

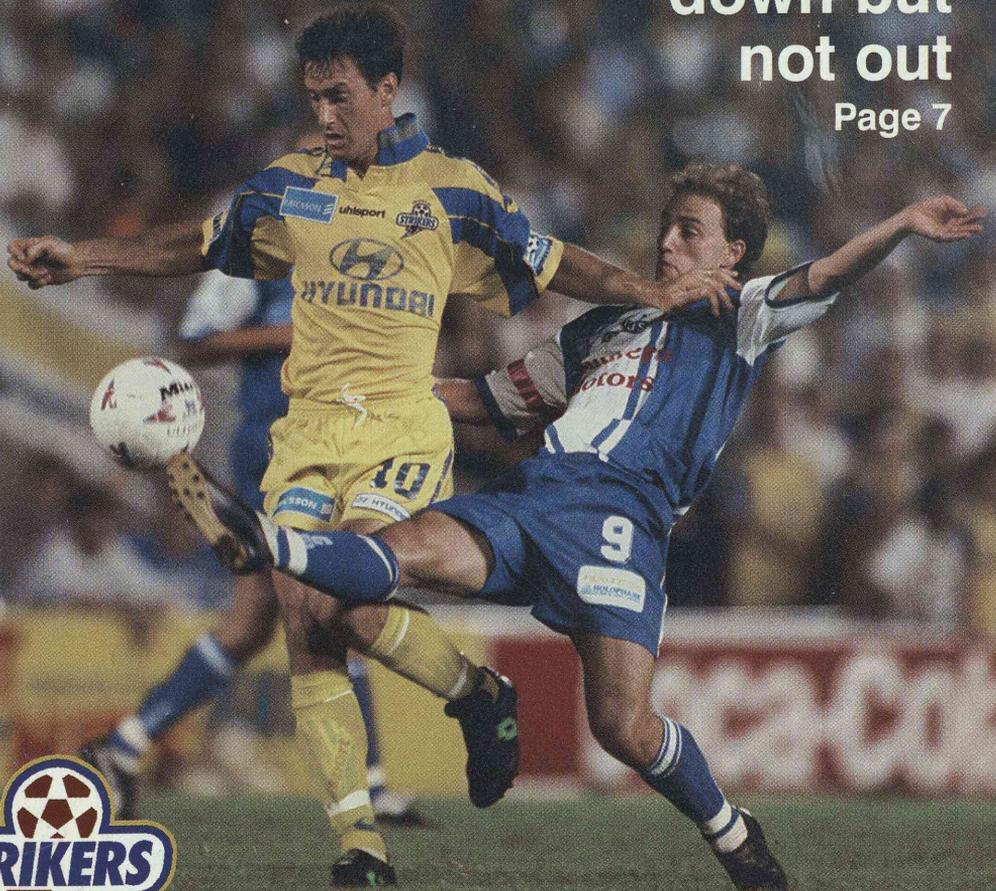
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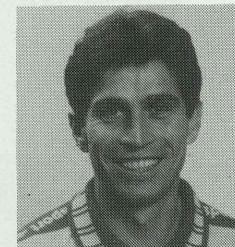
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Coach's Comment



Frank Farina

**International Women's
Day has come to Suncorp,
let's hope it brings a
change of fortune.**

Unfortunately we are once again hit by injury and suspensions (what's new?). But the time for excuses is gone and if we are to get back on track, we have to get out there tonight and give everything for 90 minutes.

Aggression, pride and a will to win will be the qualities which will secure the points tonight.

Our opponents Marconi are the form team of the competition at the moment and are brimming with confidence.

They are also stacked with internationals so tonight's encounter will be a "David and Goliath" confrontation. The last time we were in that position we dished out a 4-0 thumping to Sydney United, so let's hope for more of the same tonight.

Some good news is that Sean Cranney should be back either this week or the next. Unfortunately the return of both Alan Hunter and Kasey Wehrman look like being around three or four weeks away.

One thing I can guarantee is that you will see us do whatever it takes to ensure we are part of the finals action.

Finally, on behalf of the team I welcome all the lovely ladies who have ventured to Suncorp and of course hope we can make it a night for everyone to remember.

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Strikers must win tonight

The match against Marconi-Fairfield tonight looms as a "must win" for the Strikers.

The team has lost five of its last seven matches and has dropped from a clear second on the league ladder to third with just five points separating the Strikers from seventh placed Perth Glory.

Player/coach Frank Farina said the match against the Melbourne Knights on Sunday was very disappointing.

"The goal they (Knights) scored came from a basic era on our part," he said.

"In saying that, we should have scored on a number of occasions in the first half but failed to capitalise on our opportunities.

Farina said he was desperate to win every game and tonight's match was vital for the team's chances of "getting back on track".

"When you lose five from seven games, it's not very good at all," he said.

"We're conceding way too many goals and of the games we've lost recently, we've fallen a goal behind in the first 10 minutes.

"You might be able to play catch up football once or twice, but if it is a continual part of your game, you're going to get punished."

Farina said the suspensions and injuries had made it difficult for the team to perform.

"Perhaps the bounce of the ball was going our way in the early part of the season," he said.

"You only have to look at the performance of Marconi since the break to see the impact stability can have on a team.

"They've been able to play the same guys week in and week out and are now in clear second position on the ladder."

Socceroo Matthew Bingley might be a threat to a Strikers victory tonight



The Strikers are missing regular starters Kasey Wehrman, Alan Hunter and Sean Cranney due to injury, and Andrew Brayshaw and Farina due to suspension.

"We've not only had injuries to key players but it's been key players in key positions," Farina said.

"However, we've got a good squad and the boys who have been called into the team need to take their opportunities and be counted."

With just seven matches remaining in the round, the Strikers need to string a couple of wins together to put some distance between themselves and opposing teams battling for a top six position.

Tonight's match will be hard-fought given the "Fairfielders" have a line up of no less than six current internationals.

The team boasts five Socceroo's, three Former Young Socceroo's, two Former Socceroo's and one Young Socceroo's.

And with names like De Marigny, Awaritefe, Bingley, Foster, Babic and Longo in the side, it's little wonder Marconi is the form team of competition. □



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New XXXX Premier League

The Queensland Soccer Federation will enter a new era this week with the start of the inaugural XXXX Premier league season.

This new league follows a revamp of the former competition which has reduced the number of teams to eight.

The competition shapes as the most competitive ever with the cream of the state's top talent on show every week.

QSF president Wallace Dann, who was recently re-elected to the position for a ninth consecutive term, says he's convinced the new format will make for a more entertaining product than ever before.

"By shrinking the league from 12 teams down to eight, we have aimed to concentrate the best players in those teams and thus lift

the standard of the league. After watching matches in a number of tournaments recently, I'm confident we've achieved this" he said.

The eight teams which form the new XXXX Premier League in 1997 are: Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, Rochedale Rovers, Taringa Rovers, Coalstars, Wynnum District, Bundaberg Waves and Beenleigh.

Although Rochedale Rovers and Wynnum were first away with their match last night, the remainder of the games will be played tomorrow with a common kickoff time of 2.45pm.

Coalstars meet Beenleigh at Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba. Taringa and Bundaberg do battle at Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly while Brisbane City take on Brisbane Lions over at Spencer Park, Newmarket. □

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Kasey down but not out

Strikers star midfielder Kasey Wehrman will be sidelined for at least three weeks after he endured a severe facial injury during the team's 1 - 0 loss to the Melbourne Knights at Kardinia Park last Sunday.

Wehrman's cheekbone was cracked in three places and depressed when he clashed heads with Knights midfielder Damien Vojtek whilst contesting a header.

Wehrman (pictured) said the incident happened very quickly.

"I went up for a header and turned my head to knock the ball away.... I could see movement out of the corner of my eye," he said.

"The doctor said I was lucky his (Vojtek's) forehead didn't make contact with my face in a higher spot as that would have been around the temple region which could have been far worse."

Wehrman said depending on his body's healing ability, he could be back on the pitch within three weeks.

"I could be back that early and I will have a scan next Monday to see how the injury is progressing," he said.

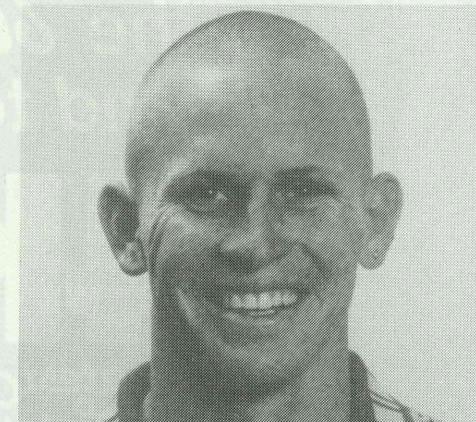
"I just have to wait now for it to heal but I hope to start running next week.

"However, I won't come back early as I don't want to risk further injury."

Strikers player/coach Frank Farina said Kasey was a key player in the team and would be missed over the next few weeks.

"Losing Kasey is a major setback, but we're fortunate that he's not out for the rest of the season," he said.

Some players find it difficult to return to competitive contact sport after a facial fracture but Farina believes Kasey's



enthusiasm and commitment will see him through.

"Once he gets back into a game situation and takes a few bumps, I'm sure the Kasey of old will be back stronger than ever," he said.

"This minor set back is all part and parcel of top level competition especially for players as committed as he is."

Even though the injury to Kasey is a serious matter, there is a brighter side to this story.

Kasey was ready to leave hospital late Monday morning but was forced to endure the hospital's hospitality for longer than he would have preferred due to the wayward navigation skills of team manager, Ian Dalzell.

"Dazzles" as he is affectionately known around the club, left Melbourne to travel to Geelong to pick Kasey up.

But two hours later and after striking some trouble with road signs, "Dazzles" found himself back at the motel from where he started. Alas, Kasey was still in Geelong!

"The longest two days of my life were spent waiting around for Dazzles," Kasey quipped. □

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Chay Hews - a new force

by Andrew van der Beek

An outstanding Man Of the Match performance by another of the Brisbane Strikers young guns Chay Hews against Wollongong a couple of weeks ago, signalled the midfielder's emergence as a force in the Ericsson Cup.

Hews has been in the run on side for the Strikers in the past four league games and coach Frank Farina has been very pleased with the youngster's progress.

"I've been very happy with the way he's slotted into the right midfield role and he's performed very well for us," he said.

Hews began his career with Willowburn in Toowoomba before joining XXXX league powerhouse Brisbane Lions where he played in the reserve and first grade sides.

His representative honours include selection in the Queensland juniors and the Australian under-17 training squad.

In the 1994/95 season Hews captained the Queensland Academy of Sport to their first ever appearance in the finals of the National Youth League and his fine personal performances led him into the Strikers setup the following year.

"At the end of that year Bruce Stowell brought me into the Strikers squad and it was a great experience," he said

Hews showed he was able to handle the big time with some sound performances last year in the Ericsson Cup, but he has really begun to shine under the tutelage of Farina.

The loss of Socceroo midfielder Sean Cranney earlier in the year was a tremendous blow to the Strikers finals aspirations but Hews has come in to the midfield and showed maturity beyond his years.

"I'm really enjoying being in the starting

Chay Hews showed other hidden talents recently on TV Nine's Brisbane Extra - Modelling the latest in men's underwear ...nice legs Chay!



lineup and I'm pleased with the way I've been playing," he said.

On his Man of the Match performance in Wollongong and subsequent singling out for special praise on SBS television's *On the Ball* programme, Hews said it was nice to be given a pat on the back.

"I've been working very hard this year and the award was a nice boost for me," he said.

Hews is confident the Strikers have arrested a recent form slump which has seen them pushed into third position by this week's opposition Marconi, and said with players returning from injury the team is set for a big charge towards the finals.

"I think we have a few boys coming back soon with Sean Cranney and Alan Hunter returning from injury and having them back will help us return to the form we showed earlier in the year," he said.

Hews is just one of the current crop of former QAS players drafted into this season's Strikers squad. The other's to come in and impress this year are Kasey Wehrman, Wayne Knipe, Reece Tollenare and Mat Bell. □



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Marconi - A brief history

by Andrew Howe

At a general meeting in 1956 proud Italian immigrant Oscar Michelini moved that the social club of which he was founding member of adopt the official name, Club Marconi of Bossley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited.

From the onset of the national league in 1977 Marconi have regularly been considered pacesetters of the competition. In the first national league game ever played in Brisbane (on April 3, 1977), Marconi beat Brisbane City 1-0, in front of over 5,000 fans. Marconi came agonisingly close to securing the league's first league championship, only to be pipped at the post by Sydney City on goal difference.

The Fairfielders could also not have got any closer to winning the inaugural national knockout cup - losing out in the 1977 cup final to Brisbane Lions 5-3 on penalties, at Brisbane's Perry Park. At the end of the 1978 season supporters were wondering if any trophy was ever going to come their way - after 13 rounds of the league's second season Marconi were six points in front of their closest challengers and had not lost a game. By round 26 the team were placed fourth and had lost 8 games!

Marconi's real golden era started in the late 1980s.

After Frank Farina was the national league's top scorer in both of his two seasons at Marconi (1987 and 1988), Marconi made three grand final appearances in a row. Grand final victories occurred in 1988 (v Sydney United on penalties) and 1989 (Olympic 1-0).

In the 1993 grand final, Marconi edged out fellow national league ever-present Adelaide City 1-0.

On the 13th of October 1991 - the second round of the 1991-92 season - national league debutantes Brisbane United shocked all in their first national league game played interstate. They defeated the Stallions 1-0 at Marconi Stadium, courtesy of a Chris Slater goal. This was United's first ever national league win.

In the 1995-96 season, Marconi were the only team to beat the Strikers in Brisbane - and the Strikers were the only non-Sydney team to beat Marconi in Sydney!

Marconi holds the record for the number of national league wins (248 at the start of the 1996-97 season) and the number of premierships (four). □

Brief Statistical Summary of Marconi/ Brisbane clashes in the National League

Season	Final Position	Cup Placing	Avg Marconi Home Crowds	Result in Brisbane	Result in Sydney
1991-92	7th (14 teams)	=2nd (14 teams)	3400	1-1	1-0 Bris
1992-93	2nd (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	3400	2-1 Bris	5-1 Marc
1993-94	4th (14 teams)	=5th (14 teams)	4100	2-0 Bris	1-0 Marc
1994-95	10th (13 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	4300	2-1 Bris	3-3
1995-96	1st (12 teams)	=5th (12 teams)	5000	3-1 Marc, 1-1	2-1 Bris

- Around the Ground -

■ For the record, Abbie Meadows said yes to Adam Newson's marriage proposal last week. Adam used the Suncorp scoreboard at last week's half-time, to pop the question to Abbie.

■ Don't forget to check page 29 of your match day magazine to see if you have Nick Meridith's autograph. If you do, then you have won dinner to the value of \$50 at La Dolce Vita restaurant in Park Road Milton. Just take your autographed magazine to the operations room at the scoreboard end of the grandstand to claim your prize. You must have bought the magazine with Nick's autograph already in it!

■ Corporate visitors to Suncorp Stadium tonight should also check the lucky ticket they were handed at the door, to see if they have

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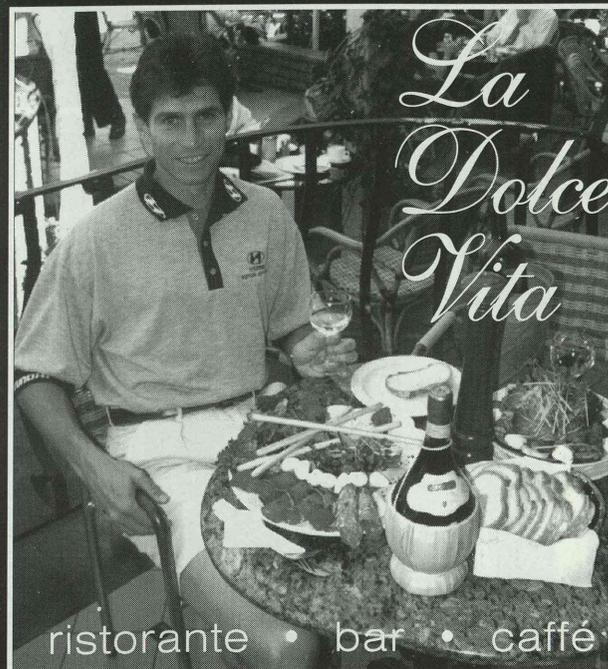
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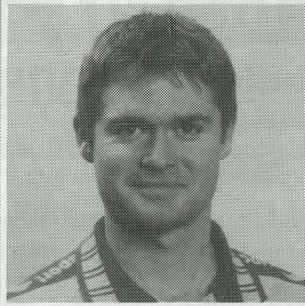
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Nickname: "Rossi"

Game Play -

Best ~ Shot stopping

Worst ~ Not telling

Honours: Qld Seniors

Hobbies: Walking the dog

Favourite.....

O/S Club ~ Aledrie

Food ~ Pasta

Drink ~ Coke

TV Show ~ Friends

Movie ~ Boomerang

Actor ~ Samuel L Jackson

Actress ~ Demi Moore

Comedian ~ Eddie Murphy

Dislikes: Goal scorers

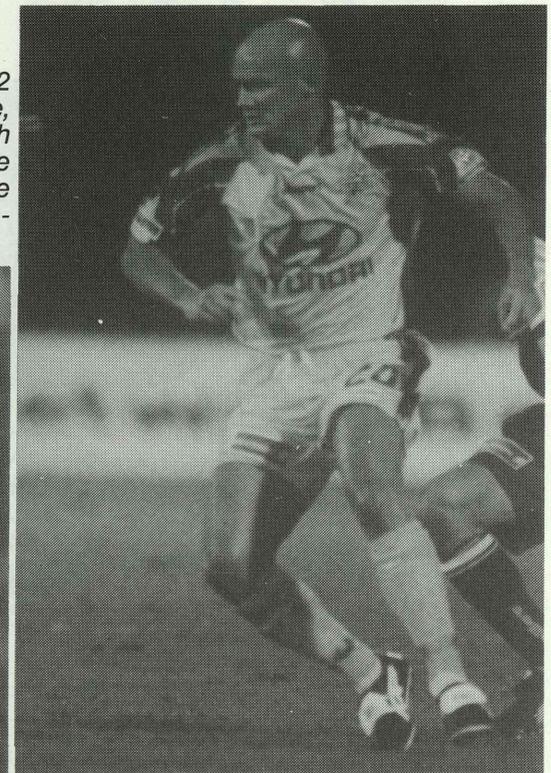
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ACTION REPLAY



Things sure hotted up when the Strikers clawed back to a 2-2 scoreline... Danny Wright got high on his first goal in a while, Damian Waugh got down to business from the start. Nick Meridith made his debut after half time and got things going, while Frankie had a few things to say about a few things! Love too was in the air when the scoreboard was used for a marriage proposal - Abbie said yes to Adam's advances, congrats to you both.



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There are 10 Marconi players names hidden in this maze of letters. You must find them NOW!



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JUMBLED NAMES

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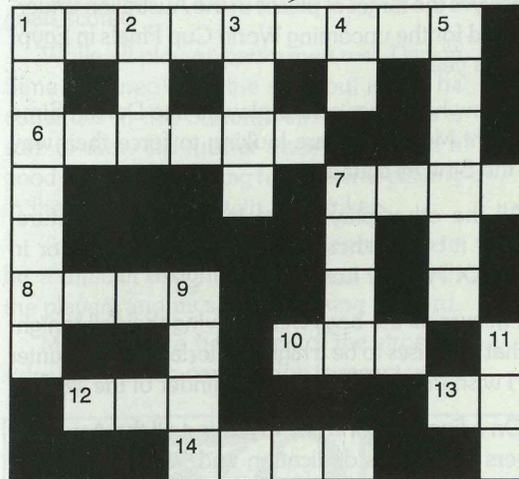
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Marconi Captain's surname -----
- 6 We must play well to make the -----
- 7 The Olyroos will go for ---- in the Olympics
- 8 Support your local ----
- 10 All for one and one for ---
- 12 You can't play if you are ---
- 13 To -- or not to be
- 14 To go fishing you need a fishing ----

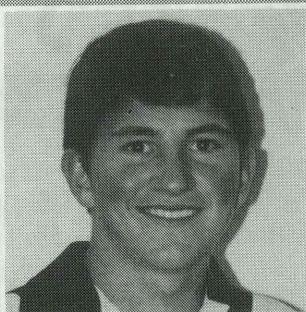
Down

- 1 Glenn Gwynne is our last line of -----
- 2 A defenders first job is to mark their ---
- 3 Chay Hews plays in a midfield ----
- 4 Frank Farina says -- the Strikers!
- 5 Bad fouls receive a ----- card
- 7 Every player likes to score a ----
- 9 Free kicks are given for a hand ----
- 11 Frank Farina drinks a cup of --- at 1/2 time



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Q.A.S.

Born: 12/11/80

Where: Cairns

Previous club: Southport

Position: Midfield

Nickname: "STEFFO"

Game Play -

Best ~ Workrate

Worst ~ Heading

Honours: Qld U16

Hobbies: Beach

Favourites -

O/S Club ~ AC Milan

Food ~ Seafood

Drink ~ Sprite

TV Show ~ X Files

Flick ~ Diehard

Actor ~ Bruce Willis

Actress ~ Michelle Pfeiffer

Music ~ Grunge

Comedian ~ Eddie Murphy

Dislikes: Playing badly

Ambition: To achieve the best I possibly can playing football.

Shades of BROWN...

QAS assistant coach Mike Mulvey fills in for regular wordsmith Greg Brown.

Greg has been away with the Australian women's team for the past couple of weeks during their series against the United States and in his absence it is a pleasure for me to put pen to paper.



Greg Brown

With the season now drawing to a close (we have six games left after tonight), it is a very important time for all squad members in determining where their futures might lie.

Craig Barnes and Andrew Packer have set themselves the target of places in the Australian under-17 squad for the upcoming World Cup Finals in Egypt later this year.

Meanwhile other senior players like Darren Sime and Clint McDermott are looking to force their way into the Strikers squad.

All the other players are looking to the future, whether it be another year with the Academy or in the XXXX Premier League.

I'm sure all the boys will be giving their all tonight in what promises to be a highly entertaining encounter and I wish them well for the remainder of the season.

On a final note, I'd like to remind all the Academy players that it was dedication and hard work which helped Kasey Wehrman, Chay Hews, Reece Tollenare, Wayne Knipe and Matt Bell graduate to the Brisbane Strikers squad from recent QAS squads.



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QAS Squad NEWS

I'm pleased to report that we're back in the winning way of late and we can't seem to stop scoring goals.

We scored an emphatic 7-1 win over the Toowoomba visitors in our last home game which was obviously a very pleasing result.

From our point of view it was a good chance to have another look at the Toowoomba boys and of course it was great to return to the winner's circle.

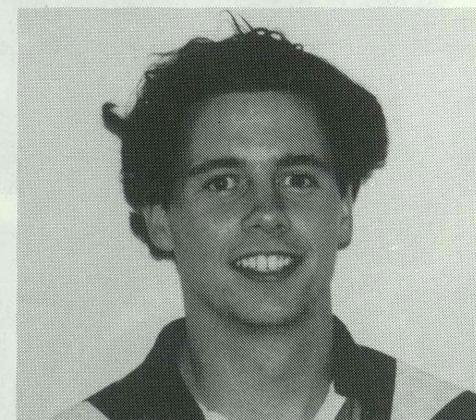
Our away form in the National Youth League has been ordinary in recent times but we bounced back in our last match with a fantastic 5-1 demolition of Sydney United Colts.

The manner of the victory was particularly pleasing, with full commitment from all players resulting in some quality football being played and some excellent goals scored.

While all players performed well Darren Sime (pictured) was the standout and if he continues in this current vein of form he is sure to draw still further attention and be a good chance of realising his dream of playing in the Ericsson Cup with the Strikers.

Today's game against Marconi is sure to be a difficult assignment but one to which the players and myself are looking forward.

Marconi have been one of the stronger sides in the youth competition in recent years



and our performance against them will be a good gauge of how far we have come both individually and as a team.

THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

- Andrew Packer
- Chris Day
- Duncan Easton
- Shane Steffanutto
- Aaron Bristow
- Todd Rumble
- Clint McDermott
- Craig Barnes
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The Cup is a new innovative competition involving 18 under 13 teams from throughout S.E. Queensland.

If scores are even at the end of the second leg, the winner will be determined by applying the following methods in order. 1: Away goals rule. 2: First team to score in the second leg match. 3: Toss of the coin.

The rules of the competition are simple. There are four players on each team with two extra players making unlimited interchanges.

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Coca-Cola Cup Draw

Sat 19/10/96	Brisbane Lions	v	Ridge Hills	4-1
	John Paul Coll	v	North Star	2-19
Sat 26/10/96	Beerwah-Glass	v	Ipsw St Helens	2-4
	Palm Beach	v	Pine Hills "C"	15-2
Sat 9/11/96	Mitchelton	v	Nambour Reds	0-4
	Pine Hills "B"	v	Logan City Kings	0-3
Sat 23/11/96	Bribie Island	v	Rockville Rovers	3-7
	Brisbane City	v	Taringa Rovers	5-4
Sat 7/12/96	Bilambil	v	Pine Hills "A"	3-3
	Ridge Hills	v	Brisbane Lions	1-4
Sat 21/12/96	North Star	v	John Paul Collg.	9-2
	Ipsw St Helens	v	Beerwah Glass	1-5
Sat 4/1/97	Pine Hills "C"	v	Palm Beach	3-6
	Nambour Reds	v	Mitchelton	0-0
Sat 1/2/97	Logan City Kings	v	Pine Hills "B"	3-6
	Pine Hills "A"	v	Bilambil	4-2
Sat 22/2/97	Taringa Rovers	v	Brisbane City	4-2
	Rockville Rovers	v	Bribie Island	2-4
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Sat 22/3/97	Quarter Finals			
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SYDNEY UNITED	19	12	4	3	48	25	40
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	19	10	3	6	31	24	33
STRIKERS	19	10	2	7	38	28	32
SOUTH MELBOURNE	19	9	4	6	26	17	31
ADELAIDE CITY	19	8	7	4	24	16	31
WEST ADELAIDE	19	9	2	8	30	34	29
PERTH GLORY	19	8	3	8	35	32	27
WOLLONGONG CITY	19	6	7	6	25	29	25
UTS OLYMPIC	19	6	5	8	26	30	24
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	19	5	8	6	30	30	23
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	19	6	5	8	22	22	23
COLLINGWOOD	19	5	7	7	20	31	22
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	19	3	5	11	19	35	14
CANBERRA COSMOS	19	2	5	12	20	41	11

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

As at 2 March	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY UNITED	16	9	5	2	37	16	32
WOLLONGONG CITY	16	8	5	3	37	25	29
UTS OLYMPIC	16	9	2	5	36	24	29
NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	15	9	1	5	33	20	28
AUST. INST. SPORT	15	8	4	3	28	15	28
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	15	8	3	4	19	14	27
NSW INST. SPORT	16	8	1	7	27	29	25
SYDNEY UNITED COLTS	16	6	2	8	22	25	20
QAS	15	4	2	9	27	28	14
MARCONI F'FIELD COLTS	15	4	0	11	16	37	12
ACT ACAD. SPORT	14	3	2	9	15	31	11
UTS OLYMPIC COLTS	15	2	1	12	13	46	7

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Date	Opponents	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sun 13/10	Adelaide City	A 0-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 19/10	Newcastle Breakers	H 6-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 26/10	Wollongong City	H 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 3/11	South Melbourne	A 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 9/11	Melbourne Knights	H 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 16/11	Marconi Fairfield	A 1-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 23/11	UTS Olympic	H 4-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 1/12	West Adelaide	A 0-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 7/12	Perth Glory	H 1-5	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 14/12	Canberra Cosmos	A 4-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 21/12	Collingwood Warriors	H 5-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 28/12	Gippsland Falcons	A 0-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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Sun 13/4	Collingwood Warriors	A	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 20/4	Gippsland Falcons	H	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
League Appearances			86	121	6	331	59	372	178	86	315	345	165	60	7	9	60	28	16	14	17	18	3	118	114	158
League Goals			0	1	0	53	6	20	97	12	128	49	10	11	0	1	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	26	21

Watch "Frankly Farina" each Thursday evening on Seven Nightly News

Legend: ▲ = Played - S = Substitute - O = Non playing substitute ◆ = Own Goal in scoring

The Last Line

with Alan Hunter



Welcome one and all to what is sure to be a hard-fought and adrenaline charged encounter against the Fairfielders tonight.

Unfortunately things have changed a little since I last wrote this column and my comeback from injury is a bit further away than I had hoped.

I said in the last Eye on Strikers I hoped to be back for tonight's match but since then I have undergone arthroscopic surgery on my troublesome ankle and the best I can hope for is to commence running on it in a week or two.

Of course the other big injury news of the week is the loss of Kasey Wehrman for three to four weeks due to a serious facial injury received in a clash of heads in our match against the Melbourne Knights last week.

He underwent surgery in a Geelong hospital and has since returned to Brisbane for further treatment by our club doctors.

Kasey has been in fantastic form in this his debut season in the Ericsson Cup and he will be a great loss to the side as we gear up for the run to the finals.

On a more positive note, it's great to see sportsmanship is still alive and well with the young Knights player who was involved in the incident, taking the time to go and visit Kasey in hospital.

In better news for our injury depleted side, we now expect Sean Cranney to make his long-awaited comeback against UTS Olympic next week.

There are a host of other teams now feeling injury and suspension pressures and I feel this is the main reason for our form slump of recent weeks; it won't last long!

With six games remaining after tonight, a top two finish is still within our reach.

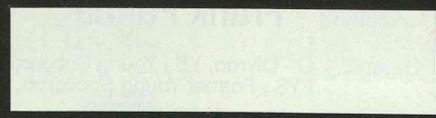
With a full strength squad for our last couple of games we will certainly be striving to go at least one better than last year's final league position.

On the international scene it's great to see Manchester United once again flying high in the English Premier League. My aim now is to see a Strikers/Man United double!

Finally, to all our new female supporters enjoying International Women's Day, we look forward to your support for the rest of the season. Enjoy our world game!

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BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Clint Bolton - FO
- 2 Glenn Gwynne
- 3 Matthew Bell - YS
- 4 Alan Hunter - FS (C)
- 5 Brad Ditton - FYS
- 6 Gary Phillips
- 7 Frank Farina - FS
- 8 Sean Cranney - S
- 9 Rod Brown - FS
- 10 Danny Wright - FYS
- 11 Troy Cranney - FYS
- 12 Mark Battistin
- 13 Vedran Becirbegovic - OI
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Andrew Brayshaw
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Kasey Wehrman - YS
- 18 Jeromy Harris
- 19 Reece Tollenaere - YS
- 20 Graham Ross
- 21 Damien Waugh
- 22 Craig Williams
- 23 Chris Slater
- 24 Nick Meridith
- Coach - Frank Farina

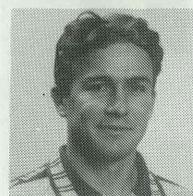
MARCONI FAIRFIELD

- 1 Bob Catlin
- 3 Jean Paul Demarigny (C)
- 4 Robert Stanton - FYS
- 5 Matthew Bingley - S
- 6 Luke Casserly - S
- 7 Andrew Harper
- 8 Eric Hristodoulou
- 9 Craig Foster - S
- 10 Brad Malone - FYS
- 11 Andrew Ravenello
- 12 (Not allocated)
- 13 Aaron Holst - FYS
- 14 Dominic Longo - S
- 15 Mark Robertson - YS
- 16 Sean Babic - S
- 17 Francis Awaritefe - FS
- 18 Paul Souris
- 19 Brendan Renaud
- 20 Leslie Pogliamcomi - FYS
- 21 (Not allocated)
- 23 Vlado Zoric
- Coach - Manfred Schaefer

Legend: O - Olyroo, YS - Young Soccerroo, S - Soccerroo, FS - Former Soccerroo, FYS - Former Young Soccerroo, FO - Former Olyroo, OI - Other International



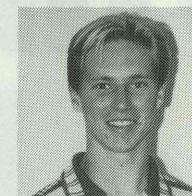
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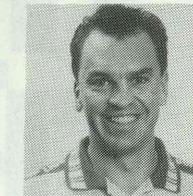
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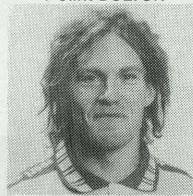
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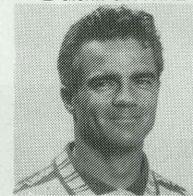
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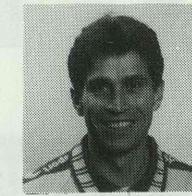
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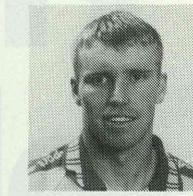
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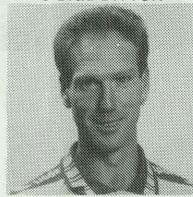
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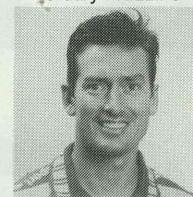
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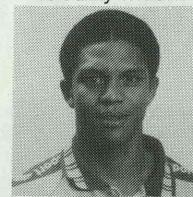
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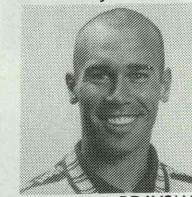
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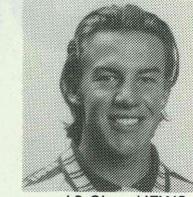
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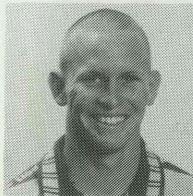
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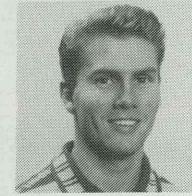
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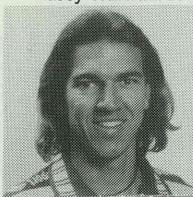
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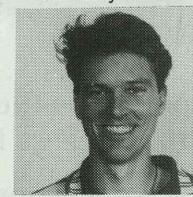
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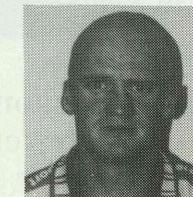
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