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By Editor, GEOFF STEAD

Anyone who has chased sponsorship will know it is hard work. But it should always be remembered the real effort is required once the deal has been finalised.

Contrary to the outlook of some sporting officials, major companies do not have a moral or social obligation to pour money into sport. It is a business deal, and those receiving a sponsorship should not just take the money and run.

Sponsorship is a two-way thing. A sponsor can look to help an organisation, but the company is well within its right to expect a return.

Queensland soccer has a valuable and generous sponsor in Castlemaine Perkins. It is a sponsor we should treat with the utmost respect.

Through XXXX beer, the company is the major sponsor in Queensland, second only to the State Government in the amount of funds allocated annually.

With XXXX now associated with every major sport in the State, there is the risk of becoming blase about the importance of the company's backing.

This is an attitude Queensland soccer and every person within the code, should never adopt. In sponsoring our game, Castlemaine Perkins is directly and indirectly helping every facet of our code.

The XXXX sponsorship is enabling soccer to do things which otherwise would have had to be scrapped or financed through other means. And as the QSF is the clubs and affiliates, those "other means" are the clubs and affiliates.

The money poured into soccer by XXXX, is money saved in other areas. The sponsorship by Castlemaine Perkins has not just enabled soccer to stand on its feet, it has given the code the impetus to be off and running.

Unless we want the carpet to be pulled from under our feet, we should look to give the company the return it deserves.

The sponsor's name and its products should be promoted at every opportunity. XXXX is the Federation's sponsor, the clubs' sponsor, the affiliates' sponsor and the players' sponsor. XXXX is Queensland soccer.

As the season kicks off for another year, let's keep "Our beer" associated with "Our game."

ACROSS MY DESK . . .

By QSF Secretary, ALAN VESSEY

At this early stage of the season, from my observations, it appears that a number of clubs are underprepared.

A good indicator is always the number of registrations received at the Perry Park office, and it was quite startling to learn that up until last week we had received only 10 percent of the expected number of registrations.

The season proper begins this Saturday and there no doubt will be the usual rush of late registrations, but some of these may require clearances and because of clubs giving the Federation insufficient notice, the unfortunate result will be players declared ineligible for matches this weekend.

Clubs should remember any player

who in his last season did not play under the jurisdiction of the QSF needs a clearance. This must be done through the Federation office. Written clearance submitted by players or verbal agreements are not acceptable.

Blue form players placed on the retained or open to transfer list are considered registered. White form players must sign a new form each season.

A club would be foolhardy, and unfair to other players in the team to play any unregistered or uncleared player this weekend.

Eric Thompson



IT'S THOMMO TALKING

In the past I have always been known as a mouth — someone always quick to say his bit — and now they want me to put it in writing.

Well, I can tell you now, things are going to be different. This is Thommo talking, not some journo looking for a story. What I am going to be writing about is the three F's — the Facts, the Fundamentals and the Football.

I'll still say my bit, and if you don't agree I'd like to hear about it.

Any criticism will be constructive because I want to get this game on the road in Queensland.

Too many people around the place, and I see them at a lot of clubs and even in that little glass room at Perry Park, are content to just sit there and watch the other sports climb all over us.

And the first thing that's got to be done is the two NSL clubs must decide their future now.

Man, fancy playing all season in the blind hope that after nine years of trying to get rid of us, the southern clubs will now relent and let us have two teams in the country's top 14.

How stupid. We've given them the method to kill us. It's like giving a mad-

man a gun then following him down the street.

The two clubs should come back to the local competition and the Queensland Soccer Federation should push for a Sheffield Shield-like Australian national competition.

Imagine a competition where the States team played each other and culminated in a Shield-like final between the two best.

It would still keep us in contact with the southern States and imagine the improvement in the standard of the XXXX League if the 30 or so NSL squad players at City and Lions were spread through all the local clubs.

I remember being in Perth a few years ago when Western Australia played the Socceroos who were on their way to Singapore.

The game was a cracker, like West versus East. And the bloody West won 2-0. It was a great atmosphere and there was some top football.

And that's what it should be all the time.

Glenn Archer



THE WAY I SEE IT . . .

Would I go south if Queensland's involvement in National League ends after this season?

Amid all the speculation in recent weeks about the future of City and Lions, I have to admit it is something I have thought about.

But I have decided to cross that bridge, if it arises.

Under the criteria for 1987 NSL inclusion — 50 percent of the entry points go on this year's performance. We figure if we can finish in the top four, we can't be left out.

And that's what we intend to do.

While I will defer any decision on my future until next year's situation is known — it doesn't take too many brains to guess, NSL or no NSL, where players like Danny Wright, Lindsay Dines and Jarrod Austin will be heading in the near future.

Queensland soccer can't afford a mass exodus and irrespective of the NSL situ-

ation, we should be looking right now and keeping our top players here for years to come.

We can do without losing any more Frank Farinas.

This time last year I was playing sweeper for Grange Thistle.

So much seems to have happened in 12 months, I sometimes find it hard to believe.

I didn't even expect to be chosen in last year's Brisbane team. I secretly had hoped I would but didn't give myself much of a chance because I wasn't playing at fullback.

But then in just a month, so much happened.

I got my break in NSL shortly afterwards and now I am working on winning a regular National League spot and hopefully keeping my Maroon jersey.

POINTS TO PONDER

The demands of a few NSL players dropping back to the XXXX League this season are little short of remarkable. The request of one player would have been acceptable, if he was prepared to do the work of three players, such was the amount of wages he was asking — not to mention the sign-on fee.

Relations between two XXXX League clubs are far from amicable at the moment, despite pending player transfer negotiations. Matter possibly stems from a loan player wrangle. One club has got nasty by complaining to the management committee about an incident now more than two months ago, but the other club will get its comeback when the player deal is thrashed out.

Who is the Lions player now nicknamed "Gilligan" after on-tour high seas hi-jinx that could have had a much more disastrous ending.

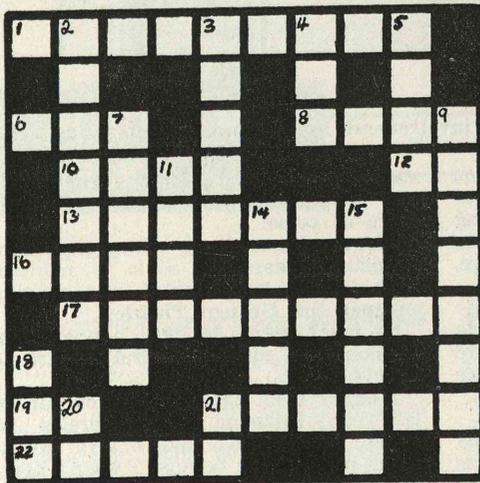
What were the Lions officials drinking at Spencer Park recently and why were they hiding around the corner of the clubhouse while doing it?

Do not be surprised if there is a shock inclusion in the State squad to be announced next week. Word is even the player concerned doesn't realise he is in contention.

NEXT WEEK

Next week in Go Soccer we begin a special 17-part coaching series "The Good Coach" which will be must-reading for not only coaches, but anyone interested in the game. Ted Jeffries will be back, with his special new "World Report." We also will continue Alan Fouche's Spot-on Stats, more pre-season previews and all the regular features. Go Soccer, out next Thursday at your club. ASK FOR IT!

PUZZLERS' CORNER



ACROSS:

- Intermediate League grand final winners last year.
- Initials of World Youth Championships.
- Brisbane City's State team striker.
- First name of Ipswich United coach.
- Initials of Canberra City.
- Melbourne NSL club.
- Joe Cairney and Roberto Lettieri have one.
- Name for group of people who run a club.
- Initials for own goal.
- Surname of Taringa president.
- First part of Hawks' name.

DOWN:

- XXXX League club who made Silver Boot final.
- Club based at Heath Park.
- What's inside a ball.
- First name of Mount Gravatt coach.
- Surname of 10 across.
- Surname of former Socceroo, now coach of Sydney Olympic.
- What 11 players make.
- Surname of Mick, North Star midfielder.
- What's inside of Griffith Uni ground.
- McGregor and Carnavas.
- Soccer magazine.
- First part of former Ipswich Utd. name.

SOLUTION: Across: 1. Rochdale, 6. WYC, 8. H&S, 10. Matt, 12. CC, 13. Preston, 16. VISA, 17. Com-mittee, 19. OG, 21. Speare, 22. Mount, Down: 2. Olympic, 3. Easts, 4. Alf, 5. Eric, 7. Carson, 9. Schaefer, 11. Team, 14. Tripp, 15. Nathan, 18. Tom, 20. Go, 21. St.

An occasional series looking at our soccer past, by Queensland's most authoritative soccer statistician, ALAN FOUCHE.

SPOT-ON STATS

One of the casualties of the modern era has been the traditional rivalry between Brisbane and Ipswich for local soccer supremacy.

The Kruger Cup, contested between the cities for several decades, lapsed in 1975

Partly this was due to congested fixture lists, and partly to the drift of players across the traditional borders between the two cities.

This resulted in players living in one city and playing for a club in the other, blurring the distinctions between the two centres.

The inter-city challenge was not revived until last year, and then no longer under the Kruger Cup banner.

The goalless draw, with Brisbane winning on a penalty shoot-out, was a far cry from many of the rip-roaring clashes of the past which frequently produced a glut of goals.

In 1952, for instance, Brisbane scraped in by the amazing score of 8-7 in the first match of the series, then followed up with a 6-4 success in the return encounter.

Toowoomba also took part that year in a three-way contest, but quickly found themselves out of their depth, recording losses of 9-3 to Brisbane and 11-1 to Ipswich.

Other high-scoring encounters included a 7-5 win to Brisbane in 1954, a 9-2 triumph by Ipswich in 1955, an 8-1 win by Ipswich in 1957 and a 6-6 draw in a floodlit match at the Exhibition ground in 1967.

Goalscorers that night were: for Brisbane, Syd Tucker, Graham McMillan and Ray Richards, with two apiece. For

Ipswich, who fought back from a 2-4 half-time deficit, the six came from Ian Davis, John McIntosh, Bruce Parkes, Dale Mortimer, Col Smith and Rob Hughes.

Results between the two cities since the QSF was formed have been:

Year	Match	Brisbane	Ipswich
1963	(not Kruger Cup)	2	3
1965	Exhib. Grd.	2	3
	Bundamba	1	1
1966	Bundamba	2	5
1967	Bundamba	2	2
	Exhib. Grd.	6	6
1968	Exhib. Grd.	2	3
	Bundamba	0	1
	Bundamba	1	4
1969	Bundamba	3	4
	Bundamba	0	1
1970	Perry Park	1	2
	Bundamba	2	2
	Bundamba	4	2
1971	Spencer Pk	2	3
	Perry Park	4	2
	Perry Park	2	1
1972	Perry Park	1	2
	Bundamba	1	2
	Perry Park	1	4
1973	Perry Park	0	1
	Bundamba	2	0
1974	Perry Park	6	2
	Bundamba	4	0
	Richlands	2	0
1975	Perry Park	1	1
	Perry Park	1	1
	Perry Park	4	2
1985	Bundamba	0	0

(Brisbane won 4-2 on penalties)

THE LOWER LEAGUES

The power is with the students in the amateur leagues this season. Queensland University this year will field four teams in the lower divisions while Griffith Uni. will put out two. For University of Queensland Soccer Club it will be its biggest ever representation in the QSF.

"We've had a fair retention rate from last year and had a big influx of soccer keen students," longtime club president George Fletcher said. The club's first team will contest division one while

other teams are in the division one reserves, fifth and seventh divisions.

First team coach is former Chelsea, Orient and Grange Thistle player Charlie Hunt. The club, which won the Qantas Cup in 1984, is looking for a big season from striker Stewart Grieve and Australian Under 21 indoor rep. Mark Dacey. Queensland University has definitely thrown off its social football tag and is emerging as a major force in amateur soccer.

1986 INTER-CITY CHALLENGE — 7.30 p.m.

BRISBANE

Coach: MAL BLAND

Colours: RED and WHITE



IPSWICH

Coach: GARY WILKINS

Colours: GREEN and WHITE

OFFICIALS:

Referee: DAVE NUGENT

Linesmen: MORRIE DELLER

JOE KELLER

SCORE:

H.T.: - SCORERS:

F.T.: -

TODAY'S TEAMS

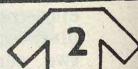
Age: 23. Talented former Acacia Ridge player now with Lions. Former Queensland squad member. An inspiration.

ROB FARROW



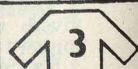
Age: 23. Back after a season off through injury. Forward moving full back with good skills. Deceptive.

KEITH MARSH



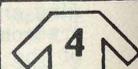
Age: 23. Now with North Star after many years at Lanham Park. Sweet left foot and dangerous on overlap.

G. BUCHANAN



Age: 21. Tough defender who was member of Queensland squad last year. Back with Olympic. Hard to beat.

MIKE CERNAKA



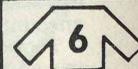
Age: 34. Team captain. Mount Gravatt player-coach making a comeback this season. A good organiser.

ERIC THOMPSON



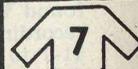
Age: 23. Former Manchester Utd. youth player. Skillful midfielder now breaking into Lions National League team.

MIKE MULVEY



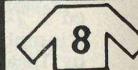
Age: 28. Scottish import with good skill and a sense for goals. Has played at NSL level but now trialling with Easts.

JIM McDONAGH



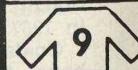
Age: 21. Former Sunderland apprentice who came to Mount Gravatt after a spell in New Zealand. Clever midfielder

MARTIN KIRSOPP



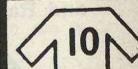
Age: 20. Meteoric rise since being discovered at Slacks Creek. Now a regular at Mount Gravatt. Quick good finisher.

JOHN BROWN



Age: 31. State representative with distinguished career at Mount Gravatt and Easts. Fine passer of the ball.

PHIL THOMPSON



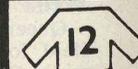
Age: 33. Former New Zealand international making a playing comeback with North Star after previously with Thistle.

ALAN MARLEY



Age: 23. Buderim player who switched to Thistle and came to prominence after a four-goal performance in the XXXX

IAN BROWN



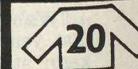
Age: 29. Former West Adelaide NSL player who has had spells with Waves, Olympic and Coalstars. Midfield grafter.

PETER TYSON



Age: 19. Thistle player signed from Gold Coast club Benowa. Always hard to beat. Quick reflexes.

GORDON OTTO



Age: 33. Consistent goalkeeper who has been with Ipswich United after joining from Southside Eagles. Good vision.

JOHN BENNETT

Age: 16. Australian Under 16 representative. Mature player equally at home as fullback midfielder or sweeper.

DAMIEN BUTLER

Age: 21. Ipswich United junior product. Consistent player with tough tackle and good shot. Always determined.

RICHIE BARNARD

Age: 29. Former NZ inter. who is back better than ever after recovering from a broken leg. Good motivator.

MARK McNAUGHTON

Age: 28. Team captain. An institution in Ipswich soccer having played in United first team for 13 years. Tough

WAYNE WARREN

Age: 28. Coalstars' midfield dynamo. A tireless worker who is never beaten. A real ballwinner.

BRUCE PENMAN

Age: 29. An Australian Under 23 rep. and former Lions NSL player. Brilliant left foot and deadball expert.

IAN LAWRIE

Age: 32. Uncompromising midfielder who made a name at Mount Gravatt and played NSL with Brisbane City.

BEVAN BOHAN

Age: 26. Queensland striker who scored in interstate clash last year. Clever striker with delicate skills.

DAVE WHEELER

Age: 25. Consistent striker whose strength and shot are prime assets. An honest competitor. Always dangerous.

MARK BRUSASCO

Age: 23. From a famous Ipswich soccer family. Versatile player always willing to chase the ball and quick to break.

BRETT KITCHING

Age: 34. Former Rothmans Medal winner with a distinguished career at Brisbane City and now back at Coalstars

KEVIN CALDWELL

Age: 27. An under-rated midfielder whose workrate is a big asset. A regular in Ipswich Utd. team for many years.

RANDALL McKEAND

Age: 20. Talented youngster who has had many fine games for Ipswich Utd. and looks the club's keeper of the future.

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A CLASSIC GOAL FEAST YET AGAIN

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The Classic Aussie beer

The Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament has again produced a feast of goals with the net being found 72 times in the 18 qualifying matches.

And the impressive tally further enhances claims that the QSF's pioneering new rules are helping to increase the entertainment value of the game.

THE RESULTS

The results of the qualifying rounds of the Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament were:

GROUP A

Taringa R. 3 (R. Morrison, M. Ratcliffe, C. Daunt) d. Wynnum 0. Brisbane City 5 own goal, G. Bromfield, F. Mengotti, L. Fabrizio, A. Reis) d. North Star 2 (G. Lindsay, A. Marley). Wynnum 4 (G. Maltby 2, O. de Costa, B. McDermott) d. North Star 3 (A. Marley 3). Brisbane City 2 (L. Scriggins, D. Milosvic) d. Taringa 1 (G. Stitt). Brisbane City 3 (K. Cooper, L. Fabrizio, P. White) d. Wynnum 1 (O. Crombie). North Star 1 (A. Marley) d. Taringa 0.

GROUP B

Mount Gravatt 4 (K. Swan 2, J. Brown, M. Kirsopp) d. Olympic 0. Olympic 1 (own goal) d. Easts 0. Ipswich United 2 (Millman 2) d. Easts 1 (T. Kane). Mount Gravatt 3 (J. Brown 3) d. Ipswich United 1 (P. Redmond). Ipswich United 2 (R. Beckwith, R. Barnard) d/w Olympic 2 (C. Fegan, N. Moric). Mount Gravatt 4 (C. Simpson 2, J. Brown, C. Dickson) d. Easts 0.

GROUP C

Lions 4 (D. Wright 2, R. Stewart, A. Niven pen.) d. Coalstars 1 (M. Brusasco). Grange Thistle 2 (C. Schneider, G. Kay) d/w Rochedale 2 (L. Foley 2). Lions 3 (T. McGregor, D. Wright 2) d. Rochedale 0. Grange Thistle 4 (I. Brown 4) d. Coalstars 3 (A. Ogden, I. Lawrie pen., S. Weston). Coalstars 3 (B. Kearton, M. Brusasco, J. Kitching) d. Rochedale 1 (G. Carter). Lions 4 (D. Wright 2, R. Stewart, C. Anderson) d. Grange Thistle 0.

FINAL STANDINGS

GROUP A: Brisbane City 9 points (10-4), Taringa 3 (4-3), North Star 3 (6-9), Wynnum 3 (5-9).
GROUP B: Mount Gravatt 9 (11-1), Ipswich United 4 (5-6), Olympic 4 (3-6), Easts 0 (1-7).
GROUP C: Lions 9 (11-1), Grange Thistle 4 (6-9), Coalstars 3 (7-9), Rochedale 1 (3-8).

The total is just two less than the number of goals scored in last year's qualifying rounds when the QSF's pioneering new rules were first introduced.

By comparison, the 1984 XXXX pre-season tournament, which was played under conventional rules produced only 60 goals in the qualifying rounds.

Despite surviving the criticism in establishing the rules, QSF president Ian Brusasco is still looking to improve the tournament and hopes to make it the premier pre-season footballing competition in Brisbane.

LEADING SCORER

Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright has won the Statewide Sports award after finishing the leading scorer at the end of the XXXX pre-season tournament qualifying rounds.

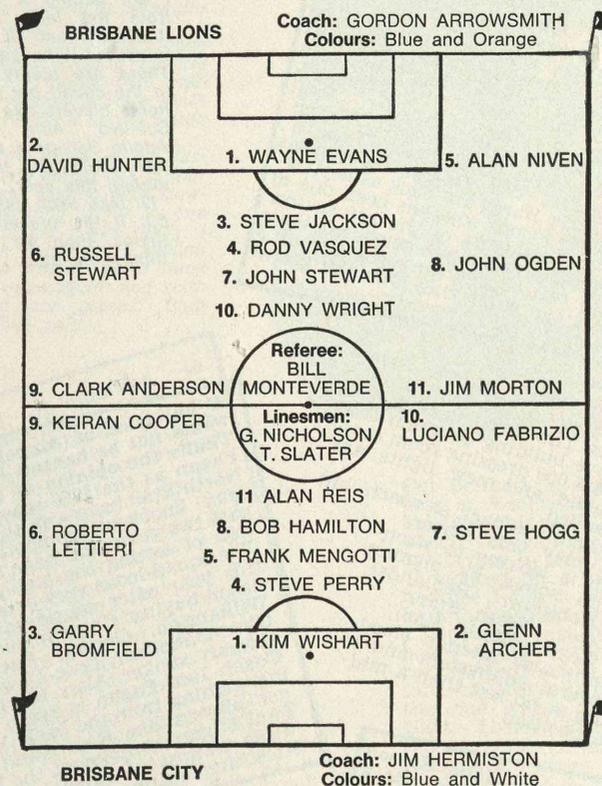
Wright, who scored six goals, has won a pair of Brooks "Hugger" training shoes.

Other top scorers were John Brown (Mount Gravatt) and Alan Marley (Nth. Star) who scored five each and Grange Thistle's Ian Brown, who netted four times.



State striker Ron Millman, who made his farewell appearances for Ipswich United during the XXXX pre-season tournament.

XXXX PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT FINAL



	H.T.	F.T.	SCORERS
BRISBANE LIONS			
BRISBANE CITY			

PRIZEMONEY

Winner: \$5,000 Runner-up: \$2,000

If the scores are level after 90 minutes, two periods of 15 minutes extra time will be played. If the scores are still deadlocked, penalties in accordance with FIFA rules will apply.



1986 SEASON PREVIEW

Olympic United began the season in fine style, making the final of the Silver Boot competition and are looking for a better year than 1985. Last year Olympic only narrowly missed relegation but with new coach Juan Cutillas at the helm there is a new optimism at Goodwin Park. The club has purchased cleverly this season with gains including Stephen Glockner, Paul Barry, Mick Gerritsen, Kerry Felsch, Gordon Otto and Peter Tyson. Regulars like Harry Tsoumbaris and Mark Barry are back as is striker Chris Fegan who has been one of the form players of the pre-season. Olympic officials are confident their team can repeat the successes of 3 years ago when they won the grand final.

There are big plans at Pine Rivers in its first year in the semi-professional ranks. The club has embarked on a massive building program that will see a \$25,000 dressing room complex installed and new lights and fencing added. Dave Scriggins is back as coach, but will not play this season. The club is looking to strengthen its squad by signing Steve Robinson (Redlands), Col Potter (North Star), Mark Boyd (North Star) and Scriggins also intends blood-ing several youngsters and is looking at no less than a mid-table position.

Slowly but surely Iain Kesson has been turning Taringa into a formidable combination since he arrived from Lions two years ago. And this season could begin to see some of the benefits of his unrelenting, but constructive approach. Taringa showed flashes of brilliance, and plenty of determination last season but club officials are confident of a more consistent showing this time. Star signings have been former Lions NSL player Calvin Daunt and Annerley's Phil Mulvey while a host of youngsters have been attracted to Spare Park. Consolidation was Kesson's first year, mid-table his second, now nothing less than semi-finals will be acceptable by his standards for the third.

A hat-trick of Ampol Cup wins would not be beyond North Star. That's the opinion of coach Iain Fagan as the 1986 season begins. North Star have won the prestigious knockout competition the past two years and have no intention of letting the trophy go. The squad looks very experienced this year after considerable off-season buying. Gains include Billy Williamson, Gordon Buchanan, Dave Gallagher, Dale Dawes and veteran striker Alan Marley. Coach Iain Fagan is again playing, guiding from the back. Younger players like Ross Swan and Paul Fagan compliment the team while a host of talented youth stars are waiting in the wings.

With Bob Scanlan back at the helm, Annerley is looking to make a serious charge at promotion to the Premier League this season. Off-season losses have been minimal with Phil Mulvey and Bill Perry the only notable absentees this season, but gains look like including Tom Pike, Ivan Frkovic, John Gilchrist with Jim Wiltshire back from overseas where he spent considerable time at Chelsea and West Ham. "We can compete with anyone in the League and anything less than a top four position will be disappointing," a club official said.

In his first stint as a coach former Brisbane City NSL player Billy Wilkinson's enjoying every minute with the Club's Intermediate League team. "It's terrific because I am getting a great response from the lads. They are enthusiastic and it seems to be infectious," he said. There are plenty of new faces in the squad but Wilkinson highlights players like Paul and John Schiavo, Alfie Catalano and Adolfo Salvatore as among those who could help the club to promotion this year. "I'll take each game as it comes, but if the present attitude continues, then we could do anything," he said.

1986 SEASON PREVIEW

As always, big things are happening at McCook Park and Newmarket is determined to put things right on the field this season. After staving off relegation last season, the club is looking to strengthen and consolidate this year. Bobby Ford is the non-playing coach and gains include exciting strikers Peter Richards, a former club stalwart, Richard Poloskey, a State youth rep, and Mark Parkin a former Luton apprentice. Parkin scored 26 goals in his last British season and netted five in four trial games since signing with Newmarket. "We lost nine games by one goal last season so it was really a lot of bad luck, but that is behind us now and we would like to think somewhere between fourth and sixth is not beyond our grasp," Club official Bob White said.



Since being re-admitted to the top competition, Coalstars have had to live in the shadow of their neighbouring Ipswich United, but the plans are in progress to change that. Thinking a youth policy which may not reap rewards this year, but is certain to pay dividends in the future, Styles spent much of the off-season scouting and has attracted to Bundamba talent like Alan McFarlane and Tony Giovanni. Other likely signings include Murray Kitching which should give stars a competitive outfit with plenty of potential. "It's a rebuilding stage but we certainly have a lot more depth than in the past. Anything we achieve this season will be a bonus because our aims are much longer term," a club official said.

The Hawks have no doubts that they have the team to bring silverware back to Dittmer Park this season. Although among the honours, the Hawks have failed to secure a major trophy for some seasons, having to play second fiddle to Ipswich United and Lions. The club believes the securing of Ken Swan from Grange Thistle will prove to be the signing of the season and give the Hawks an impressive midfield of Swan, Martin Kirsopp and Harry Stewart. Coach Eric Thompson is making a playing comeback and has been rewarded with Brisbane selection. The expected signing of Len Pollock could solve the club's goalscoring problems in recent seasons. "We've got the players to play any team in Queensland off the park," Thompson said.

Col Bennett is now in his third year at Rochedale and he firmly believes this will be the one in which the club achieves its aim of playing in the XXXX League. "I worked on a three-year plan because I felt it would take that long to start getting things right. I hope now that the players will begin doing things by instinct rather than being told," Bennett said. "I think this year will be the one when players like Stu Hart, Lance Foley and Gary Carter come of age." Rochedale's losses this year have been minimal — Phil Cruse and John McNairn. But the gains have included Kevin Coleman and Brian MacNicol while Nigel Lownds has been signed from Lions.

After last year's grand final win Bennett has hung up his boots and will only coach this season.

NSL CLUBS TO WORK TOGETHER

The presidents of Queensland's two National League clubs have vowed to do everything in their power to assist each other to keep the State's dual representation in the national competition.

Brisbane City's Sam Pappalardo and Lions' John Morcus have been involved with their clubs ever since they were signatories to the inaugural league agreement.

"We have been through too much now to give up easily. We are among the best 14 clubs in Australia and we deserve to be there. We will fight to the end," Morcus said.

Similarly, Pappalardo has vowed City will never surrender.

"If necessary, we will fight until the last drop of blood falls. The only thing we can do is keep fight, fight, fighting until we are included in the new format," he said.

"And the two clubs must do everything possible to help each other. One strong team and another struggling is not good. Both Queensland teams must be doing well to give us plenty to shout about."

HOW IT ALL WORKS

In a competition known for its unpredictability and a penchant for off-beat ideas, the NSL has excelled itself this time with the selection criteria for next year's 14-team league.

The details of the criteria were set out in a five-page document circularised among the current 24-member clubs earlier this year. The clubs subsequently debated and accepted, without change, the proposals.

For those that may like to attempt to fathom the selection process, here is the summary of the criteria.

The clubs agreed that

1. The bottom placed NSL club in each division at the end of the 1986 competition not be eligible for inclusion in the 1987 competition.

2. The champion team in each division at the conclusion of the full round of matches be automatically included in the 1987 competition.

3. The 1986 national top 5 champion (not being a divisional champion) be automatically included in the 1987 competition.

4. That the criteria for membership be based on a percentage system as follows, with the top point scoring clubs being elected to the League.

- (a) League position in 1986 comp. max. 50%
- (b) past playing record in the League max. 40%
- (c) spectator support during 1986 comp. max 10%

5. Subject to the A.C.T. and Northern NSW entering teams into the NSW State League —

- (a) At the end of the 1987 competition the bottom two teams shall be relegated.
- (b) There shall be a play-off for one position between the State League champion of Victoria, South Australia

and Queensland with the other position being filled by the club from NSW, Northern NSW or ACT, which the champion NSW State League.

6. The clubs relegated from the 1986 NSL be admitted to their State Premier League for 1987, with provision being made for Newcastle and Canberra, if relegated to participate in the NSW State League.

7. Entry to the League, the present criteria and conditions will remain and are not subject to alteration until after 1st July, 1988.



Brisbane City keeper Kim Wishart (left) and Lions striker Clark Anderson clash during the recent Nanda Cup match at Spencer Park, City won 2-1.



NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCH OF THE DAY



Spencer Park, Sunday, 1.30 p.m.

BRISBANE CITY

Coach: Jim Hermiston
Colours: Blue and White
Change: Red, White, Green
Last Result: 2-1 v Lions
Next Opponents: Green Gully (Melb.)

- 1. KIM WISHART
- 2. GLENN ARCHER
- 3. FRANK MENGOTTI
- 4. STEVE PERRY
- 5. GARRY BROMFIELD
- 6. ROBERTO LETTIERI
- 7. STEVE HOGG
- 8. BOBBY HAMILTON
- 9. KIERAN COOPER
- 10. LUCIANO FABRIZIO
- 11. ALAN REIS
- 12. DEAN MILOSEVIC
- 13. GEORGE CAIRD
- 14. PHIL WHITE
- 15. LEE SCRIGGINS
- 16. ADOLFO SALVATORE

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BRISBANE CITY			
WEST ADELAIDE			

WEST ADELAIDE

Coach: Neil McGachey
Colours: Blue and White
Change: White and Blue
Last Result: 2-0 v Salisbury
Next Opponents: Preston (Adelaide)

- 1. GARY SPROUL
- 2. TIM BROWN
- 3. CHARLIE YANKOS
- 4. ROBBIE DUNN
- 5. BRENT HIERN
- 6. GRAHAM HONEYMAN
- 7. LOU HRISTODOLOU
- 8. G. KONSTANDOPOULOS
- 9. BOB McLAUGHLIN
- 10. CHRIS MANOU
- 11. ALAN SCOTT
- 12. NICK MANSOULIS
- 13. JOHN PANAGIS
- 14. S. PAPAPOPOULOS
- 15. GARY PRICE
- 20. MARTYN CROOK

OTHER NSL MATCHES THIS WEEKEND

- PRESTON v BRISBANE LIONS
- SUNSHINE GO v GREEN GULLY
- MELBOURNE CROATIA v BRUNSWICK
- SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG
- ADELAIDE CITY v FOOTSCRAY
- NEWCASTLE v SYDNEY CROATIA
- BLACKTOWN v WOLLONGONG
- ST. GEORGE v LEICHHARDT
- INTER MONARO v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
- CANTERBURY v CANBERRA CITY
- MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY

PAST RESULTS

- 1977—HOME: 1-0
- AWAY: 3-3
- 1978—HOME: 0-1
- AWAY: 0-2
- 1979—HOME: 2-0
- AWAY: 1-2
- 1980—HOME: 1-1
- AWAY: 0-1
- 1981—HOME: 2-1
- AWAY: 1-1
- 1982—HOME: 4-1
- AWAY: 0-3
- 1983—HOME: 0-0
- AWAY: 1-0
- 1984—NO CLASHES
- 1985—HOME: 0-0
- AWAY: 3-1
- 1977 CUP—3-0 AET
- 1981 CUP—2-4

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