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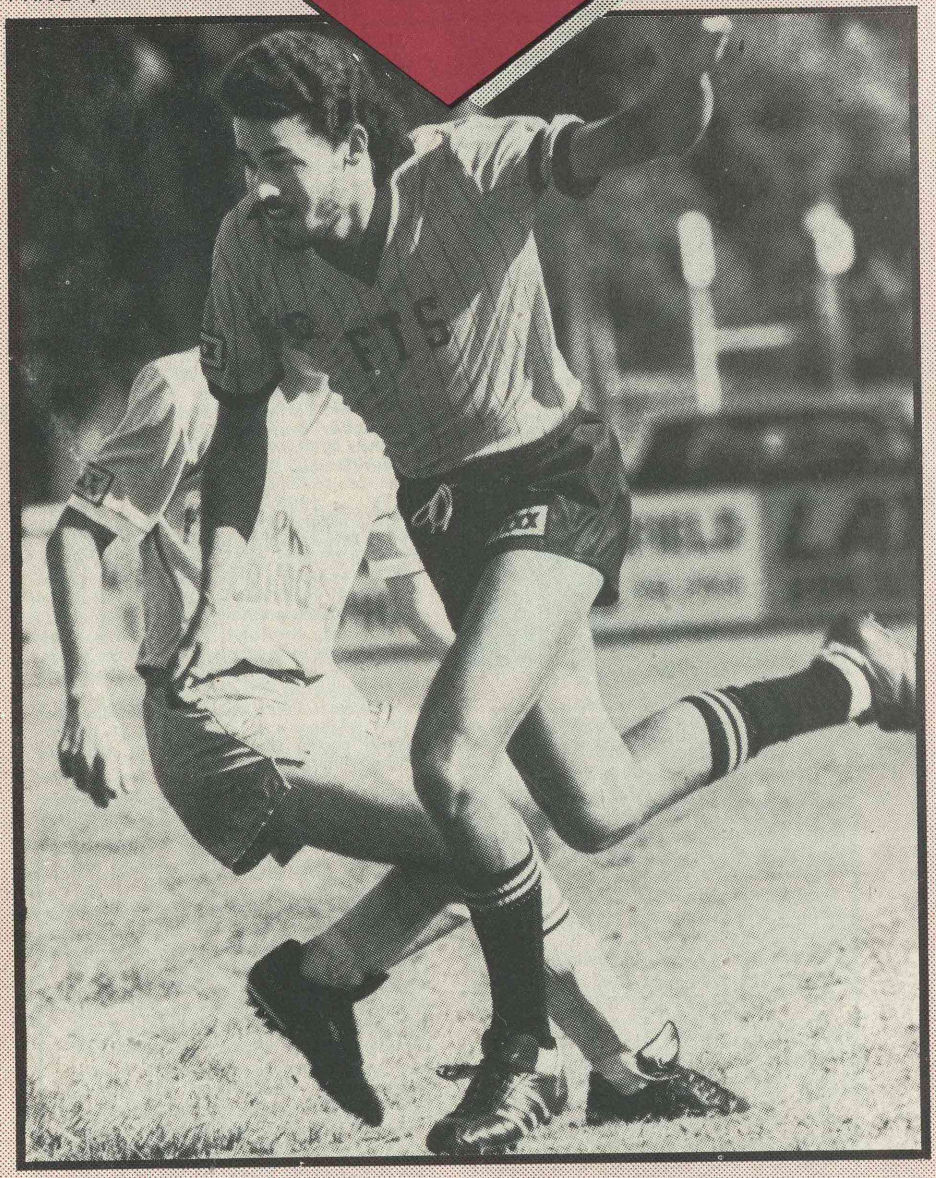

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Statistically, the team which is atop the XXXX League after this weekend's third round of fixtures will be the 1989 premiers.

Although most coaches will say it is only early days, a review of the past six seasons shows overwhelmingly that the season's best team was also the season's best starter.

In four of the past six years, including the last three seasons, after three rounds the eventual premiers were leading the league. Last year, premiers Brisbane City were leading the league. Last year, premiers Brisbane City were undefeated in the first three matches and had scored 10 goals in three wins. They went on to win the league with 51 points and 56 goals.

In 1987 Lions made a commanding start to the season and hung on to win the league while in 1986 premiers North Star also got away well and dropped only one point in the first three rounds.

In 1985, Ipswich United proved an exception to the statistics and after three rounds were languishing in eighth place with just two points from the opening three rounds. But the Ebbw Valers rallied and took the premiership by amassing a further 25 points (two points for a win) from the next 15 matches.

In 1983 and 84 the statistics again showed good starters were premiership winners. In '83 Mount Gravatt were undefeated after

North Star midfielder Gerry LIndsay, who was in fine form last Saturday night, scoring a goal from the halfway line. His team might be premiers again if they are leading the league after this weekend.

AN EASTER CRUNCH FOR TOP TEAMS

three rounds and ending only losing three matches all season to clinch the title while the following season the Hawks were second after three rounds and again were premiers.

At the other end of the table, a bad start does not necessarily mean relegation, although few who have found themselves at the bottom after three rounds have enjoyed anything but a battling season.

Only twice over the past six years has the team in last position after three rounds been the relegated side. That happened last year with Ipswich United and back in 1983 with Brisbane City.

In 1987, after three rounds Redlands were propping the table but by the end of the season had clawed their way to eighth. Taringa, who were eighth after three rounds, finished bottom.

In 1986 Taringa started slowly and were last after three matches, but rose to be eighth by the season end, with Wynnum coincidentally who were eighth after three, the side which eventually went down.

In 1985, Mount Gravatt uncharacteristically found themselves last after three rounds but recovered brilliantly to finish fourth, while the relegated Acacia Ridge enjoyed a good start to the season and were fifth. The Ridge managed only a further seven points and were relegated.

Similarly, in 1984 Wynnum were early high-riders in third place after three rounds but were eventually relegated. Easts, who were last after three finished ninth.

Believe it or not, but the statistics suggest this weekend's Easter round of fixtures could decide this season's top side and relegation bunnies.

TOP GIRLS SET FOR PERRY PARK

The largest international women's tournament staged in Queensland will kick-off at Perry Park on Sunday.

Brisbane will host the Oceania Cup, which will feature six teams from the Pacific region and rim.

Australia will be represented by two teams — Green and Gold. Other sides participating include New Zealand, Taiwan, India and Papua New Guinea.

The tournament, which will feature a round-robin first stage, will kick-off with the much-awaited clash between New Zealand and Australia Green at 2.15 pm after an opening ceremony.

Matches will proceed during the week with the two Australian teams pitted against each other at 10.45 am on Monday while Australia Gold plays New Zealand on Friday, March 31 at 12.30 pm.

The play-off for third is set down for 12.30 pm on Saturday, April 1, to be followed by the final at 2.30 pm. QSF management committee member and Australian Women's Soccer Association president Elaine Watson, who has been busy helping prepare Perry Park for the tournament, has urged all soccer followers to take time to attend the event.

"This is a chance to see women's soccer at a top level and I am sure quite a few people will be surprised at the skill and ability of our girls," she said.

NEWS REPORT

THE LONE RESPONSE . . .

For the past two weeks Go Soccer has asked if there was any support for a united Queensland National League push. The response to say the least was disappointing (See Editorial Page 4). This is the lone reply received to date:

Dear Sir,

I write to chastise you, not to support you in your bid for a Brisbane United. 'Twas I who picked up Frank Arok's slip of the tongue at the XXXX League launch. Since Ian Brusasco went to Canberra (sic) it is obvious that the policies he espoused in Queensland would again rear their ugly head.

When will you realise that a Brisbane United far from being the catalyst for a soccer revolution will be conversely the reason for its demise. The QSF cannot strangle the ambitions of Brisbane soccer clubs as has already happpened in rugby league and Aussie rules. The QSF must not accept that the third largest soccer state will be limited to only one team in the NSL. The establishment of a Brisbane United will negate the good work of clubs that have grown as this state has grown. Clubs such as Pine Rivers, Rochedale and North Star which have pioneered soccer in the growth areas around Brisbane.

These clubs and indeed all Brisbane soccer clubs should not become breeding centres for administrator's ego trips. What sets soccer apart form the other codes is its uncertainty in relegation and promotion. It is the ambitions of the little clubs getting up there to match it with the big boys.

As someone who has played, coaches and attended meeting after meeting for the love of this sport, and I might add respects the battle the media such as yourself fights for this sport, I cannot see how a Brisbane United could possibly sustain (1) media support, (2) sufficient patronage, (3) corporate sponsorship, (4) adequate professionalism when it is nigh or impossible now even with the clubs' own unique parochialism.

The truth is we do not have the network of media pals that rugby league has nor the old boys network in union and short of importing thousands of Victorians as the Rules boys have, we have to hope for a Brian Kerle clone to drag us into soccer's elite. We in soccer must build a firm foundation before we again enter the NSL, such as a strong State League that can poach in reverse and offer opportunities to the many NSL players with a free winter season.

We should encourage our many fine clubs to grow and find their financial feet before entering on an NSL campaign. We should clear out the deadwood in administration that has held our code back.

And lastly, but not least, we should do as the Broncos have done and wait to be invited. Then perhaps we will be able to do it on our terms without the financial burdens that have been attached to Queensland representation in the past.

Geoff "Chopper" Millward

Morayfield.

Three media men who attended the Gold Coast Gamblers launch at the casino last week did their best to compensate Jupiters for their sponsorship. The trio left the casino much later that night, a little under the weather and with very empty wallets.

The latest on the executive director . . . we understand the original 40 applicants were reduced to a "short list" of 11 who were interviewed and now another round of interviews is underway with a "short, short list" of five hopefuls. Already the Queensland Bowls Association has snapped up one very well qualified candidate who got sick of waiting around for soccer to decide. Mind you, it was only six months ago when Alan Vessey left.

Another top defender with NSL experience is on his way to Brisbane after a work transfer. A XXXX League minnow and a Division Two highrider obviously have their fingers on the pulse and are set to move on the Adelaide player. But the tip is he could bob up first in Queensland in the Gold Coast competition.

POINTS TO PONDER

Which leading goalscorer's new wife was full of smiles after her husband's team had lost? Might have had something to do with the winning double she raced to collect at fulltime.

Olympic United's Nick Moric showed plenty of courage to take his place in the team after being involved in a serious accident outside the Perry Park gates prior to last Friday night's match.

FRONT COVER: Queensland and Easts striker Bill McDermott who will be a key player in the Tigers' derby with Mount Gravatt at Dittmer Park on Monday.

EDITORIAL

By Go Soccer Editor
GEOFF STEAD

The response tells the story. Apathy has gripped Queensland soccer and has the potential to banish the sport to minor status in this state.

For the past two weeks Go Soccer has consciously campaigned for a Brisbane United push into the National League. We supported the idea, provided much of the background information and even went as far as floating a 42-man squad. For two weeks we have sought opinions from local soccer followers. Do You Support Brisbane United? we asked.

In two weeks we received just one reply. Full marks to Rochedale's Geoff Millward for going to the effort of putting forward his opinion. Although Millward was highly critical of Go Soccer's campaign, he at least had the motivation to speak out on the issue.

Where were all the others who are so quick to criticise the QSF management committee, the NSL, the ASF and even this magazine while having a beer in their clubhouses after training or a match?

So many people seem to know what's wrong with the game, but no-one is prepared to do anything about it.

Go Soccer editorialised a fortnight ago that the management committee must make a decision on a combined NSL push and act quickly. It is now easy to understand that any move in that direction is difficult to make unless it is known that is the majority wish of the code.

If the response to Go Soccer's campaign is any indication, it seems many within Queensland soccer couldn't care less. Their whole world revolves around making sure they get a game at the weekend and hoping a referee turns up.

If that is the majority attitude, then that is perhaps the level we should cater for. Perhaps we should forget about bettering ourselves, perhaps we should forget about media coverage, lucrative sponsorships and considerable government assistance.

Perhaps rather than trying to be a part of the exciting wave of renewed interest in Australian soccer, we should lock ourselves inside our own club-orientated worlds and tell each other how good we are.

Brisbane United may, or may not be the answer. But the situation that currently Queensland soccer finds itself locked into certainly is not the solution.

The Geoff Millwards of Queensland soccer know that. It's just they are a very lone voice in a roar of apathy and dis-interest.

ACROSS MY DESK

By QSF Secretary
JIM GILBERT

The representative season started this week and all Queensland soccer followers should make an effort to support the intercity series and the interstate match.

The intercity series is the chance to see some of the best players from three local regions in action against each other. The matches are the trials for the interstate match against NSW at Perry Park, on Tuesday, April 25 — Anzac Day which is a public holiday.

Whether we like it or not, Queensland soccer will be judged by its performances in the representative arena and this season more than ever it will be vital that Bruce Stowell's team is given all the support we can muster.

The NSW team is certain to contain many of the Socceroos who are doing Australia proud in the current World Cup campaign. It will be the chance to see some of the best players ever produced by this country performing at our own soccer headquarters.

All clubs have been issued with tickets while tickets can also be purchased at the QSF office at Perry Park.

The interstate match is always a thrilling affair and a match by which many outside the code adjudicate our progress. Before the match even kicks-off, Queensland soccer can do itself proud by having a bumper crowd at Perry Park.

Support your state soccer team by buying your interstate game tickets now.

BOOKIES GO FOR A LIVERPOOL CUP WIN

Liverpool are 6-4 favorites to win the English FA Cup.

London Bookmakers installed as the last season's losing finalists as favorites after the Semi-Final draw which pitted them against Nottingham Forest, the match many had hoped would be the Final.

Liverpool's Merseyside rivals Everton are 3-1 and Nottingham Forest 100-30.

Prior to the mid-week Quarter-Final replay, West Ham were 25-1 outsiders and their double-chasing opponents Norwich 4-1.

Liverpool looms as a tough opponent for Nottingham Forest's path to a Wembley treble.

The pairing of the two sides is a repeat of last year's Semi-Final encounter while the draw also kept alive the possibility of another all-Merseyside Final. Liverpool's arch-rivals Everton meet the winners of the replay between double-chasing Norwich City and West Ham.

Forest, which has already reached the finals of the Simod Cup and the Littlewoods Cup, is bidding to give Manager Brian Clough his first taste of the atmosphere of an FA Cup Final as player or Manager.

And although it is in the middle of a spectacular 18-match unbeaten run, Forest was in similar form last year when it came up against the Anfield machine and crashed out. Liverpool going on to the shock defeat at the hands of unfashionable Wimbledon.

Everton, which brought Wimbledon's Cup run to an end last Sunday with a 1-0 Quarter-Final victory, will be appearing in a record 22nd Semi-Final, and needs the boost of a Cup Final appearance to keep its season alive and maintain the Merseyside rivalry with Liverpool.

In Scotland, Premier Division rivals Rangers and Dundee United were given the perfect incentive to win their Scottish Cup Fifth round tie when they were paired with lower grade opposition in the Semi-Final draw.

The winners of the match, which was to be played mid-week, will tackle either First Division Morton or St Johnstone, who also were to meet midweek.

The other Semi-Final on April 15 will be between holders Celtic and Hibernian, who will attempt to halt the Glasgow Giants, following the failure of Edinburgh neighbours heart of Midlothian.

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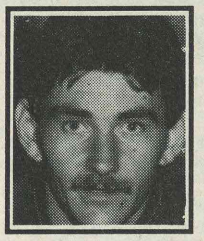

WITH FORMER SOCCEROO, QUEENSLAND AND NOW MOUNT GRAVATT PLAYER, ALAN NIVEN.

Go Soccer: Why did you leave Lions, and after so long at the club, how difficult was it to go?

Alan Niven: It was very difficult to leave because Brisbane Lions have the best players in the state and it was difficult to leave a club I had been at for 10 years. One of the reasons I did leave was the lack of commitment by the committee.

GS: In your time at Richlands, what were the best and worst times?

AN: The best time was when the only big competition we won, the Philips Cup. All the lead-up games and the final to that Cup win was a big plus. I think the worst time was when I had a knee injury at the end of the 1987 season when we were bidding to get back into the NSL.

GS: During your stint at Lions you saw many coaches pass through the club. Who was the best and why, and who was the worst?

AN: I would have to say the best was my first coach there, Les Scheinflug. I think his professional attitude towards the game made him the best. I think that is probably why in the end he left Brisbane and went to Sydney. I wouldn't like to say who I thought was the worst, but there were probably two or three who didn't come up to my expectations.

GS: What is it like starting at a new club so late in your career and why did you choose Mount Gravatt?

AN: I chose Mount Gravatt because I had known Roger Hoy for quite a while and I knew he had a very good professional attitude. I had seen Mount Gravatt play a couple of times last season and they impressed me a great deal and had a few good young boys.

GS: You are now playing midfield for the Hawks. What have you needed to do to adjust and do you want to be judged by state coach Bruce Stowell in your new or old position (left fullback)?

AN: I would still like to be judged on my old position, but I think the criteria at Mount Gravatt is that we have a great deal of defenders and with my experience in the game, it is better off for Mount Gravatt for me to play in midfield. As far as adjusting, I have always been pretty fit so I haven't had to worry too much about any extra work. I played in midfield at Lions plenty of times, so it was just a matter of carrying on at Mount Gravatt.

GS: On what you have seen in the pre-season, who are your top five teams and who do you think will be relegated?

AN: The top five teams will be Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Easts, Mount Gravatt and North Star — not necessarily in that order. Taringa will be relegated.

GS: You have dabbled in coaching a number of times. What are your plans for the next few years and which team in Brisbane would you most like to coach?

AN: The team I would like to coach would be any side where the club wants to develop its youngsters without committee interference. The next two years will definitely be at Mount Gravatt and after that I will probably look for a coaching job.

The above photos were taken in Alan Niven's first year at Brisbane Lions — 12 seasons ago. Recognise any faces and the one person still at the club?

THOMMO TALKING

with
ERIC THOMPSON

Printing deadlines will enable my next statement to be judged as it is read. I expect Ipswich to have beaten Brisbane in the intercity series match this week.

I based my pre-match opinion on the fact that I think Frank Liddell was way off the mark in his column's assessment that Ipswich are a social outfit. I think their set-up is a perfect combination.

In Brian Styles they have a man on the sidelines who is Mark Brusasco's former coach and obviously can work with him and who also knows more than anyone else the strengths and weaknesses of players at both Ipswich clubs.

In Brusasco on the park, Ipswich has someone who can relate to his team-mates as a player, but now as a coach as well, probably now knows his player better than ever before.

With two people in those roles making the decisions that count, they have got a set-up which borders on the ideal.

I don't think some players in Brisbane get as motivated for the intercity series as those in the Gold Coast and in particular Ipswich.

I get the impression some Brisbane players treat these matches as a necessary evil before the step into the Queensland squad.

Also working against Brisbane's chances of success if that coach Mal Bland must try to blend a number of players from various squads who are all instructed different ways at club level.

In Ipswich and the Gold Coast everyone seems to play pretty much the same.

What I think also goes against Brisbane is that I think now with all his other commitments, their coach maybe doesn't really want the job.

I'm expecting the Gold Coast to win the series outright — and that will test the QSF's claims that the intercity games are "the official state team trials".

The winning team should expect at least three or four players in the state squad.

Gold Coast appear to have done the preparation and have the players to win the series and I hope will be rewarded with their best state representation yet.

I rate Paul Halford a state team certainty. I just jope some of the other players on the Gold Coast don't suffer the same fate as those who chose to play with Brisbane Second Division Clubs.

Seemingly in the eyes of some, players lose all their ability once they step out of the XXXX League.

The Socceroos are not out of the woods yet by any means in their attempt to win the Oceania World Cup qualifying group.

The television commentators said a draw in Tel Aviv was exactly what Australia wanted. I counter that they didn't have too much of a say in it and only some freakish brilliance from Charlie Yankos saved them from defeat.

I thought the Israelis play was at times superb, particularly their support of each other and effective attacking down the left.

To me Wally Savor looks short of the class required at this level and having to resort to the tactics which resulted in his dismissal underlined that.

The good thing about the Tel Aviv result is that the Socceroos were given the rude awakening which normally accompanies a defeat, thankfully, without actually losing.

But Israel are not finished yet and we are still a long way from Italy 1990.

KINGSRIDGE

For the first home fixture for 1989, Kingsridge played host to Inala City on a perfect pitch and in from of a large crowd. And both sides responded with 100 percent effort.

The game started with both sets of spectators cheering their team on with the first 10 minutes being a hard tussle and both sides trying to get on top. Inala took the early play and knocked the ball around well. Kingsridge seemed to give Inala far too much respect and allowed them to mount pressure. Inala couldn't get past the Kings' rock solid defence with Brad Burke, Paul Welsh, Tyrone Groves and Scott Howlett particularly outstanding.

Slowly Larry Lararevski, Darren Gray and Rod Pommer began to come back into the game, pushing Inala back on every occasion. Some last ditch defending at both ends in the last 10 minutes of the half kept the game scoreless at the break.

Kings began the second half pushing forward. Burke sent Gray away on the right and his deep cross at the far post saw Hermiston take the ball off Mark McCarthy's foot with the goal begging. With some very ordinary refereeing, the game was allowed to become shabby for a 10-minute period. Then it came alive when Inala scored with what everyone saw to be from an offside position. Kings then changed up a gear and their fighting spirit came to the front with Inala being put under a lot of pressure for long periods.

This finally paid off in the 70th minute when Welsh found preston at the far post and he headed well to give keeper Spruce no chance. Both sides pushed hard for a winner with Kings making Inala player-coach Iain Fagan work overtime at stopper. With five minutes to go, Gray just failed to get on the end of a Preston header with keeper Spruce nowhere.

Two minutes later with Kings still pushing forward, Gray then went at Inala beating two defenders then playing a beautiful one-two and pushed the ball behind the last defender. He was on line to get the winner when he was taken down in the box. Although players from both sides stopped, Kings' claim for a penalty was waved away and the game came to a drawn close.

Inala won the early games, both by a 2-0 scoreline. Both games however could have gone either way with some good football being shown. Again Kings used young Colts Martin Rudge and goalkeeper Justin Crozier, who also had to play most of the Reserves game after keeper Tony Oliveira was replaced due to injury, Justin then was on the bench for the main game. It was a big day for him. Also playing in his first game for the third team was Colt Martin Van der Ryken.

Man of the match awards go to Martin Van der Ryken in the "Trend Windows" Third grade game, Justin Crozier in the "Woody's Music Store" and Reserve grade game with keeper Dale Manley taking out the award in the main game. These players will receive dinners for two generously donated by the Loganholme Tavern, Stewart's Springwood Hotel and the Scottich Manor family restaurant.

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MITCHELTON

DIVISION TWO: Mitchelton 2 v Ipswich U. 5:

To express disappointment with the lighting for a 7 pm game would have been an understatement and the referee and linesmen agreed when I discussed it with them. Whether they report it officially, I don't know. There were plenty of lights, but their distribution varied quite distinctly from dull to glarey. Added advantages for our hosts were that they probably train under them and they were wearing a drab, powdery green against a badly-lit green background. We discarded that colour years ago for that very reason and I much prefer St Helen's old green and white striped shirts and white shorts.

They opened their account in the 22nd minute with a deserved but well contrived penalty which Neville O'Sullivan converted by sending Martin Coe the wrong way. Nine Minutes later and good pressure and a bit of a bounce and Bradley Smith had put them 2-0 up. Less than five minutes later a switch to the left, with Coe drawn, and Russell Beckwith had lobbed their third. In the 37th minute after Nigel Lownds had played around in his area far too long and often, Brett McDonald applied some pressure with a little support and was able to gain possession and walked it in. That was probably better medicine than the keper being warned for time wasting.

Eight minutes after lemons, a determined attack on their left and Jeff Dann made it 1-4 with a good goal. A typical Garth Moloney effort made it 2-4 within a minute of the restart. A freekick on the edge of the box with 30 minutes still to go and Billy Dann had put them 5-2 up. Improved effort from our blokes held that score to the final whistle.

RESERVES: Mitchelton 1 v Ipswich U. 6:

With at least three players having just played a full game, it was good to see Graham Ellis score the only first half goal three minutes before lemons. A good effort by Ian Walsh actually denied them an equaliser. A deflection seven minutes after lemons equalled the score and then the wheels seemed to come off for it took little more than 20 minutes for our hosts to be 6-1 up. Then we cried "enough" and somehow applied the brakes.

THIRD GRADE: Mitchelton 0 v Ipswich U. 5:

This result belies Noel Imison's efforts in goals for their five goals were well deserved and could have been many more. We were always knocking on the door and Wayne Marstella and Ross Cox both missed chances by small margins.

The new amalgamation of Bardon, Latrobe and Valley Trident had a disastrous start to the season when they were beaten in the reserves and division two grade by Kingsridge and only the third grade kept the flag flying. Last weekend, against The Gap, a far better performance by all three Latrobe Valley teams.

LATROBE VALLEY

THIRD GRADE: Latrobe V. 5 v The Gap 0:

Zino Spitaleri opened the scoring in the first half when he headed in a good cross from Kevin Milne. In the second half Latrobe Valley added four more, the second by Spitaleri followed by one from Milne and two by Mario Rizzo, adding to the two he had scored the previous week.

RESERVES: Latrobe V. 1 v The Gap 1:

The Gap put the pressure on and had our goaline in all sorts of trouble in the 20th minute. But we survived. In the 25th minute David Walden dispossessed The Gap and slipped a great pass to Ricky Walford who had no problem scoring. Latrobe Valley kept the pressure on and Nick Gjokmorkovic made a clever run into the penalty area, but the forwards were not able to capitalise on his skilful work. In the 40th minute The Gap almost equalised when keeper Stuart Cook was beaten, but the upright saved Latrobe Valley. The Gap equalised in the 53rd minute, after persistent pressure from the second half kick-off. Although both sides had opportunities to take three points. The scorline remained unchanged.

DIVISION TWO: Latrobe V. 1 v The Gap 1:

Latrobe Valley scored in the second minute when Bruce Atterton's kick was headed by Gary Bromfield onto Jamie Finlayson whose attempt was partially saved by keeper Jones. But the ever-present Stephen now was on the spot and put the rebound away. Latrobe Valley kept the pressure on and received a freekick in the 11th minute. Bromfield's shot was carried by the keeper onto the crossbar, and the ball rebounded into play. Latrobe Valley were almost penalised for some slap-happy defence when the keeper was beaten but the upright was in the way.

In the 49th minute Renato Iovenitti replaced Bromfield and in the next 10 minutes of play Dean Biron missed two sitters with only the keeper to beat. I feel that Dean will get himself on the scoresheet very soon. Through a lack of discipline, we allowed The Gap to equalise when Gavin Trafford gave a silly freekick just outside the box and in the 88th minute this allowed The Gap to equalise. A far better performance from the previous week, but if the team is to do well, they must start believing in themselves and their own ability and play more possession football . . . not the kick and run style they are playing at present.

The Prong

GO SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	2	2	-	-	7	1	6
Lions	2	2	-	-	5	2	6
Taringa	2	2	-	-	3	1	6
Olympic Utd.	2	1	-	1	6	2	3
Easts	2	1	-	1	4	1	3
Brisbane City	2	1	-	1	5	5	3
Mt. Gravatt	2	1	-	1	3	3	3
Pine Rivers	2	1	-	1	3	3	3
Rochedale R.	2	-	1	1	3	3	1
Redlands U.	2	-	1	1	3	4	1
Coalstars	2	-	-	2	1	8	0
Grange Thistle	2	-	-	2	1	9	0

XXXX RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt. Gravatt	2	2	-	-	7	2	6
Grange Thistle	2	2	-	-	5	0	6
Rochedale	2	2	-	-	4	1	6
Coalstars	2	1	1	-	7	2	4
Brisbane Lions	2	1	1	-	4	3	4
Taringa	2	1	-	1	3	3	3
Brisbane City	2	1	-	1	3	5	3
Pine Rivers	2	-	1	1	3	4	1
Redlands U.	2	-	1	1	3	4	1
Easts	2	-	-	2	0	2	0
North Star	2	-	-	2	1	5	0
Olympic Utd.	2	-	-	2	0	9	0

XXXX LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

3 goals: Mark Gilroy (Taringa R.), Harry Makridakis (Olympic U);
2 goals: Chris Phelan (Easts), Carl Scott (Easts), Jim McDonagh (North Star), Lee Howells (Bris. City), Paul Fagan (Bris. City), Brent Simpson (Rochedale), Ross Swan (North Star), Mike McCarthy (Mount Gravatt);
1 goal: Len Manikus (Pine R.), Nick Meredith (Lions), Chris Slater (Lions), Martin Kirsopp (Lions), John Lowey (Lions), Russell Stewart (Lions), Frank Byrne (Coalstars), Paul Hull (Redlands), Lindsay Dines (Pine R.), Clayton Koch (Pine R.), Joe Cairney (Rochedale), Scott Rackley (Grange T.), Atilla Marta (Redlands), Steve Roden (Redlands), Phillip Makridakis (Olympic), Mark Barry (Olympic), John Brown (Mt. Gravatt), Mick Cerneka (Olympic), Gerry Lindsay (North Star), Phil Mulvey (North Star), Billy Williamson (North Star).

XXXX COLTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	2	2	-	-	9	1	6
Rochedale	2	2	-	-	8	1	6
Pine Rivers	2	2	-	-	9	3	6
Brisbane City	2	2	-	-	7	2	6
Olympic Utd.	2	1	-	1	2	1	3
Lions	2	1	-	1	4	4	3
Mt. Gravatt	2	1	-	1	2	3	3
Easts	2	1	-	1	2	7	3
Grange Thistle	2	-	-	2	2	4	0
Coalstars	2	-	-	2	0	3	0
North Star	2	-	-	2	2	9	0
Redlands U.	2	-	-	2	0	9	0

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa	6	5	-	1	15	5	15
Rochedale R.	6	4	1	1	15	5	13
Lions	6	4	1	1	13	9	13
Mt. Gravatt	6	4	-	2	12	8	12
Brisbane City	6	4	-	2	15	12	12
Pine Rivers	6	3	1	2	15	10	10
Olympic Utd.	6	2	-	4	8	12	6
Easts	6	2	-	4	6	10	6
North Star	6	2	-	4	10	15	6
Grange Thistle	6	2	-	4	8	13	6
Coalstars	6	1	1	4	8	13	4
Redlands U.	6	-	2	4	6	17	2

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COMBINATION LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	1	1	-	-	4	2	3
Coalstars	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Redlands	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Taringa	1	-	-	1	2	4	0
Rochedale	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Easts	1	-	-	1	0	2	0

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WHERE TO GO THIS WEEKEND

XXXX LEAGUE:

SATURDAY —
Allison Park, 7 pm: Pine Rivers v North Star

SUNDAY —
Spencer Park, 2.45 pm: Brisbane City v Taringa
Bundamba, 2.45 pm: Coalstars v Redlands Utd.

MONDAY —
Dittmer Park, 2.45 pm: Mount Gravatt v Easts
Richlands Stadium, 2.45 pm: Lions v Olympic Utd.
Underwood Park, 7 pm: Rochedale v Grange Thistle

DIVISION TWO:

SATURDAY —
Proud Field, 7 pm: Acacia Ridge v Nerang
Maramba Stadium, 7 pm: Wynnum v Newmarket

SUNDAY —
Beninca Oval, 2.45 pm: Latrobe Valley v Ipswich Utd.
Sports Ground, 2.45 pm: Willowburn v Kingsridge

MONDAY —
Freeman Rd., 2.45 pm: Inala City v The Gap
Dunn Road, 2.45 pm: Brisbane Croatia v Mitchelton

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	2	2	-	-	3	0	6
Ipswich Utd.	2	1	1	-	7	4	4
Kingsridge	2	1	1	-	3	2	4
Inala City	2	1	1	-	2	1	4
Willowburn	2	1	-	1	5	3	3
Nerang	2	1	-	1	1	1	3
Mitchelton	2	1	-	1	4	6	3
Bris. Croatia	2	-	2	-	4	4	2
Latrobe Valley	2	-	1	1	2	3	1
The Gap	2	-	1	1	2	3	1
Wynnum	2	-	1	1	2	3	1
Newmarket	2	-	-	2	2	7	0

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich U.	2	2	-	-	10	4	6
Acacia Ridge	2	2	-	-	3	0	6
Willowburn	2	1	1	-	3	1	4
Wynnum	2	1	-	1	6	2	3
Kingsridge	2	1	-	-	4	1	3
Inala City	2	1	-	-	1	0	3
Mitchelton	2	1	-	1	4	7	3
Nerang	2	-	1	1	0	1	1
The Gap	2	-	1	1	2	4	1
Latrobe Valley	2	-	1	1	2	5	1
Newmarket	2	-	-	2	1	5	0
Croatia	2	-	-	2	4	10	0

DIVISION TWO THIRDS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich U.	2	2	-	-	9	1	6
Latrobe Valley	2	2	-	-	9	2	6
Inala City	2	2	-	-	8	2	6
Newmarket	2	1	-	1	6	4	3
Willowburn	2	1	-	1	4	4	3
Wynnum	2	1	-	1	1	1	3
The Gap	2	1	-	1	3	5	3
Acacia Ridge	2	1	-	1	2	4	3
Nerang	2	1	-	1	4	7	3
Kingsridge	2	-	-	2	3	6	0
Croatia	2	-	-	2	1	5	0
Mitchelton	2	-	-	2	0	8	0

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Goodna	1	1	-	-	4	1	3
Lutwyche	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Annerley	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Darra Utd.	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Redcliffe	1	-	1	-	2	2	1
St. Albans	1	-	1	-	2	2	1
Beenleigh	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Capalaba	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Slacks Creek	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
Toowong	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
University	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Souths	1	-	-	1	1	4	0

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Albans	1	1	-	-	8	1	3
Slacks Creek	1	1	-	-	4	2	3
Beenleigh	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
University	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Toowong	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Goodna	1	-	1	-	3	3	1
Souths	1	-	1	-	3	3	1
Annerley	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
Darra Utd.	1	-	-	1	2	4	0
Capalaba	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Lutwyche	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
Redcliffe	1	-	-	1	1	8	0

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Hills	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Samford	1	1	-	-	4	3	3
Oxley	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Wests	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Brothers	1	1	-	-	1	0	3
S.S. Eagles	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Logan City	1	-	1	-	0	0	1
Moggill	1	-	-	1	3	4	0
Leichhardt	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
Albany Creek	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
Kenmore	1	-	-	1	0	1	0
South Star	1	-	-	1	0	2	0

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albany Creek	1	1	-	-	8	2	3
Kenmore	1	1	-	-	3	0	3
Oxley	1	1	-	-	2	0	3
Samford	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Logan City	1	1	-	-	3	2	3
Pine Hills	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
South Star	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
S.S. Eagles	1	-	-	1	2	3	0
Moggill	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Leichhardt	1	-	-	1	0	2	0
Brothers	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
Wests	1	-	-	1	2	8	0

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Virginia	1	1	-	-	10	2	3
Brighton	1	1	-	-	6	0	3
Salisbury	1	1	-	-	3	0	3
Ind. Yugal	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Ipswich City	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Deception Bay	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Griffith Uni.	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
Caboolture	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
North Pine	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Woodridge R.	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
Loganholme	1	-	-	1	0	6	0
Annerley	1	-	-	1	2	10	0

DIVISION SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beenleigh	1	1	-	-	6	0	3
Acacia Ridge	1	1	-	-	5	1	3
Bayside	1	1	-	-	4	1	3
Wynnum	1	1	-	-	4	1	3
Inala City	1	1	-	-	3	2	3
Darra Utd.	1	1	-	-	2	1	3
Souths Utd.	1	-	-	1	1	2	0
University	1	-	-	1	2	3	0
Dinmore	1	-	-	1	1	4	0
Goodna	1	-	-	1	1	4	0
Salisbury	1	-	-	1	1	5	0
Capalaba	1	-	-	1	0	6	0

DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	1	1	-	-	9	0	3
Slacks Creek	1	1	-	-	7	1	3
Deception Bay	1	1	-	-	5	0	3
Lutwyche	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Virginia	1	1	-	-	3	1	3
Ind. Yugal	1	1	-	-	1	0	3
Caboolture	1	-	-	1	0	1	0
Annerley	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
University	1	-	-	1	1	3	0
Griffith Uni.	1	-	-	1	0	5	0
Albany Creek	1	-	-	1	1	7	0
Oxley	1	-	-	1	0	9	0

DIVISION EIGHT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Rivers	1	1	-	-	7	0	3
Rochedale R.	1	1	-	-	3	0	3
North Star	1	1	-	-	4	2	3
Olympic Utd.	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
Pine Hills	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
Lions	1	-	-	1	2	4	0
Grange Thistle	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
Taringa	1	-	-	1	0	7	0

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In stark contrast to the sultry heat of the previous Sunday, the persistent drizzle at Maramba stadium on Saturday was almost a welcome relief.

The greasy conditions did not allow the Third grade game to reach any great heights, and a 1-0 scoreline was probably a fair indication of Wynnum's slight superiority. This lack lustre affair brings to the fore a very important issue — should the Second Division follow the XXXX League and replace Third grade with Senior Colts?!?

For the second week running, the Reserves let in four first half goals and were never quite able to recover, being comprehensively beaten 6-1.

In First grade, Croatia carried on from where they left off last week, pounding the Wynnum goal on numerous occasions. After 15 minutes of continuous pressure, resulting from penetrating runs by young Mark Williamson, Croatia were unable to open their account. Inevitably, on their first serious attack, Wynnum were able to capitalise on their good fortune when Geoff Maltby was brought down in the penalty area. Croatia's equaliser was inevitable, and came from a 30m Radomir Vidosic freekick which the Wynnum keeper spilled into his own net.

A poorly-timed Greg Sealey tackle gave Wynnum another gift penalty goal. Paul Spruce equalised from a goalmouth melee, and Croatia will rue a missed Kenny Ryan penalty and a third goal which was disallowed late in the second half.

A concern for coach Bobby May is the relative youth and inexperience of the young backline, where three of the four goals conceded this season have come from penalties. Although not lacking ever, more composure and thinking is needed before lunging into last ditch desperation tackles if Croatia is to become a serious premiership contender.

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OLYMPIC UNITED 1 v MOUNT GRAVATT 2 (0-0) at Perry Park
SCORERS: Olympic U.: Mick Cerneka
Mt Gravatt: Mike McCarthy, John Brown
MAN OF THE MATCH: John Brown (Mr Gravatt)

OLYMPIC UTD: Ross 6, B Mylonas 6, Tsoumbaris 7, Cerneka 7, Moric 7, Konstantinou 6, M. Barry 6 (Bellas 5), Van Win 7, Eslao 6, (Ecimovic 6), Bedia 7, P. Makridakis 6. **Coach:** Juan Cutillas
MOUNT GRAVATT: Woodruffe 6, Baldassi 6, Caird 7, Tyson 7, Niven 6, McCarthy 7, Smyth 7, Hairsine 6, (Hoy Jnr 7), Brown 7, Peachey 6, Holmes 7. **Coach:** Roger Hoy.
Referee: Peter Murray 8.

NORTH STAR 3 v ROCHEDALE ROVERS 1 (2-1) at O'Callaghan Park
SCORERS: North Star: Gerry Lindsay, Jim McDonagh pen., Ross Swan
Rochedale: Brent Simpson.
MAN OF THE MATCH: Jim McDonagh (North Star)

NORTH STAR: Lord 6, Rowell 7, Buchanan 6, Williamson 6, M. Greer 8, R. Swan 7, G. Lindsay 7, (Haddow 5), P. Mulvey 7, K. Swan 6, McDonagh 8, Scriggins 7, (Lobwein 5). **Coach:** Billy Williamson.
ROCHEDALE: Beves 5, McMahon 7, Jenkins 5, Gooding 6, Donald 6, Low 5, (Bradford 5), J. Kelly 7, Fox 6, (Meulen 5), Clarkson 6, MacNicol 7, Simpson 6. **Coach:** Alan Jones.
Referee: Bill Moneverde 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 v COALSTARS 1 (2-1) at Richlands
SCORERS: Lions: Martin Kirsopp, John Lowey, Russell Stewart pen.
Coalstars: Frank Byrne
MAN OF THE MATCH: Rob Farrow (Lions)

LIONS: Farrow 8, Hunter 7, Mengotti 5, Stewart 7, Bertogna 6, J. Ogden 6, Kirsopp 7, Tonner 7, Lowey 7, (A. Stowell 6), Meredith 7, Slater 6, (Druery 6). **Coach:** Frank Liddell
COALSTARS: Petie 7, Caldwell 6, Kerr 7, McNaughton 7, McFarlane 7, Turner 6, A. Ogden 7, Dawson 6, (C. Thompson 6), Byrne 7, (Weston 6), Brusasco 7, Daunt 6. **Coach:** Mark Brusasco.
Referee: Wayne Smith 6.

REDLANDS UTD 1 v PINE RIVERS 2 (0-1) at Showgrounds
SCORERS: Redlands: Paul Hull pen.
Pine Rivers: Lindsay Dines, Clayton Koch
MAN OF THE MATCH: Clayton Koch (Pine Rivers)

REDLANDS: Baker 7, P. Laycock 7, Mitchell 5, Bell 7, Marta 5, Dick 6, (Burns 7), Roden 6, Hull 7, D. Corbett 6, (Berry 6), Curran 7, R. Laycock 0. **Coach:** David Large.
PINE RIVERS: Underhill 7, Cartwright 8, Eden 6, Stillman 7, Hewitt 7, Koch 8, Rhule 6, Preston 6, Dines 6, (Carey 7), Carroll 6, (Hamilton 6), Manikus 6. **Coach:** Bobby Hamilton.
Referee: Peter Hulme 8.

GRANGE THISTLE 1 v BRISBANE CITY 5 (0-4) at Lanham Park
SCORERS: Grange Thistle: Scott Rackley
Brisbane City: Lee Howells 2, Paul Fagan 2, own goal.
MAN OF THE MATCH: Ibro Cahut (Brisbane City)

GRANGE THISTLE: S. Lindsay 4, McKie 4 (Ribone 5), Andrew Somerville 6, G. Heiner 5, Wilson 5, Ayiub 4, (Mather 4), Millican 7, Anthony Sommerville 5, Rackley 6, Ramsay 5, Moli 4.
Coach: Steve Dolan.
Referee: Barry Power 7.

TARINGA ROVERS 1 v EASTS 0 (1-0) at Speare Park
SCORERS: Taringa: Mark Gilroy
MAN OF THE MATCH: Domenic Tonel (Taringa Rovers)

TARINGA: Scanlan 7, Savage 6, Tonel 8, Bray 7, Gerritsen 6, Bennett 7, Swadling 6, C. Petersen 7, (Tollenaere 7), Austin 6, (A. McCulloch 7), Gilroy 7, Ash 6. **Coach:** Glenn Davis.
EASTS: Newburn 6, Freiberg 6, (T. Kane 6), Scott 7, Geritz 6, Perry 7, P. Peterson 6, (J. Playle 6), Grodum 7, Collins 6, Phelan 7, P. Thompson 7, McDermott 6. **Coach:** John Sime.
Referee: Tony Slater 8.

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SAMFORD ROVERS

DIVISION FOUR:
The main game kicked off in Squawling rain on a well grassed pitch at Moggill which coped well with the downpour.

Moggill drew first blood after an attack down the left touch line. From an impossible angle the ball skidded inside the near post.

Samford replied soon after through Dean Smareglia, but Moggill surprised again by scoring an identical goal to their first.

The home team led 2-1 at half time but the bruising encounter was still anyones' game. We equalised soon after the break when a strong run from Smareglia gave him his second.

Moggill appeared set to take the game when they converted a very dubious penalty. However, this was when Samford showed their renowned spirit. We started to constantly attack their goal as they seemed to tire. From a free kick inside the box (hard to understand) Steve Forsyth scorched the back of the net. We were now on a roll and from a quick break, Lyndsay Wills deceived the advancing keeper to break the deadlock.

In the final minutes our backline soaked up any pressure offered. Samford showed great commitment to come from behind on three occasions against a determined home team to give all the tipsters a slow start to the new year. Best for Samford were Smareglia, G. Morrison and J. Reed.

RESERVES:
Our new look reserves team had to cope with the worst conditions of the night but started confidently with new boy Scott Campbell showing classy touches to score after three minutes.

We dropped back a gear midway through the half allowing Moggill an equaliser just before the break.

The second session was all Samford with Lewis, Henders and Campbell dominating the middle of the park. A scorching run by veteran Mike Lewis saw him race to the box and drive us into the lead.

We wasted countless opportunities to run up our goal average, but finally best player Campbell got his second to give us a comfortable 3-1 victory.

BRIGHTON

With all our players back that we lost last season, Brighton is set for a good season as was reflected by our results last weekend.

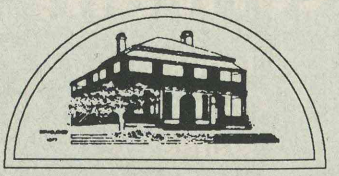
DIVISION FIVE: Brighton 6 v Loganholme 0.

With Roy Ryff organising from the back, the team made it look easy. Constant pressure resulted in goals by Clive Barner (2), Frank Ryff (2), Ken Walsh and Peter Tatchelli. Tony Mancini was a dynamo in the halves.

DIVISION SEVEN: Brighton 9 v Oxley 0.

Steve Wright stole the show by scoring six goals with the others added by Adrian Mancini (2), and Brett Steven. A good all- round team effort with man of the match going to Dave Wills.

K. M. SMITH



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This week's guest tipster is Lions and Brisbane squad striker Chris Slater. Last week's guest, Easts' Carl Scott, scored a success rate of 29%. The success rate, including that in the guests' column, is a progressive average.

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK . . .

MATCH	GEOFF STEAD	GARRY LEGG	MARK BRIGDEN	CHRIS SLATER
XXXX LEAGUE				
Coalstars v Redlands	COALSTARS	COALSTARS	DRAW	COALSTARS
Lions v Olympic	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS	LIONS
Bris. City v Taringa	BRIS. CITY	DRAW	DRAW	BRIS. CITY
Rochedale v Grange T.	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE	ROCHEDALE	DRAW
Pine Rivers v North Star	NORTH STAR	NORTH STAR	NORTH STAR	NORTH STAR
Mt Gravatt v Easts	EASTS	DRAW	MT GRAVATT	MT GRAVATT
DIVISION TWO				
Acacia Ridge v Nerang	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.	ACACIA R.
Wynnum v Newmarket	WYNNUM	NEWMARKET	WYNNUM	WYNNUM
Latrobe V. v Ipswich U.	IPSWICH U.	IPSWICH U.	IPSWICH U.	IPSWICH U.
Willowburn v Kingsridge	KINGSRIDGE	WILLOWBURN	WILLOWBURN	KINGSRIDGE
Croatia v Mitchelton	DRAW	MITCHELTON	CROATIA	CROATIA
Inala City v The Gap	INALA CITY	INALA CITY	INALA CITY	INALA CITY
DIVISION THREE				
Beenleigh v Goodna	DRAW	GOODNA	BEENLEIGH	GOODNA
Redcliffe v Capalaba	DRAW	CAPALABA	CAPALABA	DRAW
Lutwyche v St. Albans	LUTWYCHE	LUTWYCHE	LUTWYCHE	LUTWYCHE
Annerley v University	ANNERLEY	DRAW	DRAW	UNIVERSITY
Darra v Toowong	DARRA	DARRA	DRAW	DARRA
Souths v Slacks Creek	SLACKS CK	DRAW	SLACKS CK	DRAW
DIVISION FOUR				
Samford v Wests	SAMFORD	SAMFORD	SAMFORD	DRAW
Leichhardt v Moggill	DRAW	LEIGHHARDT	DRAW	DRAW
Brothers v Oxley	DRAW	DRAW	DRAW	OXLEY
S.S. Eagles v Kenmore	KENMORE	DRAW	KENMORE	DRAW
South Star v Logan City	DRAW	LOGAN CITY	LOGAN CITY	SOUTH STAR
Albany Ck v Pine Hills	PINE HILLS	PINE HILLS	ALBANY CK	PINE HILLS
Success Rate	**42%**	**46%**	**33%**	**29%**

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XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 3

PINE RIVERS v NORTH STAR

Allison Park, Saturday, 7 pm

Referee: BARRY HARWOOD

Referee Barry Harwood is a FIFA badge official in Brisbane for the women's Oceania Cup, starting this weekend.

It will be interesting to compare Harwood with some of our local officials, particularly in this game which is the first XXXX League derby between the two northern clubs.

But it is not the first time they have met in recent times. Rivers accounted for North Star in the pre-season tournament and in last year's Ampol Cup qualifying round were leading North Star with 20 minutes to go.

Next Games: Pine Rivers v Grange T.
North Star v Lions

WHO'S HOT . . .

North Star striker Jim McDonagh is the best striker in Brisbane at the moment and should have been in Brisbane Colours mid-week. He's a goal-a-game at the moment.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Poor Noel Carroll just can't seem to get fit. He aggravated his foot injury last weekend and now should take a proper break and come back when fully fit. Time is on his side.

TEAMS

PINE RIVERS	NORTH STAR
1 PETER UNDERHILL	1 NOEL LORD
2 JOHN CARTWRIGHT	2 STEVE ROWELL
3 GRAHAM EDEN	3 G. BUCHANAN
4 ANDREW STILLMAN	4 B. WILLIAMSON
5 BRIAN HEWITT	5 DANNY LOBWEIN
6 CLAYTON KOCH	6 ROSS SWAN
7 JOHN RHULE	7 KEN SWAN
8 BOB HAMILTON	8 GERRY LINDSAY
9 JOHN PRESTON	9 JIM McDONAGH
10 LINDSAY DINES	10 LEE SCRIGGINS
11 PETER CAREY	11 PHIL MULVEY
12 NOEL CARROLL	12 MARK GREER
13 LEN MANIKUS	13 SHANE HADDOW
14	14 JUSTIN KILSHAW
15	15 S. HUMPHREYS
16 GAVIN POLAK	16 ENZO DAGOSTINO
17 ENZO CUPO	17 PAUL GRAHAM
20 ASTON BELL	20 JASON PARKS
Coach: Bob Hamilton	**Coach:** Bill Williamson

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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BRISBANE CITY v TARINGA ROVERS

Referee: BILL MONTEVERDE

Spencer Park, Sunday, 2.45 pm

Brisbane City tried hard to have this match re-scheduled as many of their traditional supporters will be absent on this Easter Sunday clash.

City bounced back to form with a big win over Thistle last weekend, but will find the league's quiet achievers, Taringa, a lot tougher.

Taringa are poised to celebrate their 40th anniversary in a big way if they can maintain their momentum and the best way to prove Brisbane selector Mal Bland wrong, as Taringa coach Glenn Davis claims he is, is to keep winning.

Next Games: Brisbane City v Easts
Taringa v Rochedale

TEAMS

BRISBANE CITY	TARINGA ROVERS
1 WAYNE EVANS	1 TONY SCANLAN
2 GLENN ARCHER	2 JOHN KOWTAN
3 IBRO CAHUT	3 MIKE SAVAGE
4 ROB VASQUEZ	4 DOMENIC TONEL
5 NOEL GREENHALGH	5 CHRIS BRAY
6 LEE HOWELLS	6 M. GERRITSEN
7 CHEETHA VOSUGA	7 MARK BENNETT
8 FRANK PIMBLETT	8 GREG SWADLING
9 KIERAN COOPER	9 CARL PETERSON
10 PADDY DILLON	10 JARROD AUSTIN
11 JOE PALINKAS	11 MARK GILROY
12 ANDY CHAPMAN	12 SEAN CRANNEY
13 PAUL FAGAN	13 DAVID ASH
14 RONALD YULE	14 A. McCULLOCH
15 JOHN SCHIAVO	15 G. VAN der RYKEN
16 JOHN FIGLIANO	16 S. TOLLENAERE
17	17 IAN SPEARE
20 JASON LUCAS	20 J. KEATING
Coach: Mat Carson	**Coach:** Glenn Davis

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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WHO'S HOT . . .

Taringa in all three grades. The club are surprise early leaders in the club championship and in particular have a classy Colts outfit. There appears depth behind their current form.

WHO'S NOT . . .

The jerks who are already complaining about Bill Monteverde controlling a City game. Simply Bill is among our best and always referees without bias. It's the critics who are one-eyed.

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 3

COALSTARS v REDLANDS UNITED

Referee: GORDON NICHOLSON

Bundamba, Sunday, 2.45 pm

TEAMS

COALSTARS	REDLANDS UTD.
1 JON PETIE	1 RICHARD BAKER
2 KEVIN CALDWELL	2 PAUL LAYCOCK
3 PHIL KERR	3 DANNY BELL
4 M. McNAUGHTON	4 MARK CURRAN
5 STU WESTON	5 STEVE MITCHELL
6 CRAIG THOMPSON	6 ATTILA MARTA
7 JON KITCHING	7 DARREN PARSONS
8 FRANK BYRNE	8 STEVE PARSONS
9 MARK PETIE	9 STEVE RODEN
10 MARK BRUSASCO	10 R. LAYCOCK
11 CALVIN DAUNT	11 JUSTIN DICK
12 JASON TURNER	12 PETER DESPOT
13 DAVID O'LEARY	13 JASON BURNS
14 CHRIS DAWSON	14 A. COULSON
15 ANDY OGDEN	15 PAUL HULL
16 PHIL LAVERY	16 PETER BERRY
17 ALAN McFARLANE	17 JOHN ADAMSON
20 DAVID COSTA	20
Coach: Mark Brusasco	**Coach:** David Large

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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After being labelled in the media as one of the worst sides in the league, Coalstars showed plenty of character to push Lions all the way last weekend.

Coalstars have had a tough start to the season and would view this game as a real opportunity to pick up points, especially at home.

But despite being written off by many pundits very early in the season Redlands, unlike some other sides in the league, are yet to be thrashed. They could prove a tough nut for Coalstars to crack.

Next Games: North Star v Coalstars
Redlands v Olympic Utd.

WHO'S HOT . . .

Young goalkeeper Jon Petie has been improving with every game since his return to Ipswich and made some fine saves against Lions, although still needs to work on taking crosses.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Gordon Nicholson did nothing for the so-called accord between referees and the rest of soccer when he ordered Juan Cutillas behind the fence at Perry Park on Friday night for what was a heat of the moment outburst.

BRISBANE LIONS v OLYMPIC UNITED

Richlands, Monday, 2.45 pm

Referee: MORRIE DELLER

Olympic continue to be one of the XXXX League's most inconsistent sides and their results in the first two rounds underlines that.

Admittedly, Juan Cutillas is currently missing upto seven first team squad members and the narrow loss to Mount Gravatt was not without its merits.

Lions are undefeated but are yet to play anything like their best, and have tradidionally struggled against Olympic. This could be Frank Liddell's side's hardest test to date.

Next Games: Mt Gravatt v Lions
Redlands v Olympic

TEAMS

BRISBANE LIONS	OLYMPIC UNITED
1 ROB FARROW	1 GRAHAM ROSS
2 DAVID LONSDALE	2 JIM BELLAS
3 JOHN LOWEY	3 ANDREW LAMBI
4 RUSSELL STEWART	4 MICK CERNEKA
5 ARNO BERTOGNA	5 NICK MORIC
6 ANDREW STOWELL	6 H. TSOUMBARIS
7 MARTIN KIRSOPP	7 CHRIS MICHAEL
8 NICK MEREDITH	8 ARTHUR PHOTINOS
9 CHRIS SLATER	9 RICHARD VAN WIN
10 BRETT DRUERY	10 MICHAEL KELLY
11 FRANK COLE	11 HARRY MAKRIDAKIS
12 JOHN OGDEN	12 ELMER BEDIA
13 MICHAEL TONNER	13 PAUL BARRY
14 DAVID HUNTER	14 MILOS STRUGAR
15 B. EASTWELL	15 MICHAEL ECIMOVIC
16 FRANK MENGOTTI	16 MARK BARRY
17	17 S. KONSTANTINOU
20 KEVIN TATTON	20 ROBERT PIGAC
Coach: Frank Liddell	**Coach:** Juan Cutillas

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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WHO'S HOT . . .

It was a big effort from Nick "Crash" Moric to play last Friday night after being involved in a car accident outside Perry Park. He is one of Olympic's tough-men.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Frank Mengotti got a poor rating in the XXXX report last weekend after an uncharacteristic scrappy game. With Wally Savor out of the Socceroos temporarily, Mengotti should be aiming high.

XXXX LEAGUE — ROUND 3

MOUNT GRAVATT v EASTS

Dittmer Park, Monday, 2.45 pm

Referee: JOHN CONTOUDIOS

Easts are having one of their slowest starts to the season in many years — but it could be a good omen.

Several times in recent seasons the Tigers have raced away in the first round only to lose form at the end of the season and fall frustratingly short of the silverware.

Mount Gravatt on the other hand are having a good start after a bad beginning last year. Michael Mulvey is back from interstate and was the Hawks top scorer in the pre-season.

Next Games: Mount Gravatt v Lions
Easts v Brisbane City

WHO'S HOT . . .

John Brown is edging back to his speedy and skilful best and almost single-handedly created the Hawks winner last Friday. Brisbane's Ruud Gullit is the one to watch.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Roger Hoy Jnr was lucky to get away with the obscene gesture he made to the Olympic supporters after the Hawks netted their winner last week. One should prove themselves in the league before big-noting.

TEAMS

MOUNT GRAVATT	EASTS
1 MARK PICKUP	1 DAVE MEWBURN
2 ATTILIO BALDASSI	2 DARREN FREIBERG
3 NOEL DAVIS	3 CARL SCOTT
4 GEORGE CAIRD	4 MARK GERITZ
5 PETER TYSON	5 STEVE PERRY
6 ALAN NIVEN	6 PAUL PETERSON
7 MARK HAIRSINE	7 STEIN GRODUM
8 MIKE McCARTHY	8 CRAIG COLLINS
9 ROY SMYTH	9 COLIN PHELAN
10 MICHAEL MULVEY	10 PHIL THOMPSON
11 JOHN BROWN	11 BILL McDERMOTT
12 ROGER HOY JNR	12 TONY KANE
13 ROSS PEACHEY	13 JUSTIN PLAYLE
14 STEW HOLMES	14 MARTIN FEHLBERG
15	15 DAVID KANE
16 GARY F. IRELAND	16 RICHARD NICOL
17 GREG SHAPLAND	17 WAYNE CORBETT
20 STU WOODRUFFE	20 SCOTT BOARDMAN
Coach: Roger Hoy	**Coach:** John Sime

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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ROCHEDALE ROVERS v GRANGE THISTLE

Referee: WAYNE SMITH

Underwood Park, Monday, 7 pm

TEAMS

ROCHEDALE R.	GRANGE THISTLE
1 MARTIN COE	1 STEVE LINDSAY
2 STUART GREER	2 JOHN RIBONE
3 GERRY McMAHON	3 JOHN WILSON
4 STEVE DONALD	4 GARY HEINER
5 STEVE MUELEN	5 A. SOMERVILLE
6 NEV GOODING	6 ROBERT MARINOV
7 MICHAEL CLARKSON	7 ALLAN MILLICAN
8 TOM McGREGOR	8 M. AYIUB
9 DAVID BEARMAN	9 PAUL RAMSAY
10 JIM KELLY	10 SCOTT RACKLEY
11 BRIAN MacNICOL	11 JACOB MOLI
12 CHRIS COOTES	12 T. SOMERVILLE
13 DUNCAN BLAKLEY	13 SCOTT REIMERS
14 KAI SCHIMKAT	14 NIGEL MATHER
15 STEVE BRADFORD	15 NICK BRYANT
16 CRAIG LOW	16 DAVID HARRIS
17 PAUL GROCOTT	17 WAYNE KELLY
20 STEVE ELWOOD	20 ANDREW HOBBS
Coach: Alan Jones	**Coach:** Steve Dolan

Scores: H.T. ..... F.T. .....

Scores: .....

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Grange Thistle have now conceded nine goals in their opening two games and the panic button cannot be too far away.

Thistle have worked hard with limited resources in recent seasons and it would seem a shame to throw it away this season. Simply, they cannot afford to lose this one.

But Rochedale showed perserverence to keep attacking North Star last weekend and were unlucky not to at least finish a goal closer. And they owe their fans a better home performance than a fortnight ago.

Next Games: Taringa v Rochedale
Grange T. v Pine Rivers

WHO'S HOT . . .

Alan Millican was one of the few Thistle players to keep trying when the game against City was obviously lost and a few of his team-mates should take note.

WHO'S NOT . . .

Stephen Bradford was snapped up by Rochedale very earlier in the off-season but is yet to even look like repaying his surprisingly high transfer fee.

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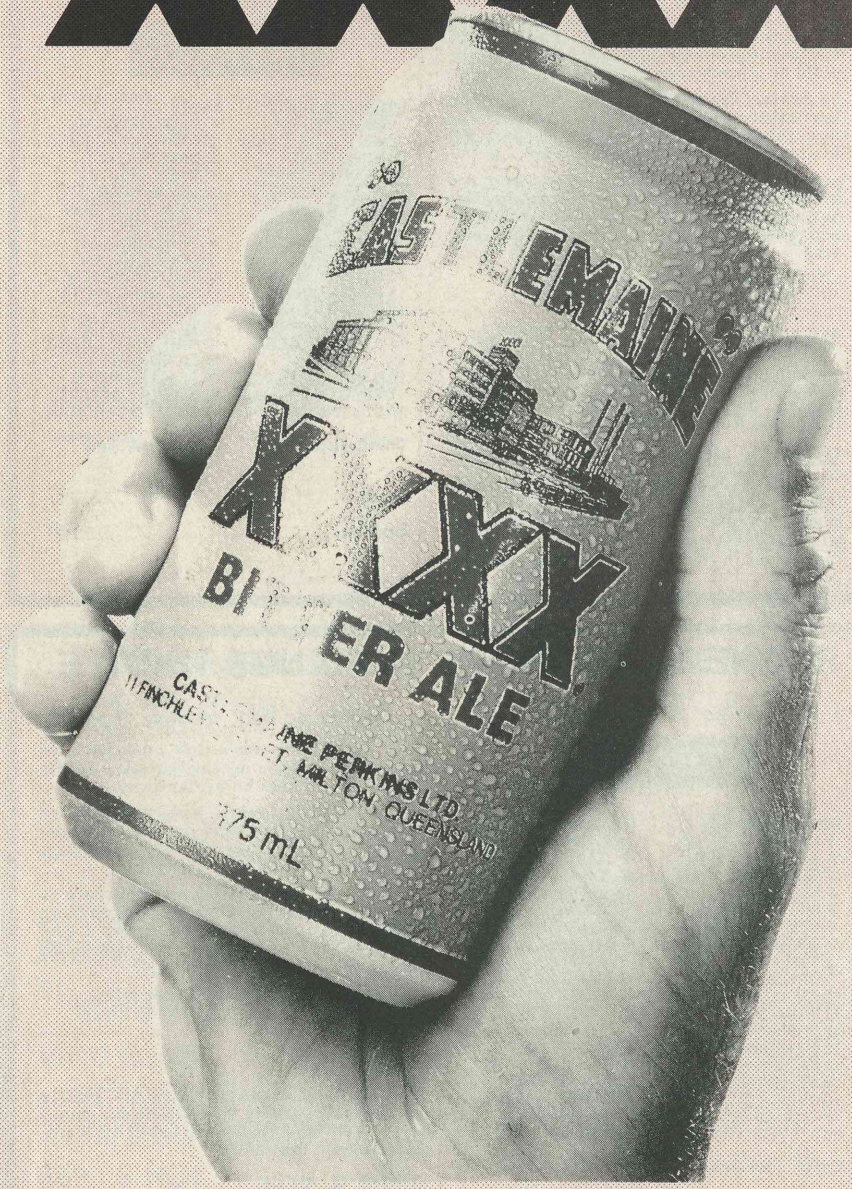

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