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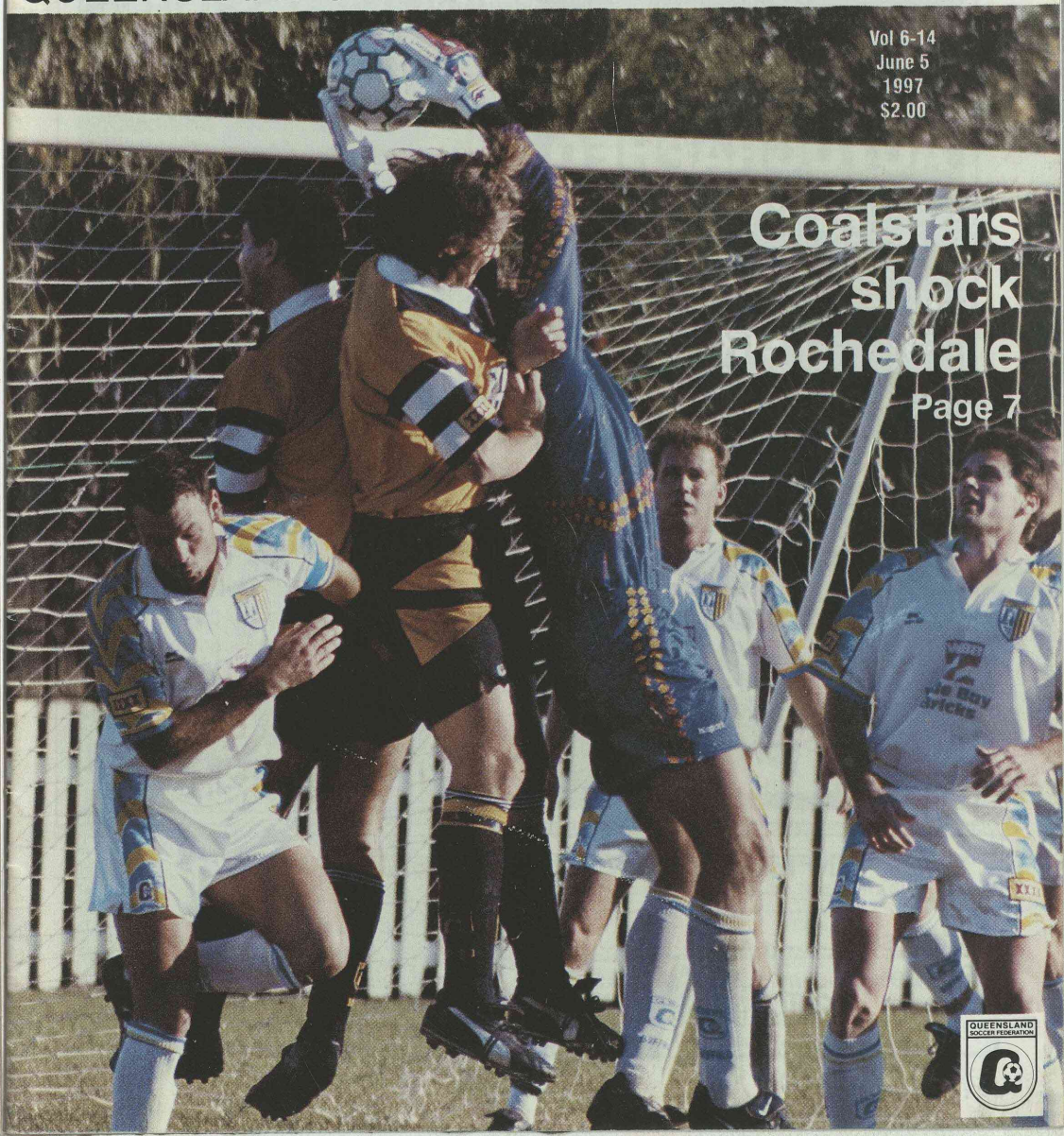

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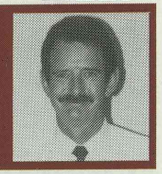

Congratulations to our very own Kasey Wehrman on winning the Ericsson Cup's under 21 player of the year. The award was presented at the league's awards ceremony held at the Sydney Hilton last Saturday evening.

Not that we here in Brisbane are biased, but as far as we were concerned, Kasey was a certainty for the award. The award was accepted by team mate Matt Bell as Kasey is currently playing for the Australian Youth team in Malaysia.

Turning to the local scene, and it was a week of upsets in the XXXX Premier League last week with some of the "hot shots" of the competition being put in their place by some of the less fancied sides.

Coalstars sprung a surpise on the much touted premiership favourites Rochedale Rovers at Underwood Park and recorded a 2-0 victory.

Rovers coach Gary McDowall said the match was a "disaster" and it will be interesting to see how Rochedale shapes up against the other giant killer of Round 12, Beenleigh.

After enduring the drama of losing coach Peter Bannon and suffering some punishing defeats (most notably 7-0 against Rochedale), Beenleigh turned the corner last week with an emphatic 3-1 win against Brisbane Lions at Lions Stadium.

These results clearly example the evenness of the Premier League as the race for a top four spot hots up.

And finally, it has come to the attention of *Eye on Soccer* that there are many "senior" players wishing to play in an Over 35's competition. If your interested, contact your local club and encourage them to enter a side in next year's league.

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Roche stars in battle of the Lions

Beenleigh put the turmoil of the past couple of weeks behind them on the weekend, earning a comfortable 3-1 victory at Lions Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Ironically it was Chris Roche (pictured), the player at the centre of the dispute that saw first team coach Peter Bannon leave the club, who was clearly the man-of-the-match.

After a disappointing start to the season that saw Lions lose their opening two games, Lions had turned their fortunes around, going undefeated since round 3 and were equal on points going into this match with ladder leaders Taringa.

Beenleigh on the other hand, had an impressive start to the season before a mid-season slump preceded Bannon's departure.

On form it should have been a comfortable victory for Lions on their home ground but clearly Alan Gordon had forgotten to read the script.

Only three minutes into the match Gordon was released through the middle from a quickly taken free kick and buried his powerful shot in the bottom corner.

The visitors nearly doubled their lead a few minutes later when former Lions midfielder Fotis Skordou got behind the defence and delivered a cross to Troy Wickstein, only for the striker to head over the bar.

Skordou, determined to show his old club it was a mistake to let him go, was everywhere in midfield and his close ball control had clearly frustrated Lions defender Darren Sime when he sent Skordou flying with a wild two-footed tackle.

With 30 minutes gone, Lions own silken-skilled midfielder Robbie Pudja, delivered a precise corner into the box for Roy Huth to head back across goal and Cameron Rogers to guide the equaliser into the top corner.

Lions looked to take control in the remainder of the half and might have gone to the break in front when Poggi released Meacock with a defence splitting pass, but his shot was straight at the keeper.

The second half was a tale of missed opportunities for Lions with midfielder Cliff Tuck the main culprit. Tuck's ability to get into good attacking position could not be faulted but it was not matched by his finishing prowess.

Beenleigh were able to sneak a second goal in the 67th minute when Brett Druery was quickest to react to a ball which wasn't cleared by the Lions defence.

Lions continued to press but couldn't find a way past Roche, who hardly put a foot wrong throughout the match and pulled off a couple of truly world-class saves in the second half.

First Tuck was denied when Roche somehow turned away his fierce volley from only six yards out.

But even more impressive was the strength and reflexes shown by Roche when he pushed away a well struck 10 yard effort from Rogers with one outstretched hand.

From the ensuing counter-attack, Ross Smart flicked on a cross at the near post for Marc Lederhose to put the match beyond doubt and seal a much needed three points for Beenleigh.

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I refer to Brent Read's Column in your issue of may 29. Brent rightly notes that it is now up to football administrators to capitalise on the success of the Strikers.

I suggest to Brent that one of the first steps we must all take is toeliminate what I consider to be a cancer in the game - unsportsmanlike behaviour and the abuse of referees, opposing players and their supporters, which occur at all levels of the game.

This certainly could start with the club administrators who have the authority to direct coaches, managers and players that this behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Additionally, unruly spectators should be required to behave, or leave the ground. This would allow the rest of us to enjoy the game.

Today, I attended a local game with my family, watching Youth, Reserve and First teams.

During the Youth match, we had to endure the "F" word being used loudly and regularly, until one player was eventually dismissed. In the First team game, we witnessed a cowardly headbutt by a player who was, of course, sent off - forever I hope.

A small, pathetic minority of spectators from both sides also insisted in telling the referee how to do his job. I am disappointed that the "best" referees always seem to be in bar or on the sideline.

Perhaps they are suffering and injury - the symptons suggest brain damage.

I was also surprised to hear that Jesus Christ played in all three matches. I just could not determine which club Jesus was with!

By way of further example, I refer to Brent Read's "amusing" anecdote about his mate from the "Goodna Gamecocks", who abused Sydney United goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac after the Strikers great win.

I commend Zeljko for his maturity in choosing not to respond in kind, but to encourage this "Gamecock" to "enjoy the win".

In contrast to this, I was pleased to hear the vast majority of the crowd applaud the Sydney team at the end of the game.

Despite my criticism, I enjoy Brent's column - keep up the good work! *Peter Eedy*

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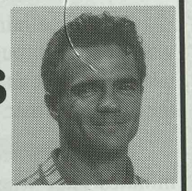

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Coalstars shock Rochedale

Coalstars scored the upset of the Round last week when they beat Rochedale Rovers 2-0 at Underwood Park last Saturday night.

The match was a hard-fought affair with niether side capitalising on opportunities until Coalstars infamous striker Fraser Cuba put the visitors ahead after 35 minutes when he was fouled by the Rochedale defence inside the 18 yard box.

Cuba emphatically drove the ensuing penalty straight and hard into the back of the net.

In the second half, Rochedale dominated early but Cooper et al were unable to penetrate the resolute Coalstars defence.

Richard Hilli (pictured) played an exceptional game for Coalstars wide on the left but a couple of missed opportunities blemished his performance.

On two occasions, Hilli's blinding pace sent him clear of Rovers defence and into a one-on-one situation with Rocehdale keeper Clint Dal Santo, but in both instances, Hilli shot wide of the mark.

In the 84th minute, Coalstars were finally rewarded for their efforts when replacement Wayne Adams found some space down the right and curled an accurate cross to the far post, where a waiting Wes Parkes headed the ball home from eight yards.

Coalstars coach Paul Barry said he thought his side deserved the three points.

"I was proud of the boys as they stuck to their guns and played some really great soccer," he said. "I was particularly pleased that we worked hard on our defensive intensity to keep Rochedale scoreless.

"Apart from a 15 to 20 minute period in the second half where we had to sustain a lot of pressure from Rochedale, I thought matched them across the park.

"Overall, I think it was an even game and we definitely learnt our lesson from the game against Lions the week before."

Barry said one of his primary aims this season had been to convince the Coalstars players that they could compete against the historical giants of the league such as Brisbane City, Lions and Taringa.

"In the last month, we've beaten City, Rochedale and should have beaten Lions," he said. "If we manage to knock off Taringa, I think the players have every right to believe they can win a title."

Rochedale coach Gary McDowall described his side's loss as a "disaster".

"We just didn't show the passion or the character to win," he said. "Coalstars looked like they wanted to win the match and we didn't.

"There are no excuses for the loss and to be fair to Coalstars, I think they're not a bad side and a lot of teams are going to find it difficult when they play them."

McDowall said he was expecting a tough match this week against a Beenleigh side buoyed by a win against Lions.

PREMIER PREVUE - Beenleigh v Rochedale

Beenleigh meet Rochedale Rovers at Chris Green Park on Saturday at 7pm.

Beenleigh scored a stunning 3-1 victory against Brisbane Lions last week at Lions stadium.

It was a welcome return to form for the lads from Chris Green Park after enduring a mid season slump in recent weeks.

The departure of Peter Bannon has almost certainly played a part in Beenleigh's plight, but new coach Phil Kerr said it was a game that Beenleigh seemed destined to win from the outset.

"It was a good game and I'm obviously very pleased with the result," Kerr said.

"It was a fairly even game and I'd say we won the match because we did more with the ball when we had it compared to Lions and we were a lot more desperate in defence.

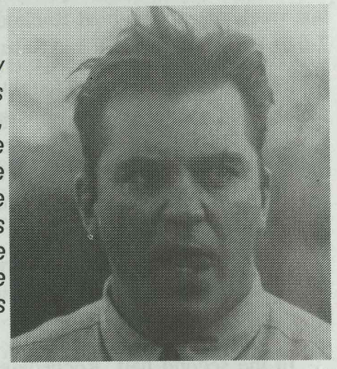
"To be honest, the game could have ended up with a completely different result as both teams played an attacking style of football. Ten-all would not have been out of the question.

"It was a good game for spectators and I'm just glad that we were able to take our chances and get the win."

However, Kerr said last week's win against Lions, while pleasing, should not be over emphasised as he believed Rochedale deserved to be favourites for Saturday night's clash.

"I suppose when you look at any of the top teams on paper (City, Lions, Taringa and Rochedale), they all look super and Rochedale are no different," Kerr said.

"They would have to be favoured to beat us on recent form, but you can be assured that we will be making life difficult for whoever we meet."



Gary McDowall's team, Rochedale Rovers, are now nine points behind the league leaders

Rochedale have been struggling of late and from all reports, Coalstars 2-0 victory against them last week was no fluke.

Gary McDowall's team has too much class to discard them as a premiership contender, but a win this week is vital as Rochedale are now nine points behind league leaders Taringa Rovers.

BEENLEIGH V ROCHEDALE

Chris Green Park Beenleigh
Saturday June 7, 7pm

BEENLEIGH	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
1. David Iliff	1. Clint Dal Santo
2. Brett Druery	2. Clinton McDermott
3. Michael Roland	3. Nick Seeley
4. Dean Milosevic	4. Michael Lane
5. Kieran Galloway	5. Damian Harris
6. (Not allocated)	6. Eddie Lees
7. Wayne Hinton	7. Brett Adams
8. Brett Jones	8. Andy Lees
9. Ross Smart	9. Kieran Cooper
10. Fotis Skordou	10. Clayton Koch
11. Troy Wickstein	11. John Weatherby
12. Michael Leake	12. David Pilic
13. Ross Davidson	13. Paul Grugan
14. Joe Morris	14. Steve Dawe
15. Lee Preston	15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. Marc Lederhose	16. Robin Gosney
17. Calvin Gneck	17. Gary Brattan
18. Alan Gordon	18. Greg Anderson
19. Michael Robinson	19. Aaron Baldwin
20. Chris Balke	RGK Michael Turnbull
	RGK Cameron Duck

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v Bris Lions

Bundaberg Waves host Brisbane Lions at Thabeban Sports Complex on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Waves finished with a two-all draw against the improving Wynnum Wolves last week, while Beenleigh stunned Lions with a 3-1 win at Lions Stadium.

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said he was disappointed that his side had failed to win a "crunch" match.

"We played well for the first twenty minutes, but we've got to learn to increase our intensity and play for the full 90 minutes," he said.

"We set ourselves a goal from the Beenleigh game (in Round 10) onwards to get nine points and it's obviously disappointing that we haven't achieved those goals.

"If we want to get a spot in the top four, we've got to start to get some results."

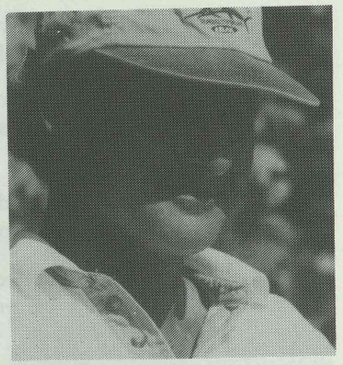
Waves face a tough match against one of the big guns of the league this week in Brisbane Lions, but their cause will be enhanced by the signing of Strikers captain Alan Hunter for four games. "Big Al" is a former Lions player and this is sure to add a little extra spice to the encounter.

"It's vital that we win the next two games and Alan is going to make a big difference to our side down the back," Baretta said.

Lions coach Miron Bleiberg said the game against Beenleigh was one of those games that could have finished with a different result.

"We attacked all day but just couldn't score.... it was really a combination of missed opportunities and their goalkeeper playing very well," he said.

"However, Beenleigh deserved the win and good credit to them on their victory."



Waves coach Aldo Baretta said that it is vital his team wins the next two games

Bleiberg said Lions inability to get the three points against Beenleigh meant his side could not afford to lose against Bundaberg.

"If we had got the win against Beenleigh I would have been happy to go to Bundaberg for the draw," Bleiberg said. "But now we are going to have to play for the win and there is no doubt that is going to be difficult up there."

BUNDABERG V BRIS LIONS

Thabeban Sports Complex Bundaberg
Sunday June 8, 2.45pm

BUNDABERG	BRISBANE LIONS
1. Michael Bainbridge	1. Robbie Farrow
2. Nick Maas	2. David Lonsdale
3. Giuseppi Baraza	3. Darren Sime
4. Stephen Starr	4. Cliff Tuck
5. John Giovannoni	5. Brett McPaul
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14. Shaun Aslett	14. Cameron Watson
15. Darren Bender	15. Anthony Cotton
16. Paul Fagan	16. Wade Cannon
17. John Lawler	17. Adam Daly
18. (Not allocated)	18. Jason Poggi
19. (Not allocated)	19. (Not allocated)
20. Ross Barbera	20. (Not allocated)
	21. Jason Lucas

PREMIER PREVUE - Coalstars v Taringa

Coalstars host Taringa Rovers at Eric Evans Reserve on Sunday, June 8 at 2.45pm.

In the match of the round last week, Taringa snared the three points against Brisbane City in a hard fought 1-0 win.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he believed his side deserved to get the three points.

"I'm extremely happy with the win and in the end, it was a fair result. We were the team that was trying to win," he said.

Ogden said he was very pleased with the way Rovers had been performing but was not getting carried away with the form. He said his team was looking forward to the upcoming match against Coalstars.

"I saw Coalstars play last week against Lions and I was very impressed with the way they performed," he said.

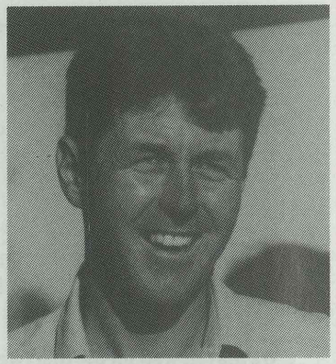
"They knocked the ball around well and looked very confident and deserved to win."

John's brother, Andy, is the reserve team coach at Coalstars so it would be fair to assume both teams will have a good idea of what to expect on Sunday.

"I pretty much know how they (Coalstars) are going to play and I'm quite confident that if we play to our ability, we'll come away with the points," Ogden said.

Coalstars produced one of the upsets of the season last week when they defeated Rochedale 2-0 at Underwood Park. It was a great result for the "Stars" and coach Paul Barry said his side would take the game to Taringa.

"I said early in the season that Taringa were the best footballing side in the competition and they've done nothing to change my mind," Barry said.



Paul Barry plans to take the game to Taringa this weekend

"We have to go after them and even though it might not come off, I don't think you can sit back against a side like Taringa.

"If you don't deny them space and time on the ball, and get on top of them, you'll be chasing shadows all day."

COALSTARS V TARINGA

Eric Evans Reserve, Bundamba
June 8, 2.45pm

COALSTARS	TARINGA ROVERS
1. Michael Cassidy	1. Scott Higgins
2. Patrick Boyle	2. Joel Hale
3. Clint Scott	3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. Andrew King (c)	4. Stein Grodum
5. Darren Petie	5. Danny Britton
6. Peter Hinks	6. (Not allocated)
7. Brenley Jefferd	7. Brent Read
8. Mark Bennett	8. Demetri Theochari
9. Matt Hilli	9. Danny Stowers
10. Wes Park	10. Darren Hillier
11. David Guest	11. Ian Hutchison
12. Peter McKendrick	12. Stuart Collins
13. Peter Hallett	13. Marc Flemington
14. Scott Stenzel	14. (Not allocated)
15. Fraser Cuba	15. Glen Kolpak
16. Wayne Adams	16. Scott Robertson
17. Marcello Cuba	17. Des Hughes
18. Richard Hilli	18. Shaun Molenda
19. Chris Barrett	19. Brad Ditton
20. Todd Vaggs	20. (Not allocated)

PREMIER PREVUE - Bris City v Wynnum

Brisbane City host the Wynnum Wolves at Spencer Park on Monday, June 9 at 2.45pm.

City were defeated 1-0 last week by Taringa Rovers while Wynnum's recent form turn around continued with a two-all draw against Bundaberg.

City coach Bobby Hamilton said he was disappointed not to get any points from the match.

"I felt as in the Rochedale game (Rochedale beat City -2 in Round 10) that we deserved to get something out of the match," Hamilton said.

"The playing surface was not great but despite the conditions, both teams played some nice football and a draw would have been a fair result.

Hamilton said he was disappointed that his players had not stuck to the game plan.

"We played a 4-4-2 formation and the idea was to make sure they didn't come through the middle and entice them to play balls wide," he said.

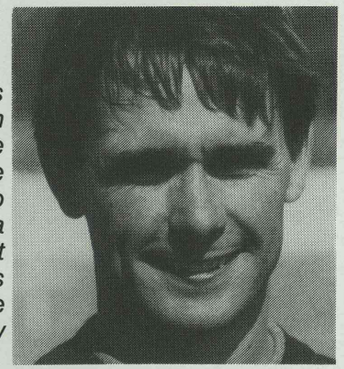
"We succeeded in doing that but our midfield failed to push across and keep the game tight."

Hamilton said Wynnum's recent good form would prove beneficial to his side's mental preparation for the match.

"I think it's a good thing for us as occasionally I feel the players find it difficult to get motivated for all games," he said.

"I've got no doubts that our guys will be up for this match as we can't afford to drop any points..... we have to win."

Wynnum coach George Cowie said he was looking forward to the match against City despite the possiblity of Wolves being decimated by injury.



Wynnum's Coach George Cowie plans to make a game of it agains Brisbane City

"The balance of the team might have to be altered as we could be missing Billy McDermott, Shane Gilroy, Andrew Davidson, Nick Hardland and Steve Hilton," he said.

"But we'll be going into the match with a lot of self confidence and belief and we'll certainly make a game of it."

BRISBANE CITY V WYNNUM

Spencer Park, Newmarket
Monday June 9, 2.45pm

BRISBANE CITY	WYNNUM DISTRICT
1. Daniel Duke	1. Peter Underhill
2. Royce Brownlie	2. Luke Adair
3. Anthony Scodellaro	3. Ben Wood
4. Mark Greer	4. Mark Wilkins
5. Wayne Strange	5. Rob Hilton
6. Scott Elliott	6. Tony McKinless
7. Cameron Pearse	7. Geoff Maltby
8. Simon Eslick	8. Paul Wilkins
9. Warren Cooley	9. Stuart Popplewell
10. Steve Glockner	10. Wayne Corbett
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16. Damien Waugh	16. Shane Gilroy
17. Barry Wilkinson	17. Brendan Rogers
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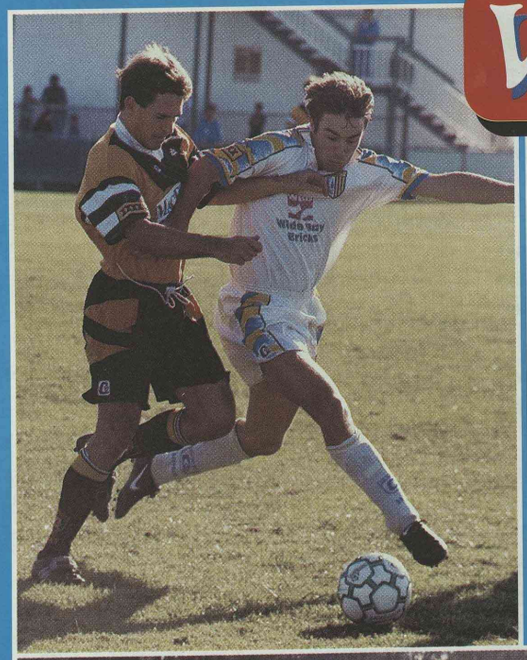

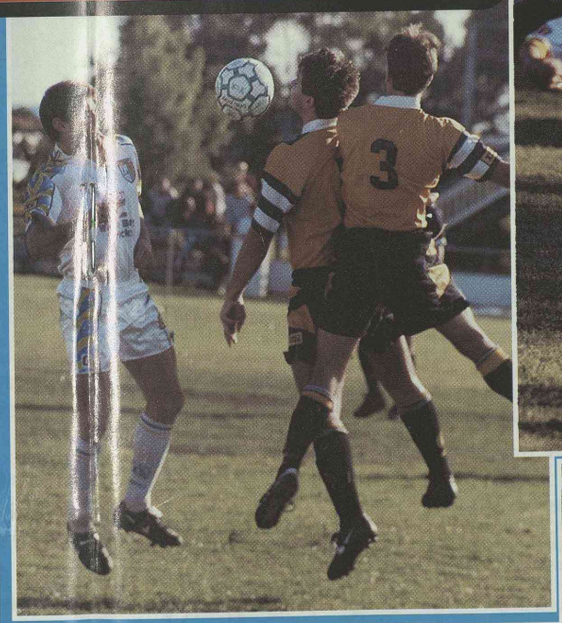

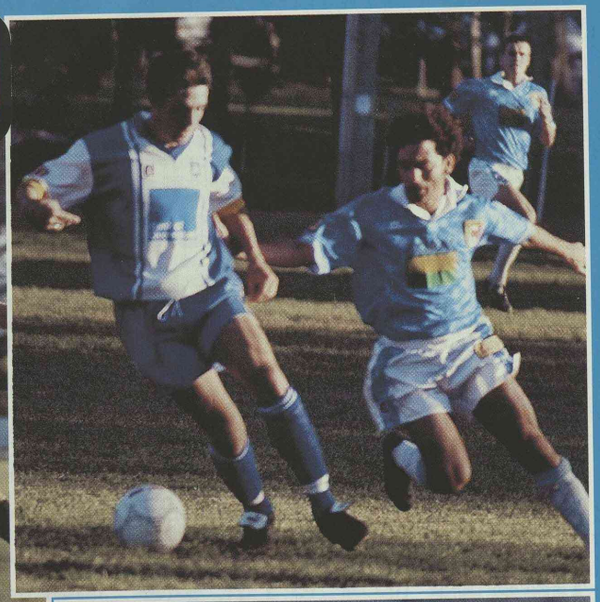

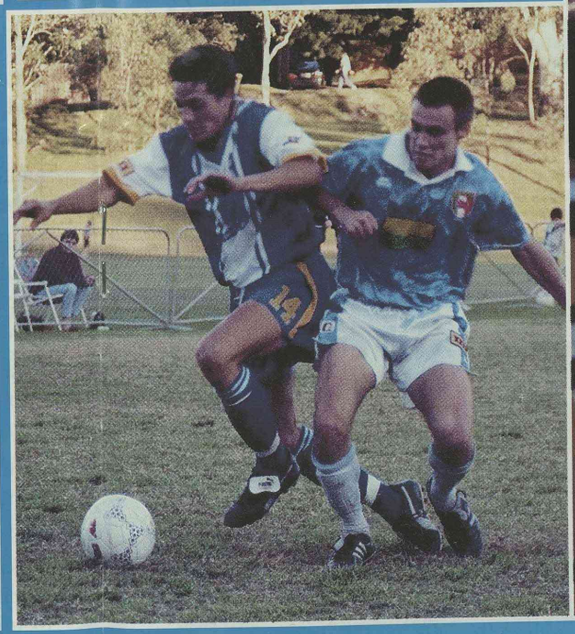

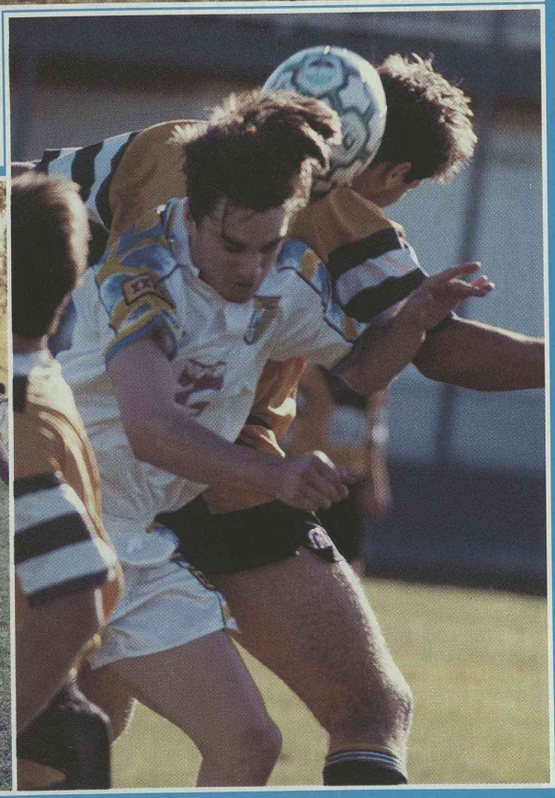

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XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	12	8	2	2	26	10	26
BRISBANE LIONS	12	7	2	3	19	13	23
BRISBANE CITY	12	6	4	2	17	13	22
ROCHEDALE ROV	12	5	2	5	22	21	17
BEENLEIGH	12	5	0	7	19	23	15
B'BERG WAVES	12	3	4	5	19	19	13
COALSTARS	12	4	1	7	14	23	13
WYNNUM	12	2	1	9	15	29	7

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	10	8	1	1	19	8	25
WYNNUM	10	6	3	1	19	10	21
BEENLEIGH	10	4	2	4	18	18	14
TARINGA ROVERS	10	3	2	5	8	15	11
ROCHEDALE ROV	10	2	4	4	15	16	10
BRISBANE CITY	10	3	1	6	16	18	10
COALSTARS	10	2	1	7	6	16	7

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	12	8	0	4	23	18	24
ROCHEDALE ROV	11	7	1	3	29	21	22
BRISBANE LIONS	11	7	1	3	21	13	22
WYNNUM	12	7	0	5	28	14	21
BRISBANE CITY	12	6	1	5	26	26	19
COALSTARS	12	2	4	6	15	21	10
B'BERG WAVES	12	2	4	6	19	27	10
BEENLEIGH	12	1	3	8	19	40	6

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	33	22	4	7	59	34	70
Taringa Rovers	34	19	4	11	57	43	61
Brisbane City	34	15	6	13	59	57	51
Wynnum District	34	15	4	15	62	53	49
Rochedale Rovers	33	14	7	12	66	58	49
Beenleigh	34	10	5	19	56	81	35
Coalstars	34	8	6	20	35	60	30
Bundaberg	24	5	8	11	38	46	23

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	10	7	1	2	24	12	22
NORTH STAR	10	6	2	2	23	12	20
PINE RIVERS UTD	10	5	2	3	27	17	17
THE GAP	10	3	4	3	21	18	13
ALBANY CREEK	10	3	4	3	16	14	13
NEWMARKET	10	3	3	4	17	21	12
EASTERN SUBS	10	3	3	4	18	24	12
OLYMPIC UTD	10	3	3	4	13	20	12
CAPALABA	10	2	3	5	15	16	9
GRANGE THISTLE	10	1	3	6	11	31	6

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBANY CREEK	10	9	0	1	23	11	27
NEWMARKET	10	7	0	3	23	11	21
NORTH STAR	10	5	3	2	23	6	18
CAPALABA	10	6	0	4	29	21	18
MITCHELTON	10	5	2	3	22	18	17
PINE RIVERS UTD	10	4	0	6	24	28	12
THE GAP	10	3	2	5	11	17	11
OLYMPIC UTD	10	2	3	5	14	22	9
EASTERN SUBS	10	2	0	8	9	24	6
GRANGE THISTLE	10	2	0	8	13	33	6

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	9	7	0	2	32	16	21
NEWMARKET	10	7	0	3	24	17	21
PINE RIVERS UTD	9	5	3	1	23	10	18
ALBANY CREEK	10	4	4	2	19	17	16
MITCHELTON	10	4	3	3	22	17	15
EASTERN SUBS	10	4	1	5	18	19	13
GRANGE THISTLE	10	3	1	6	22	29	10
NORTH STAR	9	1	5	3	13	19	8
THE GAP	9	2	2	5	12	19	8
OLYMPIC UTD	10	1	1	8	14	36	4

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	9	8	1	0	37	7	25
MT GRAVATT	9	4	3	2	27	9	15
SLACKS CREEK	8	4	3	1	22	18	15
INALA CITY	9	4	2	3	21	16	14
ROCKLEA UTD	8	4	2	2	15	14	14
SOUTHS UTD	9	2	2	5	21	33	8
IPSW ST HELENS	8	2	1	5	7	23	7
ACACIA RIDGE	8	0	4	4	7	18	4
REDLANDS UTD	8	0	2	6	6	25	2

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MT GRAVATT	9	7	0	2	29	6	21
ROCKLEA UTD	8	6	0	2	25	10	18
TOOWOOMBA UTD	9	5	1	3	27	16	16
REDLANDS UTD	8	4	1	3	18	15	13
ACACIA RIDGE	8	4	0	4	18	18	12
SLACKS CREEK	8	3	1	4	19	20	10
SOUTHS UTD	9	3	0	6	15	36	9
IPSW ST HELENS	8	2	1	5	9	21	7
INALA CITY	9	1	2	6	8	26	5

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MT GRAVATT	9	6	1	2	42	15	19
SOUTHS UTD	8	5	0	3	20	13	15
TOOWOOMBA UTD	8	4	2	2	22	9	14
REDLANDS UTD	8	4	2	2	15	15	14
SLACKS CREEK	8	4	1	3	19	16	13
ACACIA RIDGE	8	4	0	4	14	20	12
IPSW ST HELENS	8	3	2	3	14	13	11
ROCKLEA UTD	8	2	2	4	10	17	8
INALA CITY	9	0	0	9	7	45	0

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AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	13	10	3	0	37	10	33
LATROBE	13	7	3	3	31	24	24
NORTH PINE	12	7	2	3	28	13	23
SOUTH STAR	13	6	5	2	26	12	23
ANNERLEY	13	7	2	4	30	18	23
MOGGILL UTD	13	6	2	5	22	22	20
DARRA UTD	12	6	1	5	27	23	19
REDCLIFFE	13	4	3	6	29	28	15
S'SIDE EAGLES	13	3	3	7	14	24	12
GOODNA	13	3	3	7	10	26	12
BAYSIDE UTD	13	1	4	8	17	32	7
SAMFORD	13	1	1	11	13	52	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 1 RESP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANNERLEY	13	11	2	0	41	9	35
UNI OF QLD	13	11	1	1	55	11	34
NORTH PINE	12	7	2	3	37	21	23
S'SIDE EAGLES	13	5	4	4	23	24	19
MOGGILL UTD	13	5	4	4	20	24	19
BAYSIDE UTD	13	6	0	7	21	28	18
LATROBE	13	4	2	7	25	27	14
REDCLIFFE	13	4	1	8	31	37	13
GOODNA	13	3	4	6	15	28	13
SOUTH STAR	13	3	2	8	17	40	11
DARRA UTD	12	2	3	7	16	33	9
SAMFORD	13	2	3	8	20	39	9

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	12	11	1	0	48	14	34
BROTHERS UTD	12	9	3	0	55	10	30
PARK RIDGE	12	7	4	1	28	9	25
CLAIRVAUX	12	5	5	2	30	18	20
GREENBANK	11	5	3	3	22	15	18
JIMBOOMBA	11	4	3	4	22	21	15
IPSWICH CITY	12	3	2	7	16	35	11
PINE HILLS	11	2	2	7	6	25	8
BETHANIA	9	1	4	4	14	25	7
MOOROONDU	12	1	3	8	7	26	6
OXLEY UTD	12	0	0	12	16	66	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 2 RESP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	12	11	0	1	49	8	33
JIMBOOMBA	11	9	1	1	41	6	28
PARK RIDGE	12	7	3	2	30	11	24
CLAIRVAUX	12	7	1	4	29	15	22
IPSWICH CITY	12	4	2	6	26	31	14
BETHANIA	9	4	1	4	17	18	13
BROTHERS UTD	12	3	4	5	16	25	13
PINE HILLS	11	4	1	6	24	36	13
GREENBANK	11	3	1	7	22	32	10
OXLEY UTD	12	2	1	9	7	48	7
MOOROONDU	12	0	3	9	13	44	3

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

7	Gls	Kieran Cooper (Rochedale Rovers)
7	Gls	Glen Kolpak (Taringa Rovers)
5	Gls	Steve Jackson (Brisbane Lions)
5	Gls	Nick Mass (Bundaberg Waves)
5	Gls	Troy Wickstein (Beenleigh)
5	Gls	Chris Slater (Brisbane City)
5	Gls	Steve Fitzsimmons (Rochedale Rovers)
5	Gls	Mark Flemington (Taringa Rovers)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	11	10	1	0	58	10	31
UNI OF QLD	10	8	1	1	52	9	25
WOODRIDGE	11	6	1	4	18	22	19
KINGSRIDGE	11	5	3	3	23	25	18
ANNERLEY	11	4	4	3	15	11	16
IPSWICH CITY	11	4	3	4	19	30	15
ARCHERFIELD	11	2	3	6	18	32	9
BAYSIDE UTD	10	3	0	7	16	44	9
NORTH PINE	9	1	1	7	13	22	4
JIMBOOMBA	11	1	1	9	11	38	4
MOGGILL UTD	2	1	0	1	3	3	3

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	13	12	0	1	83	9	36
ACACIA RIDGE	13	9	2	2	51	17	29
CAPALABA	12	8	1	3	65	23	25
BRISBANE LIONS	12	8	1	3	46	19	25
SLACKS CREEK	12	7	1	4	48	23	22
ALBANY CREEK	13	6	2	5	38	26	20
NEWMARKET	12	6	1	5	34	27	19
MITCHELTON	13	5	1	7	39	37	16
THE GAP	13	3	2	8	27	36	11
NORTH STAR	12	2	2	8	17	88	8
SOUTHS UTD	12	2	1	9	9	48	7
PARK RIDGE	13	0	0	13	3	107	0

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	13	13	0	0	62	14	39
EASTERN SUBS	13	9	2	2	72	23	29
MT GRAVATT	11	9	1	1	41	16	28
UNI OF QLD	12	7	3	2	42	27	24
IPSW ST HELENS	13	5	5	3	29	26	20
COALSTARS	12	6	1	5	42	24	19
BRISBANE LIONS	13	5	2	6	37	35	17
REDLANDS UTD	12	3	1	8	26	46	10
WYNNUM	12	2	2	8	19	59	8
SAMFORD	13	2	1	10	26	56	7
ALBANY CREEK	13	2	1	10	13	46	7
BRISBANE CITY	11	0	3	8	18	55	3

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	13	11	2	0	60	12	35
SLACKS CREEK	13	10	0	3	49	14	30
NEWMARKET	12	8	3	1	57	12	27
CAPALABA	12	8	2	2	35	17	26
BRISBANE LIONS	13	7	2	4	36	23	23
TARINGA ROVERS	13	6	2	5	43	26	20
WYNNUM	12	6	0	6	24	28	18
KINGSRIDGE	12	5	2	5	19	29	17
LIONS SC	13	3	0	10	24	68	9
UNI OF QLD	12	2	2	8	21	30	8
EASTERN SUBS	12	1	0	11	16	47	3
THE GAP	13	0	1	12	10	88	1

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THE XXXX REPORT

ROCHEDALE 0 v COALSTARS 2 at Underwood Park
SCORERS: **Coalstars**: F. Cuba (pen), W. Park
ROCHEDALE: Dal Santo, Brattan, Lane, Harris, Dawe, Seeley, Pilic, Adams, Cooper, Koch, Lees E. (Subs: McDermott, Weatherby, Fitzsimmons, Turnbull)
COALSTARS: Cassidy, Boyle, Scott, King, Jefferd, Bennett, Hilli M., Park, McKendrick, Cuba F., Hilli R. (Subs: Hinks, Adams, Stenzel ,Deranja)

BRISBANE LIONS 1 v BEENLEIGH 3 at Lions Stadium
SCORERS: **Lions:** C. Watson
Beenleigh: A. Gordon, B. Druery, M. Lederhose
LIONS: Lucas, Lonsdale, Huth, Sime, Matula, Tuck, Cotton, Meacock, Poggi, Pudja, Watson (Subs: Farrow, Geritz, Hilton, Barnes, Schmidt)
BEENLEIGH: Roche, Druery, Rowland, McFArlane, Hinton, Jones, Skordou, Wickstein, Preston, Lederhose, Gordon (Subs: Smart, Davidson, Stefanutto, Illif)

WYNNUM 2 v BUNDABERG 2 at Carmichael Park
SCORERS: **Wynnum:** O. Filewood, W. Corbett
Bundaberg: S. Starr (2)
WYNNUM: McCullough, Adair, Wood, McKinless, Gilroy, Maltby, Wilkins, Filewood, Rogers, Davidson, McDermott (Subs: Poppewell, Corbett, Mills, Underhill)
BUNDABERG: Bainbridge, Maas, Giovannoni, Roebuck, Legg, Brown, Allen, Starr, Fagan, Bender, Foy (Subs: Wilson, Barazza, Driver, Slaughter)

TARINGA 1 v BRISBANE CITY 0 at Jack Speare Park
SCORERS: **Taringa:** G. Kolpak
TARINGA: Higgins, Grodum, Read, Theochari, Stowers, Hutchison, Flemington, Invincible, Kolpak, Robertson, Ditton (Subs: Inunciaga, Hillier, Hughes, Molenda, Bajic)
CITY: Duke, Strnage, Elliott, Pearse, Glockner, Haddow, Almond, Schiavo, Waugh, Wilkinson, Brownlie (Subs: Eslick, Kidd, Cavallucci, Taraborrelli)

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Top sides to meet in Cup

The Semi-Pro Division 1 leagues once again go into recess this week to allow for the quarter final matches of the Cup to be played.

There are some very interesting match ups as the Cup reaches the business stage, but the one which will undoubtedly draw the most attention has to be the clash between Toowoomba United and Mitchelton.

These are the top sides from both the north and south leagues and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that they meet now as it would have made for an enthralling Cup Final.

Nonetheless, the match is sure to be fiercely contested as each side bids to show the public that they are the premier side in the Semi-Pro Division 1.

Toowoomba reached the quarter-final stage by virtue of a surprisingly tough 5-4 aggregate result over northern division strugglers Capalaba in which they needed a 4-1 second leg home victory to progress to the next round.

However, they have had far less difficulty in their league matches where they have extended their lead at the top of the table to an extraordinary 10 points, with eight wins and one draw from the nine league matches they have played.

Mitchelton meanwhile, lead the northern competition by two points and after a form slump a few weeks ago, cemented their lead at the top with a 2-1 win over third-placed Pine Rivers at the weekend.

A comparison of the two leagues appears to suggest the northern competition is more evenly contested and so Mitchelton should be a match for Toowoomba.

Style will decide Cup tie

Another Cup duel sure to make for an entertaining quarter-final will be Mt Gravatt hosting The Gap.

The main feature of the match will be the contrasting styles of the two sides with The Gap playing a quite successful grafting game while Mt Gravatt tend towards a more free flowing, technical format.

Mt Gravatt are currently in second place in the southern conference, a long way adrift of ladder leaders Toowoomba, but have come into some form of late after a less than auspicious start to the season.

They reached the quarter finals after a 2-0 aggregate result over Albany Creek and their league form has improved greatly after losing their opening couple of fixtures.

They have moved up to 15 points, equal with Slacks Creek, but their attacking style has netted them 27 goals so far this season and they are second due to a superior goal difference.

They take some fine goal scoring form into this match following a 5-0 thrashing dished out to Inala City last weekend.

The Gap on the other hand are renowned for their fairly negative policy of taking a lead and then endeavouring to defend it.

It has proved quite successful for them to date as they currently hold down fourth position in the northern league and they have managed to maintain a fairly healthy goals-against column compared to other teams.

The match will be played at Mt Gravatt's Dittmer Park ground on Saturday night with kick-off at 7pm.

WOMEN'S WRAP UP

...by Toni Slater

Twenty years of Women's soccer was commemorated on Thursday night at a dinner function at the Petrie Mansions.

The dinner was held in conjunction with the Women's State Soccer titles being held at North Star Sports Club this weekend, also in their twentieth year.

Invited guests included past and present Representative Players, representatives from the Queensland Government, Brisbane City Council members and man of the moment, Brisbane Striker's player/coach, Frank Farina.

To specially mark the occasion, Women's soccer icon Elaine Watson launched her book *"In a League of their Own: Twenty years of Women's Soccer in Queensland"* which takes a look at the growth and history of Women's soccer in Queensland.

Women's Soccer Queensland also used the dinner to highlight the efforts of Patsy Brusasco who has been patron for the organisation for many years. Patsy was awarded a life membership as a thank-you for her contribution to women's soccer.

The Australian Women's open team was defeated this week by Italy in the US Women's Cup. Play seemed fairly even throughout the match but the Australian girls failed to capitalise on chances while the Italians scored three beautiful goals. Australia face a tougher opponent in their next game when they meet Olympic Champions, USA.

The Australian U/21 girls lost in a friendly match when defeated by one goal to nil against the home team, USA. Australian goalkeeper Joanne Butland came off early due to injury and her replacement Belinda Kitching made some great saves to keep the scoreline down. Because it was a friendly match, both teams were allowed to include four open players in their line-up.

A round of catch-up games this week in most divisions (to replay games cancelled in recent rains) means you can now get a better look at who is actually dominating the points tables in each division. The exception to this is QUT/ City in Premier league who have three games in hand and are still holding fifth spot.

Division Seven's Margate looks at this stage to be way in front for the President's Cup. The Cup is presented each year to the team with the highest goal count. With only six games under their belt, Margate have already netted forty-two goals. Funnily enough their nearest rivals are in the same division, Pine Rivers, who have scored thirty-three goals this season.

Take advantage of this long weekend and make sure you visit North Star Sports Club to support your local teams in the State Titles. Games run all day Saturday and Sunday with the finals held just after lunch on Monday.

Women's Tables

Premier League	P	W	D	L	G	P
Easts/Mt Gravatt	6	4	1	1	14	9
The Gap	5	3	1	1	9	7
Coalstars	6	3	1	2	6	7
QAS	5	3	-	2	15	6
QUT City	3	3	-	-	8	6
Slacks Creek	6	2	1	3	8	5
Redlands	5	1	-	4	3	2
Newmarket	6	-	-	6	4	0

Premier Reserves	P	W	D	L	G	P
East/Mt Gravatt	6	5	-	1	21	10
The Gap	5	4	1	-	18	9
Newmarket	6	4	-	2	15	8
QUT City	4	4	-	-	15	6
Slacks Creek	6	1	2	3	4	4
Redlands	5	1	-	4	4	2
Coalstars	6	2	1	3	6	1

Division One	P	W	D	L	G	P
Uni Qld	6	6	-	-	25	12
Taringa	6	4	1	1	19	9
Souths	6	4	1	1	10	9
Qld Juniors	4	4	-	-	11	8
Margate	7	3	2	2	7	8
Brisbane Lions	7	2	-	5	13	4
Rochedale	7	2	-	5	7	4
Beenleigh	7	1	-	6	5	2
Olympic	5	-	-	5	0	0

READ between the LINES

All the goss with Brent Read

The second leg of the Queensland Cup was played this week and four sides now find themselves in the quarterfinals.

The Cup fixtures have served to clog up what is already a convoluted season. With the QSF attempting to wind the local league up as quickly as possible, thereby eliminating any extensive overlap into the Ericsson Cup competition, players in the local league face a hectic six months.

Teams in the past have generally received two, three or four weekends off in the season, something which gave players the chance to overcome niggling injuries or enjoy some quality time with loved ones.

Well you can forget about that this season. If you want to spend quality time with the family, your best chance is a severe suspension - not an attractive option at all.

Players need that weekend break during the season to help overcome the physical trials that come from combining work and football.

Working nine to five, training three times a week and playing on the weekend requires the understanding of a very special partner.

So all you wives and girlfriends out there (or husbands and boyfriends for you lady soccer players) give yourselves a well earned pat on the back. And be patient, there's only three months left of the season.

And that's only for the teams who make the finals, for those teams who don't only two months remain.

It seems like only yesterday we were getting flogged on the training track. Oh, the memories!

Amazingly, the top three looks just about decided with 10 rounds remaining this year.

Rochedale's loss to Coalstars has left the pre-season favourites in a precarious position, with their fourth placing now under threat from the Ipswich side.

Wynnum have finally picked up some points while Beenleigh signalled they were back on track with a win over Brisbane Lions. After Lions coach Miron Bleiberg lambasted his side in last week's *Eye on Soccer,* the team came out and played like their coach was on the mark with his statements.

Rather than lifting his side, Bleiberg appears to have deflated them. Even so, Lions remain second on the ladder and appear certainties for a top four finish.

No player likes to have his ability publicly brought into question and it appears Bleiberg might have overdone it on this occasion.

Miron is renowned for his love of the media but it appears he has failed in his efforts to gee his side up for the game against Beenleigh.

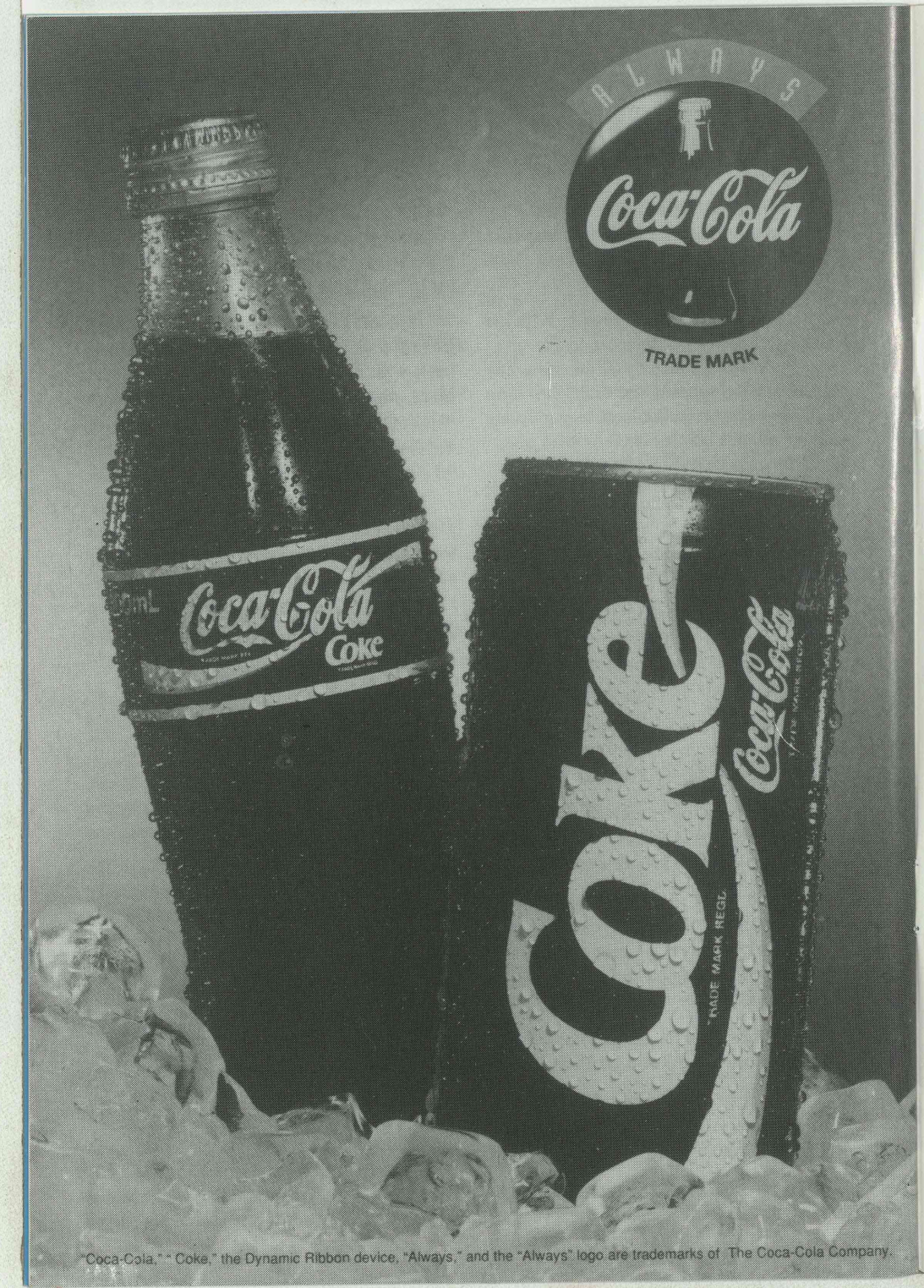
Finally, along with most in Queensland soccer, I'm a little confused about the mystery surrounding what is planned for the Queensland soccer team this year.

As yet, as far as I am aware, the Queensland team does not have any games in place against any opponent.

It's time to strike while the iron is hot. Queensland soccer is enjoying its highest profile ever so the opportunity is there for the Queensland team to jump on the bandwagon.

I hope the QSF has not chosen to ignore the Queensland team and pin all its hopes on the Strikers. If it has heads should roll!

Interstate football is vital as it gives players the chance to showcase their talents at a higher level.



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Before The Whistle

with Jim Gilbert

Harking back to the magnificent Brisbane Strikers win in Brisbane ten days ago, it would be completely remiss if I did not pass on the thanks of the QSF to all organisations who endeavoured to reschedule their matches away from that auspicious Sunday afternoon. Particular thanks goes to the two Brisbane Junior Associations and WSQ, admittedly it did provide a huge jam-up on Friday, Saturday, and Saturday night, but the end result, the enormous crowd at Suncorp, was well worth it. A particular thanks must go to the referees, particularly the ASRF in Brisbane and their ever - despairing appointments officer Les Bagot, who plucked referees from everywhere to officiate at all the senior matches on Saturday, even he didn't think he had enough, but every match was played with an official referee. Again thanks to all concerned, this also goes to some regional Federations, who, I am given to understand, also helped to reschedule matches to allow the avid supporters to make the trip to Brisbane.

Incidentally not everyone involved in soccer was at the game, a few fans were not able to be there, myself included, who weren't able to score tickets, still we watched it on the telly at Perry Park, so at least we saw the on-field action.

Talking again on referees, the standard of refereeing in Brisbane at the moment is definitely on the up, of late I have seen matches refereed by a real mixed bag from teenagers, through to the more experienced referees, and I must say, I'm impressed. I have already commented on Brendan Carius who is definitely one of the up and comers, I saw one of the 'veteran' referees last week in Gary Brownlie who can still keep up with the young bucks on the park, and his decisions are clear, concise, and easily understood, whilst last Friday I saw one of the 'new' breed. Only a youngster refereeing a sixth division match at Wynnum, but he was full of composure, quite confident, without being cocky, and knew what it was all about. Well done!

James Hardie
MODULAR BUILDINGS

Have you noticed there are still nine unbeaten teams in the competition, I won't name them because usually that's the kiss of death!

I read with interest in last week's mag, a comment from a fellow columnist referring to Perry Park, with the question mark of "what's happening to it". I must assume he doesn't read the Year Book to note that Amateur Divisions 1 and 2 play fixtures here every second week, matches that are used in the Soccer Pools both in Australia and overseas, plus this weekend's State Secondary Schools Championships, so it is certainly getting plenty of use.

Maybe he should 'read between the lines' a little closer, and realise that there are a lot of other matches taking place every week outside the XXXX League, 80+ to be precise.

Semi Professional League Cup/Fixtures

A rather diverse set of matches in these leagues this weekend, with the Quarter Finals of the Cup being played and a small number of catch up fixtures. To the Cup first, on Saturday night Slacks Creek are home to Pine Rivers, both sides suffering fluctuating fortunes of late, I tend to think the Rivers may go though to the Semi's, also on Saturday night Mt Gravatt are home to The Gap, whilst The Gap is a very creditable and workmanlike side, Mt Gravatt's greater goal scoring potential points to them continuing on.

On Sunday unbeaten Toowoomba United host Mitchelton, and this will certainly be a clash of the giants, home ground advantage should see Toowoomba through to the next round, the final match is on Monday afternoon between Newmarket and Inala City, home team running into form, visiting team unfortunately running out of form, Newmarket to win.

Only two fixtures to preview, in Division 1 South, the two bottom markers play on Saturday night with Acacia Ridge hosting Redlands, a score draw would not unduly surprise, if there is a winner, it'll be the first for the club, which ever side it is, and for that reason it's difficult to predict. One other catch up match next Wednesday between Slacks Creek and Rocklea, with the winner to cement their place in the top four, for that reason I think the home side will win.

Amateur Division 1

Four matches on Saturday with Bayside home to Samford, and it doesn't look as if Samford will get off the bottom of the table in this one, the other afternoon match is between Darra and a strangely inconsistent Southside Eagles, form dictates a home win. At night Moggill will be out to continue their good form with a home victory over Latrobe, whilst North Pine make the long trip to Goodna, and should do enough to take the points.

On Sunday Redcliffe will have a tough task to take even one point away from a rampant University, whilst South Star, erratic though they have been of late, should preserve 3 points over Annerley.

Amateur Division 2

Majority of matches are on Saturday with Clairvaux to retain all 3 points over Pine Hills, Park Ridge to remain in contention for Semi Finals with a 3 pointer over bottom marker Oxley, and likewise Greenbank to keep 3 points at home over Mooroondu. In the night match Ipswich City will be out to regain some confidence with a 3 pointer over Bethania, whilst on Sunday it really is a battle for the Premiership between Brothers and Margate, two of the remaining unbeaten sides in QSF fixtures, because things will be so tense and so tight in this match, a score draw is the most likely outcome.

Amateur Division 3

First match is on Friday night with Annerley to retain all 3 points over Ipswich City. Only one match on Saturday could see a score draw between Archerfield and newcomers Moggill, remaining games are on Monday with Uni to be far too strong for Jimboomba, likewise Kingsridge will continue their climb up the table at the expense of North Pine, and Samford will preserve their 6 point lead at the top with maximum points over Bayside.

Amateur Division 4

With the long weekend coming up, teams playing on Friday night will have all three days to themselves, with the first match to be previewed a bolter for the home side, with Ridge to take all 3 points over North Star, Slacks Creek will not enjoy the visit of leaders Taringa, whilst Albany Creek and Mitchelton will be a lot closer, but I favour the Creek to pick up the points.

Only one game on Saturday evening should see The Gap home to a narrow win over Souths, remaining matches are on Monday and in the early (10.30am) time slot Brisbane Lions should retain 4th place over Newmarket, whilst that afternoon Park Ridge will remain ensconced at the bottom of the table after Capalaba have come calling.

Amateur Division 5

Again we have three matches on Friday night with Albany Creek to pick up a rare win at the expense of Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions will be 'no show' with Mt Gravatt as their visitors,

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whilst it will be a bit tougher between Coalstars and Easts, but I favour the visitors to take the points.

In the only match on Saturday St Helens should commence climbing the table at the expense of Wynnum, whilst on Monday, Woodridge will have a tougher match on their hands when they visit University, and I favour them to drop their first points, in a draw, and in the remaining match Redlands should pick up a 3 pointer over Samford.

Amateur Division 6

In the Friday night matches Coalstars will retain their top of the table position and a boost in their goal scoring ability in the early match over Easts.

Lions will have a difficult task on their hands with Capalaba placed where they are on the verge of the top four, visitors for the points, and in the remaining match Slacks Creek should retain second place over Taringa.

Only one match in the twilight zone on Saturday should see Wynnum pick up a rare 3 pointer over their hosts at The Gap. On Monday Newmarket will continue their climb up the table at the expense of Brisbane Lions, whilst Kingsridge may just enjoy their afternoon's visit over to St Lucia.

This week's quote

It's our new tactics. We equalise before the others have scored."

(Danny Blanchflower, Tottenham Hotspur legend - 1958)

† Vale

Annerley Recreation Club lost one of it's true "old time" members with the sudden passing of former secretary Bill Gibbs. Bill unfortunately succumbed to a sudden heart attack whilst in hospital, and ironically , just prior to his release from hospital to go home.

Bill joined Annerley Recreation Club in 1969, and in his twenty eight year membership , like so many other club stalwarts, took on many tasks. This included junior soccer team coach/manager, working in the canteen, marking the grounds, before taking on the position of senior soccer secretary for a lengthy period. Such was Bill's love for all sports, that in his eighteen year tenure as secretary of the ARC, it included a lengthy stint as secretary/ treasurer of the cricket section. Such was Bill's love for all sports, particularly for his beloved club, that the sentimental title of Mr Annerley had long been bestowed on him, and during some of the early years when the club was struggling financially, he even paid some of the club accounts out of his own pocket.

Bill was also bowls fanatic, seen frequently at a number of inner city bowls clubs. He followed the Strikers avidly but unfortunately, wasn't well enough to attend last month's victorious Grand Final win.

Bill will be sorely missed by all members of the Annerley Recreation Club, from all sports, and in particular from all of us at the Queensland Soccer Federation. Our sympathy goes to his family and his many, many friends from Annerley.

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