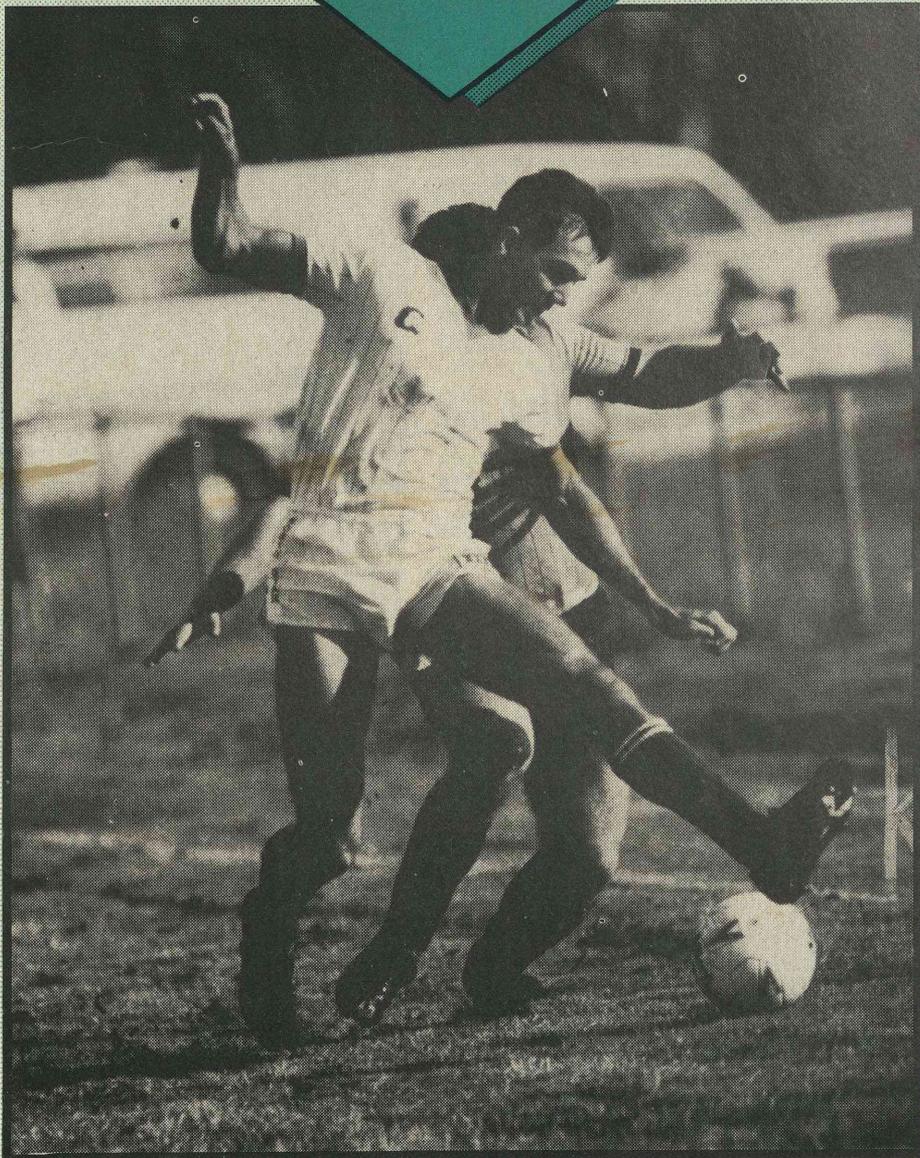


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New QSF president Wal Dann has given a commitment to take the first steps to gauge the support for a combined Queensland entry into the National League within the next month.

Dann admitted the long glowing embers of "Brisbane United" support had burst back into flame following suggestions from national coach Frank Arok that Queensland should enter a combined NSL team. Arok received overwhelming support for the idea when he floated it while special guest at this year's XXXX League season launch.

Dann said his new management committee was well aware of the reaction created by Arok's comments and believed a full investigation into the proposal was warranted. But he warned the on and off field logistics of bringing a Brisbane United to fruition were far more involved than the idealistic proposals currently being floated.

"Everything about Brisbane United so far has been off-the-cuff talking" Dann said. "We have had no formal feedback yet from any clubs or affiliates. Within the next month I would expect we will take steps to discover what is the official attitude of everyone involved."

"If there is overwhelming support within Queensland soccer for a combined NSL entry, then we will take steps accordingly."

Dann also warned that the timing of a number of other factors were tending to work against a well thought out and planned Queensland NSL push. He said the limited season break this year, because of the switch to summer NSL soccer and mooted plans by the ASF to completely restructure and possibly franchise the NSL, were factors which had to be seriously considered when determining if and when a Brisbane United bid should be made.

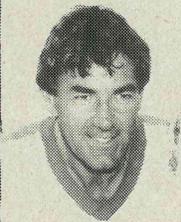
"If we are going to do it, then it has to be done right," he said. "Irreversible damage could be done if things are rushed."

Dann believes any Brisbane United entry should not be a sole QSF run operation. "There is a case for inviting the major clubs to take part and I think it would be wise, and even essential, to get corporate backing through share issues or other means," he said.

But he also is against full private ownership. "I think the code needs to retain some form of control," he said.



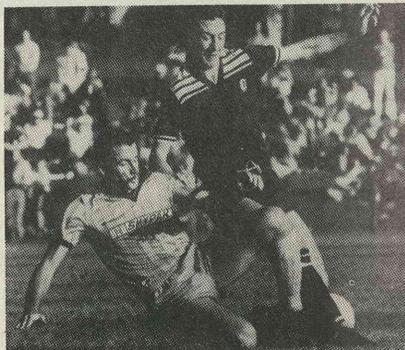
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UNITED OR NOT?

THE BRISBANE UTD. ISSUE



Interstate action between Socceroo Graham Jennings (left) and Kieran Cooper. Queensland's best have always accounted well for themselves as a combined unit against NSW.

Dann believes the switching of the NSL to a summer season is the key to a successful Queensland push — allowing XXXX League clubs to have their players in winter and release them to Brisbane United in summer. But he also pointed out that there was no immediate passage to get a Brisbane United into the NSL. The rules would have to be changed, he said.

And the coach? State director of coaching, Bruce Stowell is a popular choice, but any appointment also is not without its twists. "I couldn't see one person doing both jobs," Dann said. "The director of coaching couldn't be effective in both areas."

THE BOTTOM LINE...

The bottom line of any push for a Brisbane United is that there currently is no avenue for such a team to get into the NSL. Only the Queensland club champions can earn a place by beating the Victorian and South Australian champions. For a Brisbane United to play in the next NSL season, starting on November 5, our best club would have to win the place . . . and then hand it over to the Brisbane United organisation.

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NEWS REPORT

DO YOU SUPPORT BRISBANE UTD?

Should we have a Brisbane United? Should that be its name? What colours should the team play in? What should be its logo?

Tell Go Soccer what you think, and WIN tickets to the Queensland versus NSW match at Perry Park on Tuesday, April 25.

Write to Go Soccer, c/- 26 Cornubia Street, Loganholme, 4129.

Tell us your opinion on a combined Queensland NSL push. If you can think of a better name than Brisbane United or can draw a possible logo, send that as well.

Everyone who submits an opinion on the issue will be eligible for a draw for a double pass to the interstate match while another double pass will go to the most imaginative name and logo.

Go Soccer will publish a selection of the replies.

TWO CLINICS ARE TOPS!

Two clinics over the next month are set to provide some top coaching for soccer enthusiasts of all ages.

At Perry Park on Friday, March 31, starting at 6 p.m., a FREE demonstration coaching session will be conducted by FIFA instructor Tony Waiters.

Waiters, who played in goals for England and made more than 3000 first division appearances for Blackpool, is now one of the world's most authoritative freelance coaches. His coaching career has included stints as the Canadian national senior and youth team coach and he steered the England Youth team to success in the European championships.

The other coaching clinic is a live-in camp for youngsters during the Easter school holidays. The camp, which will feature top coaches including Brisbane director of coaching Mal Bland, will run from March 19 to 23.

The camp, in the Numinbah Valley, will provide expert coaching along with plenty of holiday fun. It will cost just \$125, all inclusive. To book a place telephone 205 2173 or 350 1864.

POINTS TO PONDER

One club has hit on a novel payment scheme. All players start on a certain amount and have their weekly wage increased by \$10 with each consecutive victory. Does the club realise that if their side goes through the season undefeated, the final round wages bill will be \$310 per player? Or does the committee not expect the team to win too many games on the trot?

The pre-season is tough, even for referees. Peter Murray was among those grabbing the water bottle when the trainer came on to treat an injury during a first round XXXX pre-season match.

Trish, from the Perry Park office, didn't waste her off-season and got engaged. Now there's just Paula to go . .

The real reason behind one player's sudden overseas departure could hinge on his failure to check the expiry date on his visa.

Which two referees elevated themselves to executive director and without hesitation drove straight into the vacant car park at Perry Park the other night?

A case of seeing double? Mount Gravatt officials included two Stu Woodruffes in their teamsheet for their pre-season quarter-final and went scurrying when it was announced on the Perry Park public address. Stu Holmes was the re-named player.

Which president of a progressive XXXX League club did not know how to spell the name of their new sponsor?

FRONT COVER: North Star full back Mark Greer, who has been switched to stopper this season. The 1988 champions meet Brisbane City in a grand final replay at Spencer Park on Sunday.

EDITORIAL

By Go Soccer Editor
GEOFF STEAD

The question surrounding a combined Queensland entry into the National League is not one of should we, but of how we should.

Soccer in Australia is on a roll. The Socceroos are doing well, the standard of the National League is at an all-time high. Unfortunately, that is not reflected in the level of the Queensland game. Brisbane Lions discovered at their expense last season just how much southern clubs have progressed and professionalized since Queensland lost dual representation three years ago.

While some within the state still harbour thoughts of a club entry, they are basing their outlook on traditional lines. The Bullets, the Broncos and the Bears are all the evidence that is needed to show that in Queensland in the late 80's, that is the way sport must go.

Unlike the other codes, we do not have to push our local soccer into the shadows. The switching of the NSL to a summer season means state based competitions will have the winter stage to themselves. Top players will be able to play all year round if they wish.

But unless we want to become further distanced from the growth of soccer in the south, we must push for inclusion in the first summer soccer season. Queensland soccer must say immediately — "Yes, we are going to have a Brisbane United" — then make it work. As the third largest soccer state in

Australia, we cannot be ignored. If the rules need changing to accommodate Brisbane United in the NSL, then we must demand change.

Time is the most critical factor which could stop Brisbane United coming to fruition and not a second can be wasted. As a matter of urgency, a steering committee must be formed, a workable business and financial structure established and corporate backing secured. A coach or general manager must be appointed within two months and approaches to players initiated soon after, and certainly by the end of the current NSL season in August.

Brisbane United can work, for Queensland soccer's sake, it has to work. Let's do it now, any further delay will be an opportunity missed.

Go Soccer has been a survivor of Queensland soccer and along with its various predecessors of differing names, has a history of more than 50 years. The survey on Page 12 is an attempt to ensure the magazine stays in touch with its readers. Completing and returning the survey will ensure the magazine continues to grow.

You can WIN tickets to next month's interstate match simply by letting us know what you think of Go Soccer.

On page 12 this week is a survey designed to find out what you, the readers, and your clubs think of your magazine Go Soccer and what you would like to see in it this season.

Simply fill in the questionnaire, or a photocopy of it, and lodge it at the Perry Park office, and you will be in the running for one of three FREE double passes for the Queensland — New South Wales clash on Tuesday, April 25, at Perry Park.

The winners will be drawn from all replies received up to the April Council of Clubs meeting.

Go Soccer is available every Thursday and from next week will carry the latest tables and all our regular features — plus some new ones. Next week we'll also bring the latest on the Brisbane United issue including the former Queenslanders one leading coach believes should be enticed back.

We will also name a 40-man Brisbane United preliminary squad picked by our panel of experts. It contains quite a few surprises.

Get your Go Soccer and send-in the survey to win FREE tickets.

SURVEY

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TALKING



with
ERIC THOMPSON

Anyone wishing to make a success of the 1989 season should take time out to reflect on last year.

This goes for players, coaches and administrators and certainly for the code. A number of issues dogged Queensland soccer last season and I think we can assure some kind of progress by tending to those areas this season.

The first that comes to mind was an alarming split between referees and the rest of the game. The refs already have taken steps to heal this rift and it is up to the rest of soccer to do their part as well.

I noted with interest in a recent Australian Rules match where a referee was wired for sound that in every case, the match official when addressing a player called him by his first name.

The Bears team included some newly recruited players, but obviously the referee had taken time out to know who everyone was. It was quite surprising to see the positive reaction and level of understanding displayed by the players when treated on such a personable level.

The referee in the Tyson-Bruno fight also used first names, then highlighted a further important role. He stopped the fight when he realised Bruno was in danger of being hurt and such a situation would have been a blight on the sport.

Soccer referees can similarly make decision to protect their code and should waste no time, nor be condemned, for riding those who are a blight on football and whose participation can only drag the game to a lower level.

The recent coaches meeting called by Bruce Stowell produced some positive feedback concerning referees and their position within the game.

If the problems of last year are to be solved, then the men in black have to become part of the game.

Full support calls for referees to briefly visit dressing rooms before the match, explaining in a simple and casual manner what he expects. Peter Hulme did it prior to our division two grand final last year. The visit was well received and the match proceeded without incident.

I also support the call for referees to attend club training to get to know the players, and their personalities — and vice versa — a little better.

Grand final day last year also provided areas on which we should act this season.

If this is to be our big day of the year, as it should, then we should ensure it is. And that means planning well in advance.

Should we make it a dollar day? How can we get television and further radio coverage? How can we ensure the venue and the surface is the best available?

The management committee should begin to discuss Grand Final day within the next month. The program and the expectations can be finalised, everyone advised by mid-season, and the push can begin well in advance to ensure that October 1 is our big day by plan, not by hope.

The quarter-final postponement last weekend was a simple issue which unnecessarily created publicity the game could have done without.

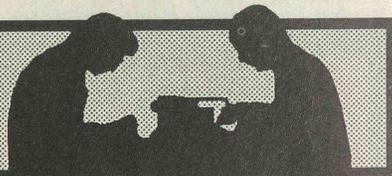
Communications broke down somewhere for so many people, including representatives from the media, to turn up at the ground unaware of the postponement.

Whoever was to blame was unimportant, but it highlighted how fragile the game is while under-staffed. The executive director's position must be filled as a matter of urgency. It has been a mistake to let it drag on this long as a few people can only do so much in the Perry Park office.

When one of them has a day off, as he did last weekend, problems should not happen so easily and wouldn't with an executive director in attendance as well.

Wal Dann was just lucky Olympic weren't scheduled to play. They probably would have accused him of turning the sprinklers on. But even in that infamous episode, Mount Gravatt had word on their postponement on Sportscene that Sunday lunchtime.

FACE TO FACE



Go Soccer: Three months after your election as QSF President, how do you feel about the job and what have you learned?

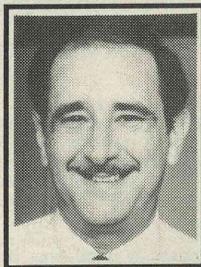
Wal Dann: I guess the first few months has been very much a learning process, settling in and to some extent a fact finding situation — although there is quite a lot more still to do in getting into the job. Since I took over I have been able to talk to people from far North Queensland, Cairns, the Tablelands, also Townsville and a brief chat with the President of the Gold Coast. I think it's been fairly important not just to worry about Brisbane but to have a look what is happening in the country and to get a feel for what are their problems and aspirations.

GS: What areas will your new administration concentrate on this season and what are your longer term objectives?

WD: The thing which has become apparent very early is that change where necessary is not going to happen overnight. I believe now that a lot of us might plan and head for this year, we won't see the fruits of until next year or even perhaps further down the track. There are quite a few items under discussion at the moment at management level. We are looking at the establishment of a Queensland Soccer Development Fund to assist clubs and affiliates, particularly in the area of proving capital facilities and projects. That is very much a long term project which could in the long run be very beneficial to the game. But what we discovered very quickly is that while the QSF is not in any financial problems, it has emerged very quickly that we do not have the funds necessary to put dollars into promotion. I think if anything that is one of the main objectives of this committee to look at that situation and how we may be able to generate additional funds to really start to lift the image of the code. One of the thoughts on the drawing board, and it is only in its very early stages, is a statewide soccer Art Union. It will involve a lot of work, but it has the capacity to generate very large sums of money.

GS: You have now seen the Touche Ross report resulting from last year's workshop. How will the report benefit Queensland soccer and when will we see the first implementation of any recommendations?

WD: We have distributed the report and will allow ample time for our clubs and affiliates to digest its contents and make up their minds as to how they see the various recommendations. We are not saying all the recommendations in the report are the right ones, but the report gives us a basis on which to take a good critical look at ourselves and to examine all the areas which over a time various people connected with the code have mentioned as areas of concern. By taking it a little bit slowly we would like to look at all those areas, get the best opinions available and come up with some definite plan. The plan might take some years to implement. Some things you can do very quickly, others could take considerable time if we decide to head in that direction. The Touche Ross Report's main value is it is making us look at ourselves and really come up with what the alternatives are to put the code in the No. 1 spot.



WITH NEW
QSF
PRESIDENT
WALLACE
DANN

GS: The management committee has been working closely with the XXXX league presidents and coaches — having met twice already this season. What recommendations have these meetings produced and what further areas do you hope to tackle?

WD: Initially, the meetings were of a two-fold performance. Firstly to look at the strategy for promoting the XXXX League this year. The clubs put hard dollars forward for that purpose. Secondly, to use it as a communications medium to give the XXXX League Club Officials some idea as to how the Management Committee is thinking.

GS: The problems surrounding the appointment of a new executive director were obviously unforeseen. What is currently happening with the position and what do you expect of the new appointee?

WD: The problems which occurred slowed us down a lot. But the person appointed will be very heavily involved in the promotion and marketing of the game. The QSF effectively will have two positions, one being the Executive Director whose work will be involved in the promotion area, and the other the Secretary (Jim Gilbert) who will handle the football administration. As a result of the appointment we hope we will have a person who will have the qualifications to put a lot more emphasis in the promotion areas. We are now in the final stages of interviewing after which I expect we will make a very speedy decision.

GS: The Australian Soccer Federation's securing of a sponsorship with the Anti-Smoking lobby is expected to mean an end to the Rothman's Medal. What plans are afoot for any kind of replacement best and fairest incentive for XXXX League players.

WD: We have decided that the Gold Medal Award will continue and we have put in place the mechanics to ensure points are awarded from game one of the season. Our objective then is to find a substitute sponsor to take up the medal. We would like to keep the award going as a prestige award and hopefully because it's already one of high standing, we would hope to attract a sponsor that would like to take it on. Regardless of that outcome, the award will continue.

NEW BOOST FROM CASTLEMAINE

Castlemaine Perkins, the brewers of XXXX beer, have extended their long-running sponsorship of Queensland soccer.

The announcement of the successful negotiation of a new five-year contract was the highlight of a well received season launch at Perry Park recently.

XXXX executive Geoff Northcott presented new QSF president Wal Dann with the first instalment of the new sponsorship. In his speech, Northcott thanked Queensland soccer for its efforts in promoting the sponsorship.

"When companies enter a sponsorship they look for value for money and good coverage of their product," he said. "Queensland soccer in the past has always shown a strong commitment to XXXX and we are looking for a continuing happy and long association with the code."

In accepting the sponsorship, Dann paid tribute to the work done by former QSF president Ian Brusasco (now the ASF chairman) who laid the groundwork for the new contract with XXXX.

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"Queensland soccer owes Ian a great debt," he said. "As the incoming president it is comforting to come into the organisation knowing the backing of XXXX has been secured. The benefits of the sponsorship will be enjoyed at many levels of the game."

LOOK CALLS FOR SOCCER'S OWN MUSEUM

A soccer museum may be established at Perry Park under a proposal put forward by new QSF management committee member, Don Look.

Look believes a museum, apart from providing an interesting insight into the history of Queensland soccer, also would attract people to soccer headquarters.

"I think a lot of people from the country areas and juniors would enjoy coming to Perry Park and looking at the memorabilia and the like that could be included in the museum," Look said.

"Establishing a museum at Perry Park would further enhance the complex as the headquarters of Queensland soccer."

Look said he had many items stored at home from his own experiences and involvement in the game and is certain there are many other items of soccer interest hidden away around the state.

"A lot of these things are stored away and forgotten and when someone passes away or has a big cleanout they can often be lost for good," Look said.

"If there was an established soccer museum, I am sure people would be willing to hand over these items knowing they would be put to proper use."

KIWIS LOSE RUFER

New Zealand's Swiss-based striker Wynten Rufer has pulled out of the rest of the Oceania group series, including the match against the Socceroos in Sydney on Sunday.

The All Whites were beaten 1-0 by Israel in their opening World Cup qualifying match.

Rufer's Swiss first division club Grasshoppers Zurich has ordered him back for an important cup match against Lucerne this weekend. He is the side's leading scorer with 12 goals.

"I am disappointed as I consider it a great honour to play for my country," Rufer said. "But Grasshoppers have been good to me and I must respect their wishes."

Under FIFA rules New Zealand could have insisted that Grasshoppers release Rufer but chose against the action for fear of jeopardising Rufer's future with Grasshoppers.



This photo of the New Zealand and Australia Soccer Ashes is one which could be included in a soccer museum. The attached plaque reads "This casket is made of New Zealand and Australian woods and was presented by H. G. Mayer, manager of the New Zealand team touring Australia 1923 season. The ashes are contained in a cannister inside this casket." Does anyone know where the casket is now?

YOUR XXXX SEASON GUIDE

Here is your pin-up fixture list of all the XXXX League and representative fixtures this season.

(Kick-off 2.45 p.m. unless otherwise stated)

MARCH

- 11 Rochedale Rovers v Redlands Utd. (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.) Pine Rivers Utd. v Brisbane Lions (Allison Park, 7 p.m.)
- 12 Coalstars v Olympic United (Bundamba) Eastern Suburbs v Grange Thistle (Heath Park) Brisbane City v North Star (Spencer Park) Mt Gravatt v Taringa Rovers (Dittmer Park)
- 17 Olympic Utd. v Mt Gravatt (Perry Pk, 8.30 p.m.)
- 18 North Star v Rochedale Rovers (O'Callaghan Park, 6 p.m.)
- 19 Brisbane Lions v Coalstars (Richlands) Redlands Utd. v Pine Rivers Utd. (Cleveland) Grange Thistle v Brisbane City (Lanham Park) Taringa Rovers v Eastern Suburbs (Speare Park)
- 22 Ipswich v Brisbane (Ebbw Vale, 8 p.m.)
- 25 P. Rivers Utd. v North Star (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 26 Coalstars v Redlands Utd. (Bundamba) Brisbane City v Taringa Rovers (Spencer Park)
- 27 Brisbane Lions v Olympic Utd. (Richlands) Mt Gravatt v Eastern Suburbs (Dittmer Park) Rochedale Rovers v Grange Thistle (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.)
- 29 Gold Coast v Ipswich (Southport, 8 p.m.)

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APRIL

- 1 North Star v Coalstars (O'Callaghan Pk, 6 p.m.)
- 2 Mt Gravatt v Brisbane Lions (Dittmer Park) Redlands Utd. v Olympic Utd. (Cleveland) Grange Thistle v Pine Rivers Utd. (Lanham Pk) Taringa Rovers v Rochedale Rovers (Speare Pk) Eastern Suburbs v Brisbane City (Heath Park)
- 5 Brisbane v Gold Coast (Perry Park, 8 p.m.)

- 8 Coalstars v Grange Thistle (Perry Park, 7 p.m.) Rochedale Rovers v Eastern Suburbs (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.) P. Rivers Utd. v Taringa R. (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 9 Olympic Utd. v North Star (Goodwin Park) Brisbane Lions v Redlands Utd. (Richlands) Mt Gravatt v Brisbane City (Dittmer Park)
- 15 N'th Star v B'ne Lions (O'Callaghan Pk, 6 p.m.)

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- 16 Grange Thistle v Olympic Utd. (Perry Park) Redlands Utd. v Mt Gravatt (Cleveland) Taringa Rovers v Coalstars (Speare Park) Eastern Suburbs v Pine Rivers Utd. (Heath Pk) Brisbane City v Rochedale Rovers (Spencer Pk)
- 22 P. Rivers Utd. v Bris. City (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 23 Coalstars v Eastern Suburbs (Bundamba) Olympic Utd. v Taringa Rovers (Goodwin Park) Brisbane Lions v Grange Thistle (Richlands) Redlands Utd. v North Star (Cleveland) Mt Gravatt v Rochedale Rovers (Dittmer Park)
- 25 Queensland v NSW (Perry Park, 3.30 p.m.)
- 29 N'th Star v Mt Gravatt (O'Callaghan Pk, 6 p.m.) Rochedale Rovers v Pine Rivers Utd. (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.)
- 30 Grange Thistle v Redlands Utd. (Lanham Park) Eastern Suburbs v Olympic Utd. (Heath Park)

MAY

- 1 Taringa Rovers v Brisbane Lions (Speare Park) Brisbane City v Coalstars (Spencer Park)
- 6 North Star v Grange T. (O'Callaghan Pk, 6 p.m.) Mt Gravatt v Pine Rivers Utd. (Perry Pk, 7 p.m.)

WHERE TO GO THIS WEEKEND

XXXX LEAGUE:

SATURDAY —
Underwood Pk, 7 pm: Rochedale v Redlands
Allison Pk, 7 pm: Pine Rivers v Lions

SUNDAY —
Bundamba, 2.45 pm: Coalstars v Olympic Utd.
Heath Pk, 2.45 pm: Easts v Grange Thistle
Spencer Pk, 2.45 pm: Bris. City v North Star
Dittmer Pk, 2.45 pm: Mt Gravatt v Taringa Rovers

DIVISION TWO:

SATURDAY —
Proud Field, 7 pm: Acacia R. v Wynnum

SUNDAY —
Teralba Pk, 2.45 pm: Mitchelton v The Gap
Beninca Oval, 2.45 pm: Lat. Valley v Kingsridge
Freeman Rd, 2.45 pm: Inala City v Nerang
Sports Ground, 2.45 pm: Willowburn v Newmarket
Dunn Road, 2.45 pm: Croatia v Ipswich United

- 7 Coalstars v Rochedale Rovers (Bundamba) Olympic Utd. v Brisbane City (Goodwin Park) Brisbane Lions v Eastern Suburbs (Richlands) Redlands Utd. v Taringa Rovers (Cleveland)
- 13 East. Suburbs v Redlands Utd. (Perry Pk, 7 p.m.) Rochedale R. v Olympic Utd. (U'wood Pk, 7 p.m.) Pine Rivers Utd. v Coalstars (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 14 Grange Thistle v Mt Gravatt (Lanham Park) Taringa Rovers v North Star (Speare Park) Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions (Spencer Park)
- 19 Bris. Lions v Rochedale R. (Perry Pk, 8.30 p.m.)
- 20 North Star v Eastern Suburbs (O'Callaghan Park, 6 p.m.)
- 21 Coalstars v Mt Gravatt (Bundamba) Olympic Utd. v Pine Rivers Utd. (Goodwin Park) Redlands Utd. v Brisbane City (Showgrounds) Grange Thistle v Taringa Rovers (Lanham Park)
- 27 North Star v Bris. City (O'Callaghan Pk, 6 p.m.) Taringa Rovers v Mt Gravatt (Perry Park, 7 p.m.)
- 28 Olympic Utd. v Coalstars (Goodwin Park) Grange Thistle v Eastern Suburbs (Lanham Pk) Redlands Utd. v Rochedale Rovers (Cleveland) Brisbane Lions v Pine Rivers Utd. (Richlands)

JUNE

- 3-4 Ampol State Cup, Round 1 and unplayed fixtures
- 10 Rochedale Rovers v North Star (Perry Pk, 7 p.m.) Pine Rivers Utd. v Redlands Utd. (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 11 Coalstars v Brisbane Lions (Bundamba) Brisbane City v Grange Thistle (Spencer Park)
- 12 Mt Gravatt v Olympic Utd. (Dittmer Park) Eastern Suburbs v Taringa Rovers (Heath Park)
- 17 North Star v Pine Rivers Utd. (O'Callaghan Park, 6 p.m.)
- 18 Redlands Utd. v Coalstars (Cleveland) Olympic Utd. v Brisbane Lions (Goodwin Park) Taringa Rovers v Brisbane City (Speare Park) Grange Thistle v Rochedale Rovers (Lanham Pk) Eastern Suburbs v Mt Gravatt (Heath Park)

24-25 Ampol State Cup Quarter Finals

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JULY

- 1 Pine Rivers Utd. v G. Thistle (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.) Rochedale Rovers v Taringa Rovers (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.)
- 2 Brisbane City v Eastern Suburbs (Perry Park) Brisbane Lions v Mt Gravatt (Richlands) Olympic Utd. v Redlands Utd. (Goodwin Park) Coalstars v North Star (Bundamba)
- 9 North Star v Olympic Utd. (O'Callaghan Park, 6 p.m.)
- 9 Grange Thistle v Coalstars (Lanham Park) Redlands Utd. v Brisbane Lions (Cleveland) Eastern Suburbs v Rochedale Rovers (Heath Park) Taringa Rovers v Pine Rivers Utd. (Speare Park) Brisbane City v Mt Gravatt (Spencer Park)

15-16 Ampol State Cup Semi Finals

- 22 Pine Rivers Utd. v Eastern Suburbs (Perry Park, 7 p.m.) Rochedale Rovers v Brisbane City (Underwood Park)
- 23 Mt Gravatt v Redlands Utd. (Dittmer Park) Brisbane Lions v North Star (Richlands) Olympic Utd. v Grange Thistle (Goodwin Park) Coalstars v Taringa Rovers (Bundamba)
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AUGUST

- 5 Redlands Utd. v G. Thistle (Perry Pk, 7 p.m.) Pine Rivers Utd. v Rochedale Rovers (Allison Park, 7 p.m.)
- 6 Mt Gravatt v North Star (Dittmer Park) Brisbane Lions v Taringa Rovers (Richlands) Olympic Utd. v Eastern Suburbs (Goodwin Park) Coalstars v Brisbane City (Bundamba)
- 13 Ampol State Cup Final (venue to be advised)
- 19 Rochedale Rovers v Coalstars (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.) Pine Rivers Utd. v Mt Gravatt (Allison Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 20 Brisbane City v Olympic Utd. (Spencer Park) Eastern Suburbs v Brisbane Lions (Heath Park) Taringa Rovers v Redlands Utd. (Speare Park) Grange Thistle v North Star (Lanham Park)
- 26 North Star v Taringa Rovers (Perry Pk, 7 p.m.)
- 27 Mr Gravatt v Grange Thistle (Dittmer Park) Redlands Utd. v Eastern Suburbs (Cleveland) Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City (Richlands) Olympic Utd. v Rochedale Rovers (Goodwin Park) Coalstars v Pine Rivers Utd. (Bundamba)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Pine Rivers Utd. v Olympic Utd. (Allison Park, 7 p.m.) Rochedale Rovers v Brisbane Lions (Underwood Park, 7 p.m.)
- 3 Mt Gravatt v Coalstars (Dittmer Park) Brisbane City v Redlands Utd. (Spencer Park) Eastern Suburbs v North Star (Heath Park) Taringa Rovers v Grange Thistle (Speare Park)
- 9-10 Preliminary and Qualifying Semi Finals (Perry Park)
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After a very disappointing 1988 season in the upper echelons of the XXXX League, Brisbane Croatia is all set to bounce back.

Hot on the news of the allocation of the 15th annual Croatian soccer tournament to Brisbane, progress on the final construction work on the Croatian Community Centre club rooms and facilities has gone ahead at a rapid pace.

The committee would like to welcome to the club a number of new faces who already have proven to be excellent assets to the club.

New senior coach Bob May has recruited well during the off-season, luring a number of young players to the club, including Kirk Lilley, Mark Williamson and Ken Ryan.

Combined with our existing young brigade of Danny Valle, Joe Stipanic and Greg Sealey, the experienced Perkovic brothers, Steve and Ivan, and Croatian import Radomir Vidosic, coach May has blended the team into a formidable united. The side has performed exceptionally well in trials against Olympic Utd. (4-1), North Star (0-1) and Easts (1-0).

We would also like to welcome former Inala City captain Ron Hartley as our assistant coach and Derek Mann as our valuable physio.

Croatian supporters have a lot to look forward to this coming season.

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This week's guest tipster is former soccero Alan Niven, who will begin this season in new colours after transferring from Lions to Mt Gravatt.

MATCH	GEOFF STEAD	GARRY LEGG	MARK BRIGDEN	ALAN NIVEN
XXXX LEAGUE				
Rochedale v Redlands	ROCHEDALE	REDLANDS	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE
Pine Rivers v Lions	LIONS	PINE R.	LIONS	DRAW
Coalstars v Olympic U.	DRAW	COALSTARS	DRAW	COALSTARS
Easts v Grange T.	EASTS	EASTS	DRAW	EASTS
Bris. City v Nth Star	BRIS. CITY	BRIS. CITY	DRAW	BRIS. CITY
Mt Gravatt v Taringa	DRAW	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT
DIVISION TWO				
Acacia R. v Wynnum	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	DRAW	ACACIA R.
Mitchelton v The Gap	MITCHELTON	MITCHELTON	DRAW	MITCHELTON
Lat. Valley v Kingsridge	KINGSRIDGE	KINGSRIDGE	KINGSRIDGE	KINGSRIDGE
Inala C. v Nerang	INALA C.	INALA C.	INALA C.	INALA C.
Willowburn v Newmarket	DRAW	NEWMARKET	WILLOWBURN	NEWMARKET
Croatia v Ipswich Utd.	IPSWICH U.	IPSWICH U.	DRAW	IPSWICH U.

CALL FOR A NEW STATE LEAGUE

A feasibility study into the re-introduction of a statewide league is one of the recommendations of the Touche Ross report into Queensland soccer now being circulated around the State.

The long-awaited report, which resulted out of the soccer workshop held at Perry Park on August 13 last year, has been distributed to all clubs and affiliates.

The recommendation for a State League, which Queensland soccer had five years ago, is made in a section entitled "Primary Focus of Promotion". The report suggests a State League would overcome the belief in country areas that they are "the forgotten relation" of Queensland soccer.

The report says much of the funding of any new State League should be provided mainly by the country and the competition should become a strong focus for promotion.

The report also highlighted that those who attended last season's workshop were almost unanimous in the belief that there are too many teams in the XXXX League. Eight teams, rather than the current 12, was the most popular suggestion at the workshop.

The 44 page document details many of the submissions and suggestions made at the workshop and also provides an "executive summary". It suggests the most pressing pre-requisite changes needed in the local game include:

a. A comprehensive review and restructure of the administration of soccer in the State.

b. A tightening up of the present structure and organisation of the competition.

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c. Removal of factional influences within the soccer community.

d. A review of the rules as they apply to official administration of the game.

QSF president Wal Dann said the report, as expected, was far from a blueprint for the future of the game in the State, but certainly a springboard from which positive action could be launched. He said it was vital all within the code digested the report as an entire document rather than focussing on individual issues.

"We have sent the report out to clubs and affiliates with a covering letter," he said. "We would like as many people within the game as possible to read the report and then provide us with some feedback."

"I am sure from some of the ideas, proposals and suggestions floated in the report, positive actions can be implemented that will work to help soccer grow."

club news

KINGSRIDGE

Kingsridge soccer club, under the guidance of coach Mick Rooney and a very hard-working committee, could be known as the quiet achievers.

With very limited funds and no major sponsor (but ideally would love one), the club set about its preparations for 1989 over two years ago.

Since then we have worked hard to get our name up front and our reputation and image improved. This has paid dividends for the club this year.

Already we have welcomed a number of players "in off the street", while others have come from interstate and even overseas after having heard of the club's work.

Rooney has added a number of players to the squad, with still a number of new players wanting to join the club. We have gone after the people we want, those who want to play football and not those just wanting to play for money.

We have lost only one player from last year's squad, so with the current squad boosted by the new additions, the club and coach think we are as ready as we can be. All we want is for people to be honest and give a good account of themselves.

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XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1

ROCHEDALE ROVERS V REDLANDS UTD.

Underwood Park, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Referee: MORRIE DELLER

These two clubs have been longtime rivals and both will be desperate to get two points in the bag on their first outing.

Rochedale have entered the transfer market a number of times in recent weeks while Redlands mostly have seen their players drift away. Neither team impressed in the XXXX pre-season, although Rochedale played without luck. Current and past form often counts for little in a derby.

WHO'S HOT . . .

Brian MacNicol got into a lot of scoring positions against Grange and won his side two penalties. Could be too hot to touch in the box again.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Whoever is responsible for the situation that has resulted in Redlands losing half their first team staff. Those remaining will have to be brave.

TEAMS

ROCHEDALE R.	REDLANDS UTD.
1 MARTIN COE	1 RICHARD BAKER
2 STUART GREER	2 PAUL LAYCOCK
3 GERRY McMAHON	3 DANNY BELL
4 STEVE DONALD	4 MARK CURRAN
5 STEVE MUELEN	5 STEVE MITCHELL
6 NEV GOODING	6 ATTILA MARTA
7 MICHAEL CLARKSON	7 DARREN PARSONS
8 TOM MCGREGOR	8 STEVE PARSONS
9 DAVID BEARMAN	9 STEVE RODEN
10 JIM KELLY	10 RUSSELL LAYCOCK
11 BRIAN MacNICOL	11 JUSTIN DICK
12 CHRIS COOTES	12 PETER DESPOT
13 DUNCAN BLAKLEY	13 JASON BURNS
14 KAI SCHIMKAT	14 ANDREW COULSON
15 STEVE BRADFORD	15 PAUL HULL
16 CRAIG LOW	16 PETER BERRY
17 PAUL GROCCOTT	17 JOHN ADAMSON
20 STEVE ELWOOD	20

Coach: Alan Jones Coach: David Large

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

PINE RIVERS v BRISBANE LIONS

Referee: BARRY POWER

Allison Park, Saturday 7 p.m.

TEAMS

PINE RIVERS	BRISBANE LIONS
1 ASTON BELL	1 ROB FARROW
2 JOHN CARTWRIGHT	2 DAVID LONSDALE
3 GRAHAM EDEN	3 JOHN LOWEY
4 ANDREW STILLMAN	4 RUSSELL STEWART
5 BRIAN HEWITT	5 ARNO BERTOGNA
6 CLAYTON KOCH	6 ANDREW STOWELL
7 JOHN RHULE	7 MARTIN KIRSOPP
8 BOB HAMILTON	8 NICK MEREDITH
9 JOHN PRESTON	9 CHRIS SLATER
10 LINDSAY DINES	10 BRETT DRUERY
11 PETER CAREY	11 FRANK COLE
12 NOEL CARROLL	12 JOHN OGDEN
13 LEN MANIKUS	13 MICHAEL TONNER
14	14 DAVID HUNTER
15	15 BRENDAN EASTWELL
16 GAVIN POLAK	16 FRANK MENGOTTI
17 ENZO CUPO	17
20 PETER UNDERHILL	20 KEVIN TATTON

Coach: Bob Hamilton Coach: Frank Liddell

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

Entertainment is what Rivers are about at the moment, but the newly-promoted division two champions couldn't have got a tougher opening fixture.

But Bobby Hamilton's side has shown little regard for reputations on a number of occasions so far this season and will be hunting Lions scalp.

On the tight Rivers field, Lions could get a lesson in offside.

WHO'S HOT . . .

Exciting Rivers midfielder-striker Clayton Koch has scored some of the best goals of the pre-season and has skill to match youthful enthusiasm.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Russell Stewart is a good player when he concentrates and keeps it simple. At times in the pre-season he's been too smart, and lost possession.

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1

COALSTARS v OLYMPIC UTD.

Referee: BILL MONTEVERDE

Bundamba, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

TEAMS

COALSTARS

- 1 JON PETIE
- 2 KEVIN CALDWELL
- 3 PHIL KERR
- 4 MARK McNAUGHTON
- 5 STU WESTON
- 6 CRAIG THOMPSON
- 7 JON KITCHING
- 8 FRANK BYRNE
- 9 MARK PETIE
- 10 MARK BRUSASCO
- 11 CALVIN DAUNT
- 12 JASON TURNER
- 13 DAVID O'LEARY
- 14 CHRIS DAWSON
- 15 ANDY OGDEN
- 16 PHIL LAVERY
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- 17 S. KONSTANTINO
- 20 ROBERT PIGAC

Coach: Mark Brusasco

Coach: Juan Cutillas

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

This match could give an indication as to whether Alan McFarlane made the right choice.

The former rookie of the year played the pre-season with Olympic, but returned to Coalstars a week ago. Will his loyalty to Coalstars be rewarded with a more successful year than if he stayed at Goodwin Park?

Coalstars Goalkeeper Jon Petie also will be fronting his former club.

WHO'S HOT . . .

Coalstars' player-coach Mark Brusasco who is confident he can make a success of the difficult role. The test is how long that confidence will last.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Olympic as a team. The side are traditionally pre-season performers but so far have looked nothing better than middle of the table.

EASTS v GRANGE THISTLE

Heath Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: GORDON NICHOLSON

East's exit from the pre-season tournament was one of the biggest shocks of the season so far.

The manner in which the Tigers crashed out was even more alarming. Grange Thistle on the other hand held Lions to a respectable score and used a penalty shootout to get to the quarters, not bad for a side which cost a whole lot less than East's.

But the fixture is when it counts and it could be a different Easts this weekend.

WHO'S HOT . . .

Thistle's former state youth representative Alan Millican has looked a willing player in the midfield who is willing to work for success.

WHO'S NOT . . .

East's star off-season signing Steve Perry is yet to be sighted in Tigers colours, with the representative season early this year, time is running out.

TEAMS

EASTS

- 1 DAVE MEWBURN
- 2 DARREN FREIBERG
- 3 CARL SCOTT
- 4 MARK GERITZ
- 5 STEVE PERRY
- 6 PAUL PETERSON
- 7 STEIN GRODUM
- 8 CRAIG COLLINS
- 9 COLIN PHELAN
- 10 PHIL THOMPSON
- 11 BILL McDERMOTT
- 12 TONY KANE
- 13 JUSTIN PLAYLE
- 14 MARTIN FEHLBERG
- 15 DAVID KANE
- 16 RICHARD NICOL
- 17 WAYNE CORBETT
- 20 SCOTT BOARDMAN

Coach: John Sime

GRANGE THISTLE

- 1 STEVE LINDSAY
- 2 JOHN RIBONE
- 3 JOHN WILSON
- 4 GARY HEINER
- 5 A. SOMERVILLE
- 6 ROBERT MARINOV
- 7 ALLAN MILLICAN
- 8 M. AYIUB
- 9 PAUL RAMSAY
- 10 SCOTT RACKLEY
- 11 JACOB MOLI
- 12 T. SOMERVILLE
- 13 SCOTT REIMERS
- 14 NIGEL MATHER
- 15 NICK BRYANT
- 16 DAVID HARRIS
- 17 WAYNE KELLY
- 20 ANDREW HOBBS

Coach: Steve Dolan

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 1

BRISBANE CITY v NORTH STAR

Spencer Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Referee: TONY SLATER

TEAMS

BRISBANE CITY

- 1 WAYNE EVANS
- 2 GLENN ARCHER
- 3 IBRO CAHUT
- 4 ROB VASQUEZ
- 5 NOEL GREENHALGH
- 6 LEE HOWELLS
- 7 CHEETHA VOSUGA
- 8 FRANK PIMBLETT
- 9 KIERAN COOPER
- 10 PADDY DILLON
- 11 JOE PALINKAS
- 12 ANDY CHAPMAN
- 13 PAUL FAGAN
- 14 RONALD YULE
- 15 JOHN SCHIAVO
- 16 JOHN FIGLIANO
- 17
- 20 JASON LUCAS

Coach: Mat Carson

NORTH STAR

- 1 NOEL LORD
- 2 STEVE ROWELL
- 3 G. BUCHANAN
- 4 B. WILLIAMSON
- 5 DANNY LOBWEIN
- 6 ROSS SWAN
- 7 SHANE HADDOW
- 8 GERRY LINDSAY
- 9 JIM McDONAGH
- 10 KEN SWAN
- 11 PHIL MULVEY
- 12 MARK GREER
- 13 JUSTIN KILSHAW
- 14 S. HUMPHREYS
- 15 LEE SCRIGGINS
- 16 ENZO DAGOSTINO
- 17 PAUL GRAHAM
- 20 JASON PARKS

Coach: Bill Williamson

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

A replay of last season's grand final which North Star won 2-1 in extra-time. The North Star team is relatively unchanged while City will have at least three new faces in their side. North Star's early exit from the XXXX pre-season tournament underlined that last season's results counted for little.

Early points are vital for both these championship-chasing teams.

WHO'S HOT . . .

North Star striker Jim McDonagh has showed plenty of composure and accuracy in front of goals of late and will be a test for City's defence.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Irishman Paddy Dillon is yet to hit top goal-scoring form. Understandably it takes time to settle in, but he should be ready to fire now.

MOUNT GRAVATT v TARINGA ROVERS

Referee: HENRY MARRON

Dittmer Park, Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

TEAMS

MOUNT GRAVATT

- 1 MARK PICKUP
- 2 ATTILIO BALDASSI
- 3 NOEL DAVIS
- 4 GEORGE CAIRD
- 5 PETER TYSON
- 6 ALAN NIVEN
- 7 MARK HAIRSINE
- 8 MIKE MCCARTHY
- 9 ROY SMYTH
- 10 MICHAEL MULVEY
- 11 JOHN BROWN
- 12 ROGER HOY JNR
- 13 ROSS PEACHEY
- 14 STEW HOLMES
- 15
- 16 GARY F. IRELAND
- 17 GREG SHAPLAND
- 20 STU WOODRUFFE

Coach: Roger Hoy

TARINGA ROVERS

- 1 TONY SCANLAN
- 2 JOHN KOWTAN
- 3 MIKE SAVAGE
- 4 DOMENIC TONEL
- 5 CHRIS BRAY
- 6 MICHAEL GERRITSEN
- 7 MARK BENNETT
- 8 GREG SWADLING
- 9 CARL PETERSON
- 10 JARROD AUSTIN
- 11 MARK GILROY
- 12 SEAN CRANNEY
- 13 DAVID ASH
- 14 A. McCULLOCH
- 15 G. VAN der RYKEN
- 16 S. TOLLENAERE
- 17 IAN SPEARE
- 20 J. KEATING

Coach: Glenn Davis

Scores: H.T. F.T.

Scores:

Mount Gravatt have been the surprises of the pre-season but should be wary that early form is sometimes a false indicator.

Taringa are celebrating their 40th Anniversary and have targetted a top five berth. The midfield clash between Rovers Mark Bennetts and Mick Gerritsen and Mount Gravatt's Alan Niven looms as the highlight of this clash.

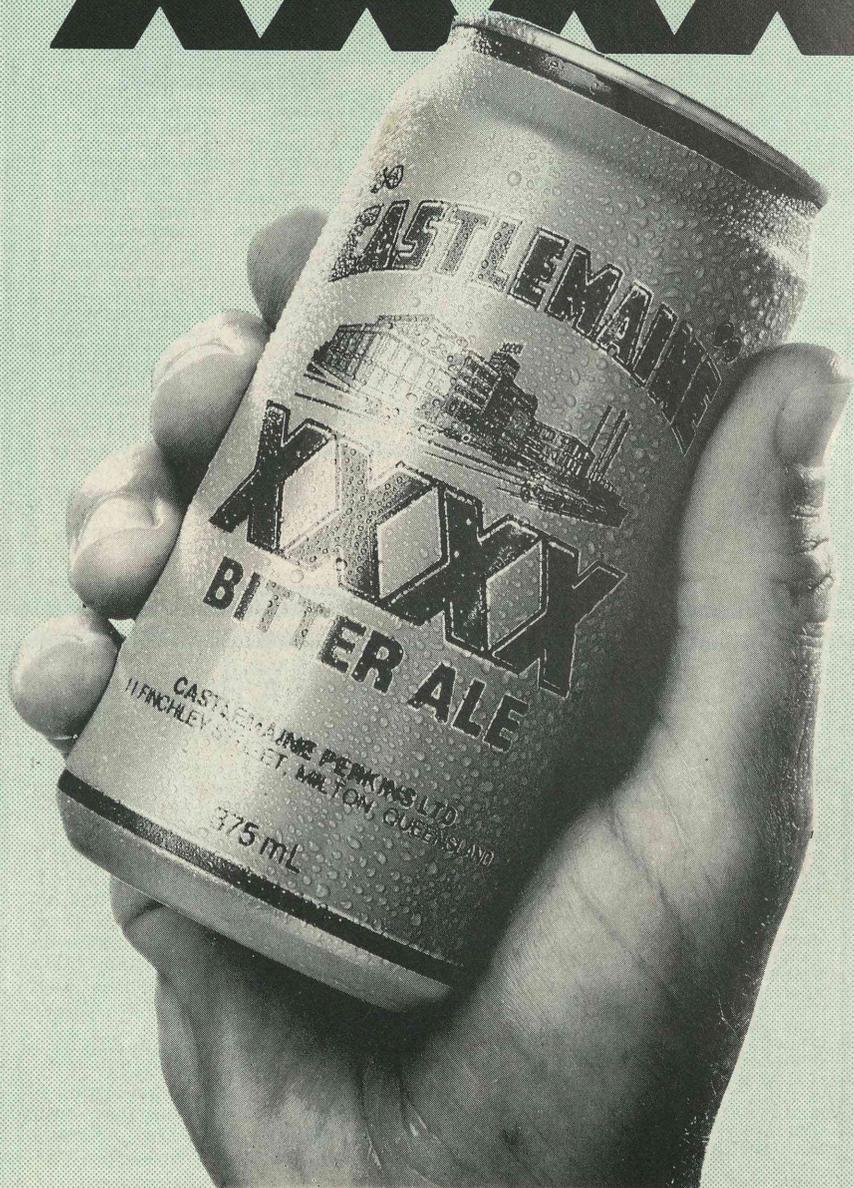
WHO'S HOT . . .

Alan Niven appears to have grabbed a new lease of life with his move from Lions to Dittmer Park. But is Niven a better midfielder than leftback?

WHO'S NOT . . .

Greg Swadling was Taringa's most exciting player last season, yet has been slow to start this season. Keen competition for places could get him going.

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