force behind Brisbane's most successful Miss Soccer entrants.



## ■ Partners

In late 2003 Power negotiated a major sponsorship with the **Redcliffe Leagues Club**, one of the largest and most successful Rugby clubs in Queensland with over 35,000 members. Management from both clubs scheduled Peninsula's Under 21 Summer League home games at Dolphin Oval. Power President Craig Feuerriegel said the history making move was "A joint venture that not only united two different football codes but brought together volunteers and supporters of both clubs."

One of Power's most important sponsors over many years has been the Captain Cook Tavern at Kippa-Ring. Co-coordinated by the Miss Soccer entrant, Power run meat tray raffles at the tavern 52 weeks of the year and has a growing number of supporters amongst patrons of the Tavern. Power's success in the fundraising arena is well chronicled as they have won the Miss Soccer Fundraiser on no less than 5 occasions in the last 7 years.

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**Semi Finals**  
 EASTS 1 QUEENSLAND LIONS 5  
 MITCHELTON 0 BRISBANE CITY 3

**3rd Place Play Off**  
 EASTS 4 MITCHELTON 3

**SILVER BOOT FINAL**  
 QUEENSLAND LIONS 2  
 BRISBANE CITY 1

Brisbane's premier pre-season competition has yet again lived up to all expectations. There was no shortage of surprises in the group stage as Premier League newcomers Eastern Suburbs and Mitchelton both overcame more experienced sides to win their respective groups undefeated. In Group C, holders Queensland Lions won their last game against rivals Brisbane City to sneak into the next stage with City also going through as the best runners-up.

In the semi-finals Lions proved to be too strong for a determined Easts side who were well in the game for long periods - the 5-1 scoreline perhaps flattering the hosts. Brisbane City also continued with their promising pre-season form by disposing of plucky Mitchelton by 3 goals to nil. Mitchy though have recruited well and shown enough in this tournament to suggest they could spring a number of surprises this coming season.

The two promoted sides met in the 3rd Place Play Off which took place in gruelling 30°+ heat. Hardly ideal conditions for good football but credit to both sides for putting on a goal-fest. Despite trailing 1-2 at the break, Easts nudged out their northern opponents 4-3 with a late winner from Shane Coffey who latched onto a right wing cross from Adrian Burke and

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTS	3	3	0	0	11	4	9
ROCHEDALE	3	2	0	1	11	2	6
PINE RIVERS	3	1	0	2	6	12	3
OLYMPIC	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
PALM BEACH	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
B'NE WOLVES	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
TARINGA	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QLD LIONS	3	2	1	0	11	3	8
BRISBANE CITY	3	2	0	1	13	4	6
NORTH STAR	3	1	0	2	4	6	4
S'SIDE EAGLES	3	0	0	3	1	17	0

struck home decisively.

In the Final, traditional rivals Lions and City locked horns again and it was Lions who ended up with the bragging rights via a 2-1 victory.

Cody Lovell opened the scoring in the first half for Lions after the home side had dominated possession. City always posed a threat though with the pace of Jon San Martin and Nick Serra and the sky blues came back at Lions in the second half with renewed vigour. City boss Frank Pimblett added some weight to his attack when he pushed Mark Battistin up front and the move paid dividends soon afterwards as the stopper-turned-striker notched the equaliser for City.

Lions regained the advantage with 15 minutes to go when City keeper Chris Nardoza misjudged a swirling cross and Ross Duncan was on hand to tap home from under the crossbar. It was a cruel blow for Nardoza who had performed admirably in the tournament.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg was pragmatic about the win. "We probably did enough in the first half to win the game but credit to City, they defended well and with only one goal in it they were always in the game."



Referee Dave Ogston reaches for the top pocket



**N**ow old Frank, who plays for the Bald Hills Over 35 Bullfrogs, a great attacker in his time, was hacked by the opposing defender 35 yards out. The over-anxious adversary has been constantly niggling Frank all game. As he bit the sod, he managed with his arthritic body to do a forward roll and gain control of the ball, he then rose to his feet only to be met by three more tattoo ridden defenders who would most probably have stripped him of the ball two seconds later, the ref expands his cheek and lets the pea have it. Ernie, the centre half of the Bullfrogs runs in arms in the air, palms raised to the heavens and red cheeked, gibbering "but he 'ad the ball ref, he would have scored, why didn't you finish the advantage?"

Why didn't he? Probably because of the effort in the thought process that has just occurred.

So what is advantage? Advantage in the Australian (English) Thesaurus equates to such words as assist, aid, facilitate, be of assistance and/or support a situation. Great word by itself, but how many cognitive thoughts may have to go through a referees' mind to reason whether a player has the advantage in a foul situation or not?

FIFA state in Law 5, International Board decision (8) "The laws of the game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible...constant whistling for trifling and doubtful breaches produce bad feeling and loss of temper...Therefore FIFA would like the referee to impose themselves on the game as little as possible and use advantage more without changing the outcome of the game for the culpable team."

Advantage has two major ingredients **Possession** and **Opportunity** and therefore

advantage is only possible when the two occur simultaneously. It also has several other minor considerations such as personal experience and current feeling of the game.

**Possession:** When a player has total and commanding control of the ball without restraint from the opposition players.

**Opportunity:** When the team fouled against is able to recover and enhance it's field position whether it be towards the oppositions goal or develop the play so it will allow a successful attack on the challengers goal.

**Personal Experience:** After a referee has done a number of matches, generally similar situations occur and very alike situations generally give very alike outcomes. So if all went well last time, generally we would trust our gut and go with it this time. But if players got up swinging last time, then there would very little chance of the advantage occurring this time. This also extends to knowledge of the players and their abilities, bench reaction and the general game because most of our more experienced (old) players enjoy the rest of a free kick compared to the constant running of an advantage and will in no uncertain terms inform the referee of the situation.

**Current Feeling of the Game:** In many instances referees will intentionally stop a clear and open opportunity of advantage for this reason. If tempers are heated and teams are a little more excited than normal, it's not a good idea to turn your back on an incident and trot up the paddock after the ball. Generally the referee will deliberately stop the ball and cool different emergent situations that may be evolving. So we are taught use the time as a release as you would when you release air from an over inflated balloon.

Other questions, such as how long can you take



to call back an advantage? You can be too quick and destroy what may turn into a great advantage, or too slow thereby confusing and infuriating everyone by calling play back to a far earlier time than they can remember. This then makes the referee look indecisive, so timing must be an important consideration!

A referee has, according to the powers that be (FIFA), up to three seconds to make the decision as to continue and play the advantage or blow the whistle and give the free kick. Now three seconds, think about it, one thousand, two thousand, three thousand. Doesn't seem long, well it is ages (A top class sprinter could run 30m in that time and, as some girls say, certainly more time than some blokes need!).

Personally I try and give enough time to myself so I can have a look at the surrounding opposition players and the beginning of the next phase of play. Therefore, if it takes a little longer than the three seconds, so be it, at least the team receiving the ball will be team deserving the ball at the end of that play (this may not work for all referees and all referees may not employ this tactic).

Many people say that you are unable to gain an advantage in the defending or centre third of a field, true or false?

To my mind this is untrue. Teams at a higher level are able to play the ball out of these positions and are generally happy to do so as it opens up the pitch to the midfield and forwards, but the afore mentioned considerations must be overriding. Therefore, field position could come

into play but it should be very low on your agenda for these skill levels. Once again as you get to the levels where the game is played more for enjoyment and fitness and where skill is not as high, it is generally wiser to give the free kick as it will clear them of the defensive line and help in the attainment of a goal.

So what is the thought process that goes towards advantage for Frank in our game?

**Possession:** Frank got up and had full control of the Ball.

**Opportunity:** With three defenders bearing down on him, very little.

**Personal Experience:** The defender has been niggling Frank all game. He is probably not happy about another foul and is about to run into three opponents. Frank plays over 35's and is probably not in prime condition.

So Ernie thought Frank may have got through the foul tackle and regained control of the ball, but he had absolutely no chance of beating the onslaught of defenders about to strip him of the ball and therefore the referee got this thought processes correct. The unmerited team were justly removed of the chance of receiving control of the ball.

If you're a referee reading this remember, signal and voice, as it will show the players and spectators that you have noted the foul and continued and as a spectator next time you're at a game let these steps go through your head and see what you come up with. ■

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Newmarket  
Bethania Rams  
Slacks Creek  
Moggill United  
Goodna Districts  
Ipswich City  
Samford  
Annerley  
Grange Thistle  
North Pine  
Oxley United

### Metro 3

Acacia Ridge  
Clairvaux  
Grange Thistle  
Newmarket  
North Pine  
Pineapple Rovers  
Bayside  
Souths United  
Uni of Qld  
Darra Lions  
Eastern Suburbs  
Pine Hills

### Metro 6

Albany Creek  
Camira  
Goodna Districts  
Mooroondu  
Mt Gravatt  
Park Ridge  
Regents Park  
Brisbane Wolves

### Premier League

Queensland Lions  
Brisbane City  
Pine Rivers  
Palm Beach Sharks  
Taringa Rovers  
Rochedale Rovers  
Toowoomba Raiders  
Brisbane Wolves  
North Star  
Souths United  
Eastern Suburbs  
Mitchelton

### Metro 1

Acacia Ridge  
Bayside United  
Clairvaux  
Darra Lions  
Mitchelton  
Park Ridge  
Pine Hills  
Pineapple Rovers  
Souths United  
Taringa Rovers  
Uni of Qld  
Wilston Athletic

### Metro 4

Acacia Ridge  
Beenleigh  
Brisbane City  
Mt Gravatt  
Newmarket  
Brisbane Force  
Regents Park  
Slacks Creek  
Taringa Rovers  
Old Bridge  
Southside Eagles  
The Gap

### Premier 1<sup>st</sup> Division

Ipswich Knights  
The Gap  
Uni of Qld  
Brisbane Olympic  
Capalaba  
Peninsula Power  
Mt Gravatt Hawks  
Rocklea United  
Beenleigh  
Redlands United  
Albany Creek  
Southside Eagles

### Metro 2

Brighton Districts  
Logan City Kings  
Mooroondu  
Newmarket  
North Star  
Redcliffe PCYC  
The Gap  
Brisbane Wolves  
Brisbane Toro  
Pine Rivers  
Redlands Utd  
Ridge Hills

### Metro 5

Albany Creek  
Brighton District  
Brisbane Olympic  
Clairvaux  
Eastern Suburbs  
North Star  
Ridge Hills  
Slacks Creek  
Annerley  
Ipswich City  
Redlands Utd  
Newmarket

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Bethania Rams  
Brisbane Force  
Brisbane Toro  
Newmarket  
North Pine  
Queensland Lions  
Rochedale Rovers  
Slacks Creek  
Souths United  
Toowoomba Raiders



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# HOME James

When he retired in 2000 Jim Gilbert was Australia's longest serving soccer administrator.

An oracle on admin matters, he spent the best part of 18 years serving the soccer community in a variety of wide-ranging roles. For his sins he's a Leeds United fan and still follows them closely today.

It all started for Jim Gilbert in 1967 when his son enrolled at The Gap Pastime Club. Overrun with kids they asked Jim to coach a team and it was then that the odyssey began.

After about the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 10 year coaching stint at The Gap, Gilbert took his first step into administration when he became senior secretary. Even this workload wasn't enough for Jim so he discharged his surplus energy on the Brisbane Junior Soccer Assoc.

"I was sucked into being Chairman of the Brisbane North District in its early years. I had only agreed to go and do the job on an interim basis and ended up being at the head of the organisation for 7 years!"

A move to Grange Thistle in the old State League days to coach the intermediate team

One year we had over 100 fixtures washed out that had to be rescheduled

soon eventuated and this was to be Jim's last action at a club before taking on a role at the QSF in 1983.

"I knew Alan Vessey quite well by this stage and he said he needed a hand in there so they created this position of Assistant Secretary for me. I initially worked on competitions and fixtures. The early years at the QSF were interesting times. We had so many clubs and teams which seemed to increase every year. Working out fixtures for all those teams was a real challenge, particularly when we had wet weather. I remember one year we had over 100

fixtures washed out that had to be rescheduled."

After 17 ¼ years at the QSF Gilbert called time on his soccer admin career but not before successfully carrying out the role of Competition Manager for SOCOG at the Olympic Football Tournament in Brisbane.

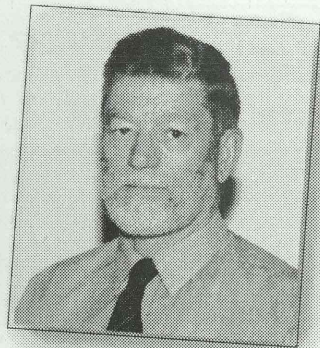
"Alan Vessey had already been appointed by SOCOG as the Event Director for Brisbane. Alan recommended me to SOCOG knowing my background and areas of expertise to be the Competition Manager.

In Australian soccer, events don't come much bigger than the Olympics. The sheer scale of the event and the importance of going out on the high of a successful project was paramount to Gilbert.

"My responsibility basically involved the 'football' side of the event. I liaised directly with FIFA, dealt with the teams in matters such as co-ordinating training facilities etc, and organised the volunteers and the few paid staff. We had a

couple of other full-time people such as an administration officer and an operations manager. A number of other key people worked full-time for the last 3 months and they had to either leave their jobs or take leave of absence so that they could work at the Olympics."

"The whole issue of the volunteers was an interesting one. We got the list from SOCOG of all the people who had put their name forward to get involved and we had to sort through them all and allocate them to the area that would best suit them. There was an incredible cross section



of people from all parts of the region. It was a magnificent spectacle and a great pleasure to work first hand with the huge number of immensely dedicated people who only had one thought in mind - to put on the best show ever and prove that Brisbane, Queensland, indeed Australia, could put on a top class event. It was phenomenal."

"I think we did demonstrate that we can put on a good event here and we got some great raps from SOCOG and the teams themselves. It was also a bonus to have Cameroon based here in Brisbane and of course they went on to win the Gold Medal. The matches at the Gabba were a great experience and there was such a 'buzz' about the place. I'd like to think that we gave

By saying that all the states must conform to what the ASA are wanting to do is not an easy matter

soccer a huge boost in Queensland with the presentation of that tournament."

Having so much to look back on, Jim is cautious about the immediate future of the game. Many so-called pundits have advocated throwing money at the sport but Gilbert feels a change of attitude is what is required, "You could go through all the usual things like more money, more sponsorship, better coaching and so on, but trying to change the psyche and attitude of the general public is the difficult part. One of the things that has been the bane of soccer's life is the sport's ability to shoot itself in the foot continuously. This goes right from national level down to the grass roots. Until we stop hanging out our dirty linen in public we are always going to have a problem with credibility. Perceptions of the game have to change, ideas have to change and the credibility of the game has to improve. It'll take time though."

"Frank Lowy will probably make a difference because he had the expertise as a business man. He's got the contacts, the nous, the knowledge and he's obviously got the finance and the ability to pull strings in the right areas. The difficulty comes from the fact that he's been out of the actual 'nuts and bolts' side of game for some time. Perhaps he's lost a little bit of contact with the different levels of football from national, to state, to district, to club, and how things have been operating these last few years. When he came in he made sweeping changes to Soccer Australia (now the ASA), and now he's trying to

make sweeping changes across the whole country which is causing immense problems because the structure in each state is different. By saying that all the states must conform to what the ASA are wanting to do is not an easy matter. In the long term I have no doubt that he will do big things for the game, but it can't be done in a hurry and perhaps it's been too much too quick."

Gilbert is equally as guarded when it comes to the current state of the local game. Although things have settled down somewhat and appear to be improving since the formation of BMS, the couple of years prior were eminently forgettable. "Unfortunately there have been a few things that have occurred in the last 3 or 4 years where

there has been too much self-interest come to the fore from administrators at State level. I think that has had a deteriorating effect on football across Queensland. I'm not trying to compare current administrators with when I was there, it's just that there have been too many problems and when you look at the turnover of people in administration at State level that probably illustrates the point.."

Since retiring from the QSF Jim has not let the grass grow beneath his feet. Far from it in fact, he's as active as ever working for his local radio station (Bay FM). However, when football is in your blood it's hard to stay away and Jim is still involved in the game in a number of areas.

"In football terms I guess I've gone full circle and gone back to the junior ranks. I work with the QJSC a bit and go to some of their talent identification events around the state as their representative. I'll also chair any disputes and look after their rules and regulations and so on."

"I was also asked to be the football competition manager for Northern University games last year. There were uni's there from Queensland, Northern NSW and the Northern Territory. Over a period of 4 ½ days I had to put on 52 senior matches on 4 fields.

I've also been appointed as the NSL Match Commissioner in Brisbane. I basically make sure that the games are presented the way that is stipulated by the NSL. That includes the positioning of all the signage, public address announcements and so on. I'm very happy doing that and just want to continue enjoying life" ■



**H**aving read the first edition of this publication for 2004, I commend the people involved in this initiative. While most people now days have internet and email facilities, it is still nice to be able to pick up an 'easy to read' magazine and browse through at your leisure.

While on the subject of initiatives, it was pleasing to attend an Australian Soccer Association meeting recently and come away confident that the new Governing Body is prepared to listen and take on board suggestions from the State Federations. At the meeting, States were briefed on:

- proposed National Marketing Strategies
- proposed National Sponsorship arrangements
- a proposal for a National Insurance Scheme
- preliminary discussions on the formation of a second tier National Competition

I believe all States came away with a feeling of confidence that the new Board will deliver and not just talk about things as has been done in recent times.

At the time of writing this article, the members of Soccer Queensland are about to adopt a new constitution to cater for the restructure into the governance of the game, as recommended in the Crawford Report. The effect it will have on the local front will be minimal, however, it does provide for a dedicated committee at State level to address the needs of the respective sectors of the game. i.e. Senior

Male, Women, Juniors, Referees and Coaches.

The benefits of having a dedicated body to cater for Brisbane senior male football will be emulated at state level. As I write, preliminary work is being done on the development of a state-wide competition. The demise of the State League, Ampol and Qantas Cup competitions of the past has starved regional Queensland of the opportunity to play games against their Brisbane counterparts and vice-versa. Key areas of importance in the development of the proposed competition are:

- making it financially possible for teams to compete
- the ability to sustain such a competition in future years
- avoiding interference in local leagues

I have no doubt that the committee will welcome your suggestions on the formation of the competition. In Brisbane, should representative teams be invited or should clubs play-off for a position? If the representative team is the preferred option, should there be 1 rep team from Brisbane or should there be teams from Brisbane North, Brisbane South and Ipswich Regions? It's your game so have your say by sending your suggestions to [msc@qldsoccer.com.au](mailto:msc@qldsoccer.com.au).

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## It's football, but not as we know it....

When ex-Arsenal and England 'keeper David Seaman (now retired) joined Manchester City last year the British tabloid headline writers had a field day. Here's a few gems...

**'Wenger releases Seaman Up North'**  
**'Seaman set to fill Schemichel's Shorts'**  
**'Arsenal Find Seaman Release Hard to Swallow'**

### Football Anagrams - some people have too much time on their hands!

Arsenal Football Club- Cruel banal footballs.  
Aston Villa - Vital loans  
Manchester Utd - Scum need the train  
Newcastle United - Wet dense lunatic  
West Ham United - With nude mates  
Wimbledon - Mind bowel

### Football managers, players & commentators alike have put their collective foot in it on thousands of occasions - here's 7 of the them!

'I was watching the Blackburn game on TV on Sunday when it flashed on the screen that George (Ndah) had scored in the first minute at Birmingham. My first reaction was to ring him up. Then I remembered he was out there playing.'

**Ade Akinbiyi**

'I've had 14 bookings this season - 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable.'

**Paul Gascoigne**

'I've never wanted to leave. I'm here for the rest of my life, and hopefully after that as well.'

**Alan Shearer**

'I couldn't settle in Italy - it was like living in a foreign country.'

**Ian Rush**

'The Brazilians were South American, and the Ukrainians will be more European.'

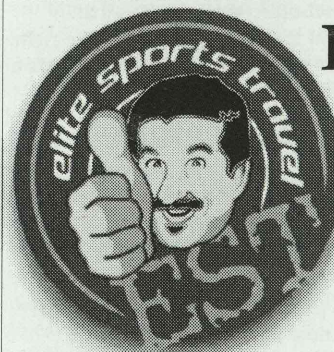
**Phil Neville**

'Julian Dicks is everywhere, it's like they've got eleven Dicks on the field.'

**Ron Atkinson**

'Ruud Gullit talks about sexy football. What we played today was perverted football.'

**Gordon Strachan**



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# GLUTTONS FOR PUNISHMENT

Sharon Jackson risks permanent psychological damage and delves into the disturbed minds of the men in black

**R**EFS ARE ODD CREATURES I'VE DECIDED. Why does anyone burn to be a ref in the first place? I mean, the ref is the proper killjoy of all games isn't he? Like the treasurer at budget time. So why do they do it? It certainly isn't money although things are better now than just before the war. A ref was paid one shilling and sixpence and a linesman just ninepence. It was sixpence for the tram to get to the game and he was expected to run the line for 3 years before reaching the heady heights of a referee's wages.

Looking into this, I've found there are as many reasons as there are refs. Some want to be involved in the game but just can't make the team. Young refs are often players as well, reveling in the play (and earning some pocket money). Older refs, past their play-by date, cannot just give it away, "It'd be like losing my right arm," one said. And there's the key, refs are as much possessed by this game as anyone else.

But it's definitely a form of masochism to front up again and again after the whole sideline community have done nothing but belittle you for an afternoon. From the sidelines ref-bagging is a time honoured tradition. Odds on, if you have a go at a player his Mum will be standing right beside you, handbag at the ready. So ref-bagging it is. Should there be problems, very often it will come from the sidelines where we are all refs and we all know far better than the man in charge does, naturally. Still there are refs and there are refs. There are

those, woman-like in their memories, who store up every minor indiscretion to use in later matches, patiently waiting for their chance to spring, and that's it, you're off for "looking at him the wrong way" Then there are the martyrs to the cause who look at you with big spaniel-like eyes, a bit like the other half when the kitbag is about to take up land rights on the laundry floor. "If I've told you once....!"

On the opposite side of the coin there is the closet sadist. Unable to be the boss at home, he makes up for it on the field, strutting about like a rooster, nipping in at every opportunity to use the whistle. You can always spot the shiny new ref, fresh out of ref school and a stickler for every tiny little rule. I'm sure some of them have a miniature version in their top pocket, "Page 45, Section 3, Verse 12 says that..." But, fair go, at least he's trying to do the right thing and it is very true that we sideline refs do

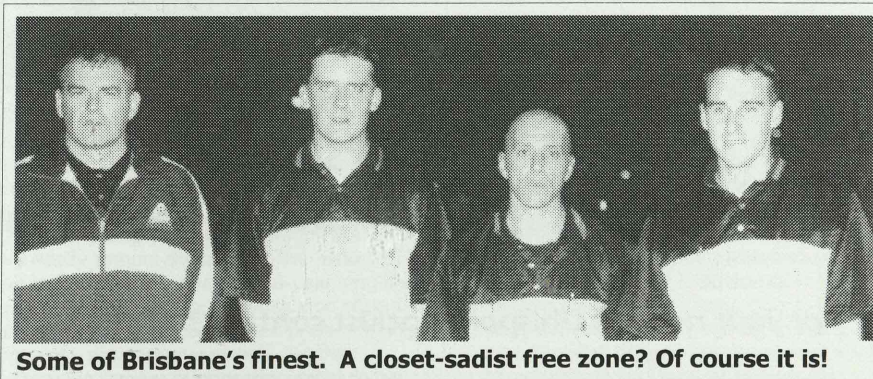
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not keep up with changes in the rules. Most don't even know them to start with. "I only really started to learn the rules when I started reffing," said a new ref and how is he expected to learn if we don't give him the chance?

The best refs though are those who play for the love of the game. Like in everything else,

passion for it overcomes any controversy. He's a boss who asserts his authority without getting a complex. He knows that it's the player's game but that he is in control and his actions will contribute greatly to or detract from a good match. Most importantly he reads players well and manages them as against reacting to them. He is the impartial judge and jury for every decision and remains so, even under extreme

shirt down should be stopped but is often let go to see if the other can gain the advantage. Not absolutely to the rules but it makes for a flowing game and it's odd that not every ref does it. Of course, we will say "should have seen that 10 yards ago". But a seasoned ref tries to play to a possible outcome. In a recent game, the ref followed a striker from his own 18-yard box all the way to the opposition's



**Some of Brisbane's finest. A closet-sadist free zone? Of course it is!**

provocation. A very difficult thing to do requiring the patience of a female ref in a colts Grand Final. In short, he enjoys the game as much as everyone else does. He accepts that he makes mistakes but he moves on. 'Tis a very odd thing but we do expect our refs to be perfect in every way, all seeing and all knowing without any of the normal human failings. What does he mean he hasn't got eyes in the back of his head? To make up for this terrible lack, most develop excellent peripheral vision and almost psychic foresight when you think he's not looking.

Another odd thing is that all refs are practiced musicians and are virtuosos on their monotone instruments. A short tired beep is "how many times." A fierce burst is "Don't start," and a series of blasts is "come here, listen to me, RIGHT BLOODY NOW"

Something that adds spice are the mysterious "refs rules", known only to the initiated but are similar to your Dad's "because I said so" rules. You can get a measure of these by the "play on" rule. For example, holding your opponents

goalmouth whereupon he missed a completely open goal. With only enough breath left to just blow a peep the ref says, "How did you miss that? (gasp) Next time I'll book you!" There is the famous example of two players, one of which is trying to hold the other back by holding his hand all the way along the sideline. Eventually he shakes him off with an arm across the chest and wins the ball. "Hey ref," says the handholder. "Play on," says the ref. "You should ask permission before you hold hands, sweetie."

Such is human nature that if a team is losing at half-time then "Open your eyes" is the cry. The same team, having won at full-time, is "Well done ref. Best reffing I ever saw." No wonder they're going grey.

But looking a bit more seriously, a reliable source of quality refereeing is a *must* and we need to encourage more of us to join the men in black. Imagine the debacle if two teams reffed themselves. It'd be like parliament-just before the men in white coats arrive.

Could you do it? No. 'Tis odd, very odd. ■



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Sharon Jackson goes for a surf and takes a byte out of some local club websites. This month it's University of Qld and Grange Thistle who have their portals perused



**A**s you open the University of Queensland website, your initial thoughts are of clear, well presented information laid out in logical sequence with good easy on the eye colours.

Although titled as unofficial it is a virtual textbook presentation - then you spot "website designed at 2 am" and you realise, yep, students have still got it. Delving deeper, you begin to see that this is a stylish, balanced approach, giving you the information you seek very easily without distraction. The history of the club is informative, offering a 50-year long life and interesting reading. The inclusion of parts of the constitution tells you of their pride of being a non-profit, amateur status club, but then becomes in danger of appearing elitist. What saves the day is the photo gallery, showing clearly they know how to celebrate, especially after a loss. The cameraman has pried out the spirit of the club and added to this with his captions. Very sensibly you must be a member to log on to the forum and I liked the idea that sponsors are now partners. Again, the student tries to break through the professional exterior by having the Down Under Bar & Grill as the "significant other" before taking the inevitable trip to active rehab the next day! The success of the club can be seen from their trophy list whereupon the major sporting trophies are listed and again the spirit of the club comes through from being balanced by the 'Pauline Hanson, please explain award'. On that note, could someone please explain the 'beep test'? Eagerly awaiting the news and social calendar to be updated.

Not too far away but a respected elder of the community is Grange Thistle, having been around since 1888. To put this in perspective, Glasgow Celtic was first formed this year. The bold use of colour is what first hits you, backed up with the virtual soccer net. Perhaps clichéd, but effective. It's a basic starter sort of site, easy to read and to navigate with a very impressive history of bringing through Australian and Queensland representative players. The focus is on youth and progression of that youth which

has become a cornerstone of success for the club. The trophy, 'future player of the year' a clear sign of this. Graphics are used in strategic areas in this site to focus your attention but it's not overdone. I was taken by the invitation to travel and the welcome extended, but the photo effect used on the clubhouse appears as though we have snow around the ground in the sunshine state! However, showing the business heads are firmly screwed on, sponsorship is requested in a straightforward manner. The overall impression is of strength building from strength which is evidenced from the honour roll of very successful past teams and players. At the present, the site is obviously in need of some maintenance to bring it up to date but likely the administrator will be doubling as the rooball coach for a record number of teams and is probably to be found at the real net.



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# Playing her Cards Right

**Brisbane Referee Tammy Ogston gets the thumbs-up from FIFA**



**T**he Women's World Cup, held in the USA during September & October last year, was certainly a memorable one for Australia. Not, as you would think, for the performance of the Matildas at the tournament, but rather for the accomplishments of Brisbane referee Tammy Ogston and assistant referees Airlie Keen (Adelaide) and Jacqueline Leleu (Rockhampton), who earned the call up to officiate at FIFA's premier female competition.

This tournament was the second World Cup for Tammy who was also appointed to the previous Women's World Cup in 1999. This was followed with selection at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and earlier in 2003 she controlled her first ever men's international during the South Pacific Games in Fiji.

33-year-old Tammy, who has been an international referee for 8 years, referees regularly in the Brisbane Men's competition, as does her husband David Ogston.

Tammy was appointed to more games than any other official at USA 2003. All up she did 9 games (4 as Referee and 5 as 4th Official), but the crowning glory was being appointed as Referee for the 3rd/4th playoff between USA v Canada, which the USA won 3-1.

ExtraTime caught up with one of the quiet achievers of our local game who is quickly establishing an international reputation.

**In the games you officiated, who was the best player you saw at the tournament?**

In the games I refereed I thought that the strikers for Sweden were excellent and pretty much all the USA players were skilful.

**How did the players react to the referees?**

All the players I had to deal with, just did their game and let me do mine. Except.....

**Where they respectful or did you encounter much dissent?**

All the teams I dealt with on and off the field were very respectful except for the USA girls on the field. They were the first team I had dissent from and consistently. Once off the field they were just normal girls.

**Who were the most difficult players or teams to deal with?**

USA, mainly snide remarks from Mia Hamm and dissent from Julie Foudy the captain.

**How does refereeing women's games compare to refereeing men's matches?**

I find the women a lot easier to referee, just because the women get bitchy at each other were as the men don't get bitchy, they just punch each other and then you have to send them off. You seem to have a lot more cautions and send offs in men's games.

**What kind of technical de-briefs did FIFA undertake?**

After every game they did a de-brief with the four people involved, this took about 30 to 45 minutes. Then every couple of days they would put together a CD on all the incidents that had happened during the previous games i.e. offside, fouls, cautions, send offs, positioning and we would have discussions for about two hours.

**Did FIFA give you any special instructions to clamp down on certain offences?**

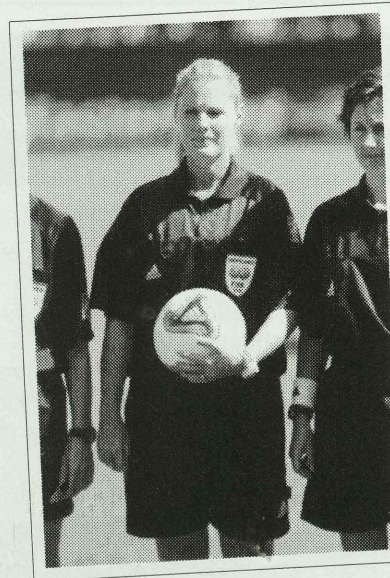
In the seminar before the games started they did keep on bringing up simulation and holding, saying that they wanted to get this out of the game, but it wasn't specifically told to us that it was to be a caution every time this happened.

**How well is the Women's game appreciated and promoted in the USA? Is the profile of the game higher there than anywhere else?**

All the games that I was present at were a sell out. They were played in specifically built soccer stadiums that only held 30,000 to 35,000. Women's soccer is huge over in the USA and every game that was played in the World Cup was televised, sometimes two or three times. The game profile over there is definitely a hundred times bigger than over here. I'm not sure how big it is over in Europe but with the amount of photographers than were from over there I would say Women's soccer is enormous.

**What was the highlight of the tournament for you?**

Firstly being picked to go was a highlight in my career, but I never expected to anything better than a Semi final and to have them announce



that we were doing 3rd and 4th play off between Home Team USA v Canada that really blew me away.

**How was the camaraderie between the referees?**

All the referees got on really well and FIFA make it easy to get on with each other by putting on special events all the time, during the day and at night, always encouraging us to socialize.

**How much do you think you have learned from the experience?**

You think that because you are a FIFA Referee you should know everything there is to know, but the little extra things they

showed us at the training sessions we had every day have improved me a 100% and I feel a lot more confident in my decisions, just by the little positioning tips, whistling tips, personality tips, running tips, cautioning and send off methods.

**What's next for Tammy Ogston?**

At this stage I'm not setting my sights on the Olympics in Athens but that would be nice. But what I would like to do, is to be the first female on the Men's National Soccer League, so at the moment I'm just trying to up my fitness for the next six months and hopefully I will be selected on next years panel.

## USA 2003 Facts & Figures

### Participants:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China PR, France, Germany, Ghana, Japan, Korea DPR, Nigeria, Norway, Korea DPR, Russia, Sweden, USA.

### Host Cities:

Foxboro/Boston, Philadelphia, Columbus, Washington D.C., Portland, Carson/Los Angeles.

**No. of goals:** 107 (average per game: 3.34)

**Top scorers:** 7 goals: Birgit Prinz (GER)  
4 goals: Maren Meinert (GER), Kerstin Garefrekes (GER), Katia (BRA)

**Spectators:** 672,714 Average Attendance: 21,022

At the Final of USA 2003 a near-capacity crowd at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California was treated to a dramatic match as Germany downed brave Sweden 2-1 with a golden goal. The crucial strike came just eight minutes into extra-time, when second-half substitute Nia Kuenzer rose like a salmonette to head home and see Germany rise to the top of the female footballing world.



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