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Cover Photograph: Brisbane City striker Chris Slater lines up a shot as Lions Keeper Jason Lucas prepares to meet the challenge.

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Editorial

Bundaberg Waves' late season charge towards the finals has proved that football is alive and well in Queensland's provincial centres.

Waves have performed admirably at home throughout the season and after winning their first match away from home last week, continued that form to defeat league leaders Taringa at Jack Speare park on the weekend.

They now look a good bet to make an appearance in the finals in their debut season in the XXXX Premier League.

Waves success has been a catalyst and could spark interest from clubs in other regional centres about becoming involved in the competition in the future.

On a personal note, I was saddened to hear of the departure of Gary McDowall from Rochedale Rovers.

McDowall was one of this nation's great players having represented his country many times and it's a shame that he has opted to put his coaching career on hold for the moment.

It has been plainly obvious that the Rochedale team has been struggling for quite some time, but whether this was due to McDowall's coaching technique is open for debate.

While on the subject of international players, the young Socceroo's have once again done our fledgling nation proud by executing a major coup at the World Youth Soccer Championships in Malaysia.

Their 4-3 win against the current champions Argentina was an incredible performance.

Kosta Salapasidis' effort of four goals in a match has surely added a couple of zeros to his transfer fee and we hope he remains on target for the rest of the competition.

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TARINGA ROVERS 0 v BUNDABERG WAVES 1 at Jack Speare Park
SCORER: **Bundaberg:** M. Foy (pen)
Taringa: Higgins, Grodum, Hale, hughes, Hillier, Invincible, Ditton, Robertson, Kolpak, Flemington, Theochari (Subs: Read, Hutchison, Collins, Inunciaga, Gove)
Bundaberg: Bainbridge, Giovanonni, Roebuck, Fagan, Lawlor, Legg, Starr, Allen, Foy, Brown, Bender (Subs: Maas, Barbera, Slaughter, Barritt, Wilson)

ROCHEDALE 3 v WYNNUM 1 at Underwood Park
SCORERS: **Rochedale:** K. Cooper, C. Koch, A. Lees
Wyunnum: O. Filewood
Rochedale: Turnbull, Seeley, Lane, Harris, Lees E., Lees A., Cooper, Koch, Pilic, Dawe, Brattan (Subs: Dal Santo, Adams, Bland, Fitzsimmons)
Wynnum: Underhill, Adair, Wood, Gilroy, McKinless, McGinnis, Hadland, Corbett, Filewood, Rogers, Davidson (Subs: Wilkins, McDermott, Popplewood, McCulloch)

COALSTARS 2 v BEENLEIGH 1 at Eric Evans Reserve
SCORERS: **Coalstars:** M. Hilli, R. Hilli
Beenleigh: A Gordon (pen)
Coastars: Cassidy, King, Petie, Hinks, Bennett, Hilli M., McKendrick, Stenzel, Adams, Cuba M., Hilli R. (Subs: Guest, Caldwell, Hallett, Deranja)
Beenleigh: Roche, Rowland Preston, McFarlane, Duffy, Gordon, Davidson, Hinton, Stefanutto, Morris, Lederhose (Subs: Leake, Skordou, Illif, Jones)

BRISBANE CITY 2 v BRISBANE LIONS 2 at Spencer Park
SCORERS: **City:** D. Almond, B. Wilkinson
Lions: C. Watson, C. Tuck
City: Duke, Brownlie, Greer, Strange, Elliott, Pearse, Glockner, Slater, Almond, Waugh, Wilkinson (Subs: McLean, Kidd, Charles, Taraborelli)
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A week of league turmoil

It's been a week to remember for Queensland soccer. Unfortunately, it will probably be remembered for most of the wrong reasons.

The week started off with the news that Rochedale Rovers coach Gary McDowall had resigned from his position.

Rochedale have not been performing to the lofty heights that had been expected from them after their impressive pre season form, and on cue, the rumour mill has been working overtime in recent weeks.

When asked to verify the reasons for McDowall's sudden departure from Underwood Park, Football Manager David Bearman said the decision was entirely McDowall's.

"He resigned last Tuesday," he said. "The team hadn't won a game for a month and he felt it was best for the team... it's his own decision.

"The club is disappointed in his move and even though some of the Board attempted to persuade him to stay, he stood firm on his resignation.

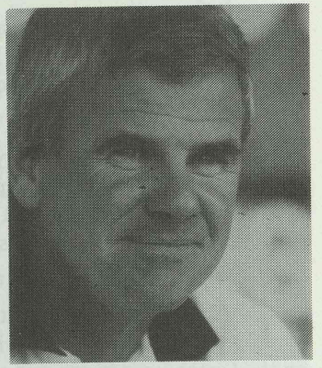
"Gary Brattan took over last weekend as caretaker coach and we appointed Peter Bannon today (Tuesday) to the position of first team coach.

"Bannon has a proven track record and his knowledge of the game is exceptional.

"We are very confident about the rest of the season and with the signing of our new coach and probable signing of Fijian international Esala Masi, I believe we have the personnel to make the finals."

Bearman said that Rovers keeper Clint Dal Santo would also be leaving the club to take up a 12 month scholarship at a college in the United States.

However, he declined to hint at who Dal Santo's successor would be.



Peter Bannon has taken over as coach of Rochedale Rovers

Bearman did make mention of the efforts of 16 year old keeper Michael Turnbull who has filled in for Dal Santo in the club's last three matches.

The other big news of the week was Brisbane City captain Mark Greer's decision to hang up the boots after more than 25 years.

Greer's decision was prompted by his sending off last week in the match against Lions at Spencer Park.

It was the third time that Greer has been red-carded this season and his playing future is now in the hands of the tribunal if found guilty of the alleged stomping charge against Lions Jason Poggi.

Greer said that he was disappointed that a Courier-Mail article on Monday, June 23, had taken some comments he made after the game out of context.

"The quote about me saying that the 'QSF don't have any time for this league' is wrong and I didn't start my career at Pine Rivers, I played at Mitchelton for the first 15 years of my career and owe a lot to that club," he said.

"But the real reason why I quit was that I had had enough of training three nights a week, playing on weekends and dedicating six months of my life each year to football."

Coalstars snatch victory

Coalstars put talk of a prospective merger with fellow Ipswich locals St Helens behind them to snatch a 2-1 victory over Beenleigh on Sunday afternoon.

It appears increasingly likely next year will see the introduction of a united Ipswich side into the XXXX Premier League in a bid to return to the halcyon days when Ipswich sides dominated the Queensland soccer scene.

But Coalstars have shown this season that on their day they can match it with the top sides in the league, recording some stunning results this season, most notably the 2-0 win away at Rochedale a couple of weeks ago.

However, this match was not one of the home side's more impressive performances and Beenleigh looked the better side in the opening 45 minutes.

The visitors showed they had come to play right from the outset and Joe Morris came close to opening the scoring on 10 minutes when he fired a volley just wide from a curling cross.

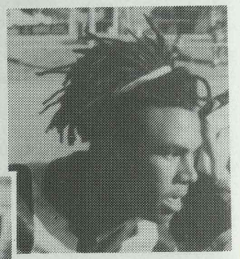
Morris had a better chance five minutes later when a Marc Lederhose flick fell invitingly for him, but he volleyed wide from six yards.

Another great chance came to Troy Wickstein when he was found unmarked at the far post but he sliced his shot wide of goal.

Coalstars Matt Hilli was the standout for the home side and it appears the youngster is beginning to venture out of the shadow of his better known older brother.

Hilli's tremendous pace seems to give him extra time in midfield and it allowed him to create a chance for Wayne Adams but he blasted his shot well over the bar.

The home side began to assert some influence over proceedings and finally opened the scoring, albeit against the run of play, from a corner on 25 minutes.



Matt Hilli was the standout performer for Coalstars last weekend and scored a goal too

Matt's brother Richard also contributed with the first of the Coalstars goals

Beenleigh's keeper Chris Roche was far too slow coming off his line allowing Richie Hilli to easily flick in his header at the near post.

The home side's lead was to last only six minutes however, with Marc Lederhose unceremoniously chopped down in the box by Darren Petie, the foolish challenge justifiably earning the Coalstars defender the wrath of his team-mates.

But Matt Hilli took the home side to the break in front, with a goal which had the vocal home crowd on its feet.

Hilli controlled the ball in midfield turned onto his left foot only to have his shot blocked. But he recovered like lightning to send a thunderbolt into the top corner which gave Roche no chance.

The second half was all Coalstars with Adams and both the Hilli boys having good chances to increase the lead, but all three failed to find the target.

It appears certain Beenleigh will rue their host of missed chances in the first half. With Bundaberg winning again on the weekend and Rochedale hanging onto their coat-tails, it looks like the Lions will miss out on the finals spot which appeared a formality earlier in the season.

Bundaberg shocks Taringa

The Bundaberg Waves caused one of the major upsets of Premier League season when they scored a one goal victory against league leaders Taringa Rovers at Jack Speare Park on Saturday at 2.45pm.

Rovers midfielder Des Hughes was the culprit in the dramatic loss, mistiming a tackle in the box on his opposing number Warren Allen in the 91st minute of the match.

Bundaberg's Gippsland Falcons import Mark Foy gave Taringa keeper Scott Higgins no chance of saving the game when he coolly slotted the ensuing penalty into the left corner of the goal.

Bundaberg have now recorded either a win or a draw against all of the top teams and with the finals just around the corner, the team appears to be hitting some good form at just the right time of the season.

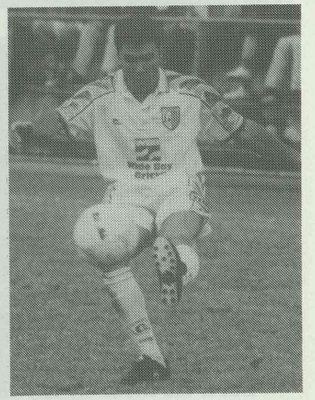
Taringa coach John Ogden said the loss was not the end of the world but admitted that "it was the one that got away".

In the 21th minute of the match, Rovers left midfielder Scott Robinson supplied an accurate cross to an unmarked Des Hughes, but he (Hughes) failed to convert from six yards.

In the 32th minute, a goal mouth melee presented an opportunity for both Flemington and fellow striker Glen Kolpak to put the home side ahead, but some excellent keeping by Waves Michael Bainbridge denied their efforts.

Three minutes later, a Darren Hillier free kick from the right found Scott Robinson in space and incredibly, his wide strike was almost collected by Rovers defender Joel Hayle at the far post.

Soon after, Bundaberg had their first goal scoring opportunity of the match when a Taringa defensive error lead to Warren Allen receiving the ball on the 18 yard box. However, Allen's first time shot was tipped wide by Higgins.



Bundaberg's first shot on goal came from Warren Allen whose shot was tipped away by goalie Scot Higgins

Just before the break, Robinson was again in the action when he beat two Bundaberg defenders on the left and wipped a low cross to an unmarked Mark Flemington.

However, Flemington's attempted first time strike from six yards sailed over the crossbar.

Flemington got another opportunity to get on the scoresheet two minutes later when he turned inside his defender and found some space, but his powerful left foot shot was denied by the woodwork.

Bundaberg coach Aldo Baretta said his side was encouraged at half time by the fact that Taringa had failed to make the most of their opportunites to seal the game.

Indeed, Bundaberg came out full of confidence in the second half and could have gone ahead in the 58th minute when Foy received a loose ball just outside the box, but unfortunatly, he duffed his right foot shot.

Then on 71 minutes, Foy nearly made amends for his indiscretion when he fired a shot from 20 yards, only to be denied by the bar.

Waves had a lot of the possession during the final 20 minutes of the match and if it would not have been for the inexperienced action of Des Hughes, the game would have ended in what it deserved - a draw.

PREMIER PREVUE - Beenleigh v Bris City

Beenleigh host the out-of-sorts Brisbane City at Chris Green Park on Saturday at 7pm.

This is a must win game for Beenleigh as they are now six points behind the Bundaberg Waves who are in fourth spot on the league ladder.

Beenleigh play the Waves next week, so a win against City would do their finals' cause a lot of good.

But if the Lions are any chance of beating City, coach Phil Kerr said his players were going to have to learn to put the ball in the back of the net.

"The conditions were not wonderful to play football in at Coalstars, but that's not an excuse for losing," Kerr said.

"It was one of those games that either team could have won but at the end of the day, we just couldn't get the goals.

"If you're not putting the ball in the back of the net, you're behind from the start and I just think we need to apply ourselves a bit more in that area."

Kerr said the match against City was a "do or die" game for his side.

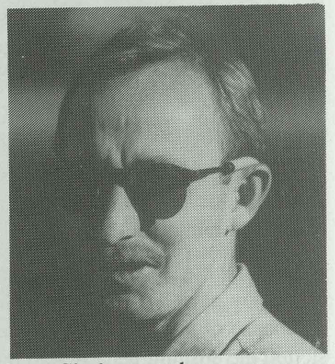
"As each week passes, we're getting further behind the leaders," he said.

"We've got six games left and we've got to get something out of every game.

"We can't afford to sit back and wait for the game to come to us and you can be assured that we won't be holding back on Saturday."

Brisbane City recorded a 2-2 draw with Brisbane Lions that sees them only three points shy of league leaders Taringa Rovers.

The three points would be welcomed at



Phil Kerr's Lions are certainly up against it this week

Spencer Park as City's next three games are against Rochedale, Bundaberg and Taringa.

If the stats are any indication, City are the second best attacking side (behind Taringa) in the league and the third best defensive team (behind Taringa and Lions).

There is no doubt that Phil Kerr's Lions are up against it this week.

BEENLEIGH V BRISBANE CITY

Chris Green Park, Beenleigh
Saturday June 28, 7pm

BEENLEIGH	BRISBANE CITY
1. Chris Roche	1. Daniel Duke
2. Brett Druery	2. Royce Brownlie
3. Michael Roland	3. Anthony Scodellaro
4. Dean Milosevic	4. Mark Greer
5. Kieran Galloway	5. Wayne Strange
6. Brian McFarlane	6. Scott Elliott
7. Wayne Hinton	7. Cameron Pearse
8. Brett Jones	8. Simon Eslick
9. Ross Smart	9. Warren Cooley
10. Fotis Skordou	10. Steve Glockner
11. Troy Wickstein	11. Shane Haddow
12. Michael Leake	12. Robert Kidd
13. Ross Davidson	13. Chris Slater
14. Joe Morris	14. Dean Almond
15. Lee Preston	15. John Schiavo
16. Marc Lederhose	16. Damien Waugh
17. Calvin Gneck	17. Barry Wilkinson
18. Alan Gordon	18. Damien Cavallucci
19. Michael Robinson	19. Mark Luburic
20. David Iliff	20. Adriano Taraborrelli

PREMIER PREVUE - Bundaberg v Coalstars

Coalstars travel north this week to meet Bundaberg at Thabeban Sports Complex on Sunday at 2.45pm.

Coalstars have been up and down in recent weeks and with just six games left this season, the team needs to make every post a winner.

Bundaberg produced one of, if not the upset of the season last week when they accounted for league leaders and premiership favourites Taringa Rovers.

The 1-0 victory signalled the Waves "coming of age" in this league as they played some championship football.

Bundaberg sustained a mountain of pressure from Taringa in the first half, but a spirited second half made for some entertaining football.

Just as the game seemed destined for a draw, Gippsland Falcons import Mark Foy sealed a dramatic victory thanks to clinically taken penalty kick.

Coach Aldo Baretta said he was obviously delighted with the win.

"I'm really happy with the result and it was a great performance by the guys," he said.

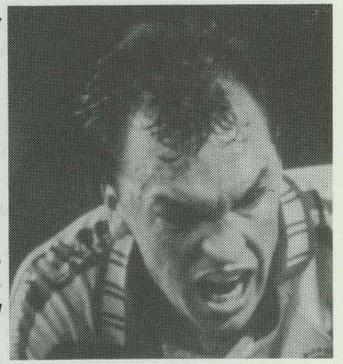
"We were pretty confident going into the match but to be honest I would have been happy with a draw... a win is a bonus."

Baretta said he was happy to get his side into the dressing room at half time as it gave him an opportunity to rally his troops.

"They could have sealed the game in the first half but they squandered their opportunities," he said.

"I told the guys that they had to happy as they didn't play well early on, but somehow, we were still in the game.

"I think in the end we deserved to win as we hung in there and managed to take our



Former Brisbane Strikers captain Alan Hunter is set to return to the Waves line-up this weekend

opportunity when it presented itself which is what it's all about."

Baretta said that it was vital his side obtain maximum points against Coalstars so as to consolidate their fourth position on the ladder. Strikers import Alan Hunter is set to return to the Waves line-up this week.

BUNDABERG V COALSTARS

Thabeban Sports Complex, Bundaberg
Sunday June 29, 2.45pm

BUNDABERG	COALSTARS
1. Michael Bainbridge	1. Michael Cassidy
2. Nick Maas	2. Patrick Boyle
3. Giuseppi Baraza	3. Clint Scott
4. Stephen Starr	4. Andrew King (c)
5. John Giovannoni	5. Darren Petie
6. Tony Roebuck	6. Peter Hinks
7. Michael Legg	7. Brenley Jefferd
8. Luke Graham	8. Mark Bennett
9. Anthony Brown	9. Matt Hilli
10. Rodney Cooper	10. Wes Park
11. Warren Allen	11. David Guest
12. Chris Wilson	12. Peter McKendrick
13. Sean Hunt	13. Peter Hallett
14. Alan Hunter	14. Scott Stenzel
15. Darren Bender	15. Fraser Cuba
16. Paul Fagan	16. Wayne Adams
17. John Lawler	17. Marcello Cuba
18. Mark Foy	18. Richard Hilli
19. (Not allocated)	19. Chris Barrett
20. Ross Barbera	20. Todd Vaggs

PREMIER PREVUE - Wynnum v Taringa

The Wynnum Wolves host league leaders Taringa Rovers at Carmichael Park on Sunday at 2.45pm

Wynnum will be playing for pride in this match while the Taringa players will be wanting to get their premiership hopes back on track after suffering a shock 1-0 loss to Bundaberg last week.

Taringa coach John Ogden said he believed the loss would have a positive affect on his team in the lead up to the finals.

"We certainly had enough chances to win, particularly in the first half and in the end a little bit of inexperience cost us the match," he said.

"I thought we played well enough to win and it's a pity we didn't pick up any points but it's a good lesson for the guys that you must take your chances.

"If anything, I think the loss will stoke us for the next six games and we'll be focussed on our remaining matches."

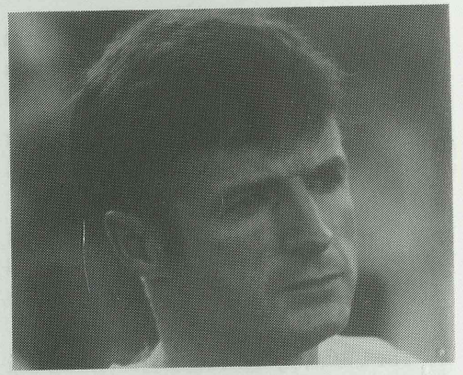
On a side not, the depth of the Taringa tream was apparent on the weekend with regulars Ian Hutchison and captain Brent Read benched by Ogden.

Hutch was reported as having had the flu midweek but there was apparently nothing wrong with "Ready". Competition for spots must be tight when the club captain can't make the run-on side!

Turning back to Taringa's match against Wynnum this week and coach Ogden said the fate of the game was in his players hands.

"We're going to be focussed on our own game and not be concerned with what Wynnum are doing," Ogden said. "What we do will determine the outcome."

Wynnum are dangerous side at home and it



would be fair to say that no team likes travelling down to Wynnum for a Sunday afternoon game.

The pitch is not great, the conditions can turn very nasty and Wynnum are a lot more competitive team than they were early in the season. Taringa will definitely have to be on their game to secure the points from this match.

WYNNUM V TARINGA ROVERS

Carmichael Park, Tingalpa
Sunday June 29, 2.45pm

WYNNUM DISTRICT	TARINGA ROVERS
1. Peter Underhill	1. Scott Higgins
2. Luke Adair	2. Joel Hale
3. Ben Wood	3. Laurence Inunciaga
4. (Not allocated)	4. Stein Grodum
5. Gary McGinnis	5. Danny Britton
6. Tony McKinless	6. (Not allocated)
7. Geoff Maltby	7. Brent Read
8. Paul Wilkins	8. Demetri Theochari
9. Stuart Popplewell	9. Danny Stowers
10. Wayne Corbett	10. Darren Hillier
11. Malcom Van Basten	11. Ian Hutchison
12. Ricky McKinless	12. Stuart Collins
13. Dennis Mills	13. Marc Flemington
14. Nick Hadland	14. (Not allocated)
15. Andrew Davidson	15. Glen Kolpak
16. Shane Gilroy	16. Scott Robertson
17. Brendan Rogers	17. Des Hughes
18. Owen Filewood	18. Shaun Molenda
19. Bill McDermott	19. Brad Ditton
20. Garth McCulloch	20. (Not allocated)

PREMIER PREVUE - Bris Lions v Rochedale

An interesting battle looms at Lions stadium on Sunday when Brisbane Lions host the fifth placed Rochedale Rovers.

Gary McDowall resigned last week as Rovers top team coach and the Board have replaced him with long time soccer identity Peter Bannon.

Just a few weeks ago, Bannon hit the headlines when he resigned from opposing Premier League club Beenleigh.

This game will be a big test for Bannon as his new side are in desperate need of some competition points.

It would be a huge shock if Rochedale failed to make the finals but with Bundaberg upsetting the highly fancied Taringa last week, this scenario is a distinct possibility.

After a good start to the season, Rochedale have gone off the boil in the last couple of months.

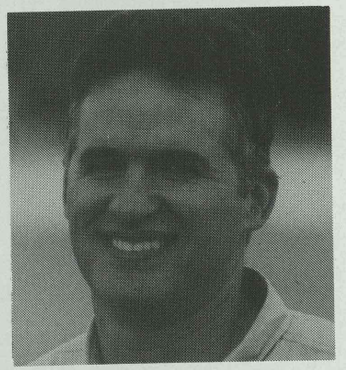
Their attack seems to lack the potency it once had and although Kieran Cooper shares top spot on the "Leading Scorers" table, Rochedale are cetainly not the feared side they once were.

It's hard to pinpoint what is going on at Underwood Park and there are those from both inside and outside the fence that believe that Gary McDowall was perhaps a little too eager to take the blame for his side's misfortunes.

One thing is for sure however, Rochedale have got to turn their indifferent form around and repeat last week's win against Wynnum with a victory against Lions.

Lions, whilst also experiencing some inconsistency in recent weeks, appear better prepared for this match.

Their 2-2 draw against City was a fair result and they will be hard to beat at home.



Miron Bleiberg is sure to have his side primed for this match as the three points will go a long way towards securing a top two spot at the business end of the season.

On recent form and with the turmoil experienced by the Rovers club, Lions should come away with a win.

BRIS LIONS V ROCHEDALE ROVERS

Lions Stadium, Richlands
Sunday June 29, 2.45pm

BRISBANE LIONS	ROCHEDALE ROVERS
1. Robbie Farrow	1. Michael Turnbull
2. David Lonsdale	2. Clinton McDermott
3. Darren Sime	3. Nick Seeley
4. Cliff Tuck	4. Michael Lane
5. Brett McPaul	5. Damian Harris
6. Mark Geritz	6. Eddie Lees
7. Steve Jackson	7. Brett Adams
8. Robert Pudja	8. Andy Lees
9. Greg Di Losa	9. Kieran Cooper
10. Kevin Meacock	10. Clayton Koch
11. Martin Matula	11. Stephen Bland
12. Roy Huth	12. David Pilic
13. Craig Rogers	13. Paul Grugan
14. Cameron Watson	14. Steve Dawe
15. Anthony Cotton	15. Steve Fitzsimmons
16. Wade Cannon	16. Wade Baldwin
17. Adam Daly	17. Gary Brattan
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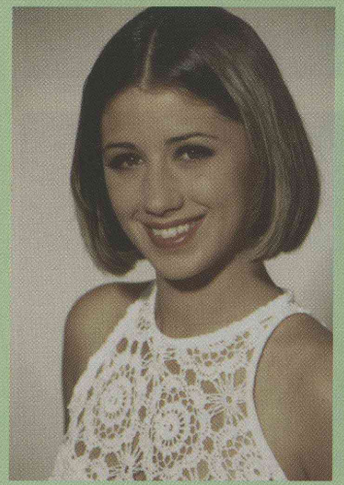


Samantha Clarke

Acacia Ridge Soccer Club's 1997 Miss Queensland Soccer Quest Entrant

You would not be mistaken if you said that Samantha was "clucky" over her work.... it's true.

Miss Acacia Ridge has a job that demands just that, you see, Samantha works as a hatchery assistant and cares for hundreds of baby chicks every day.

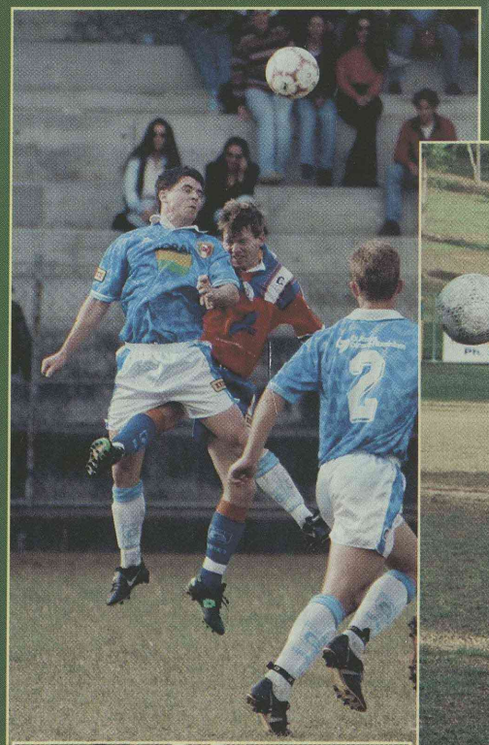
In her spare time she loves crocheting, visiting the gym, going to the movies and as a one-time competitive swimmer, still frequents the pool to keep in shape.

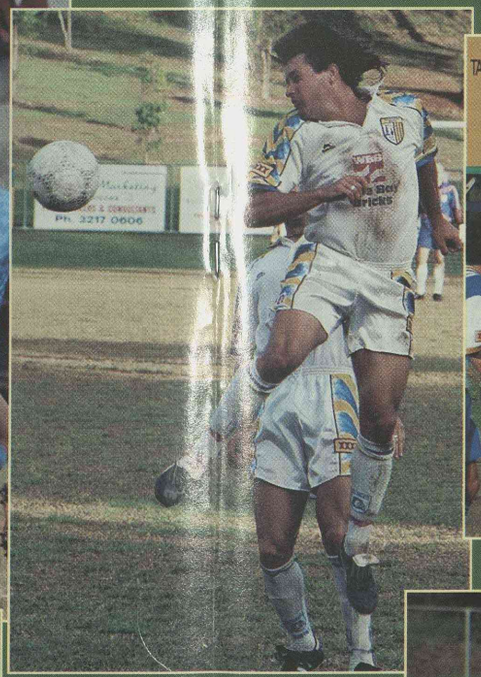
As a means of raising funds for the Ridge club, Samantha is holding a Hungi at 181 Juers St. Kingston this Saturday at 2pm. Entry is just $10 per person with a great time guaranteed.

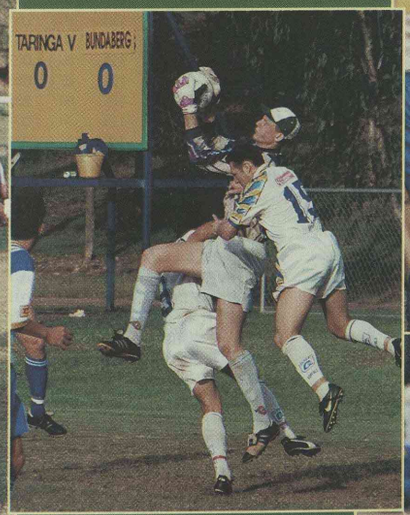
A Karaoke night is also planned for July 16 at the club house.

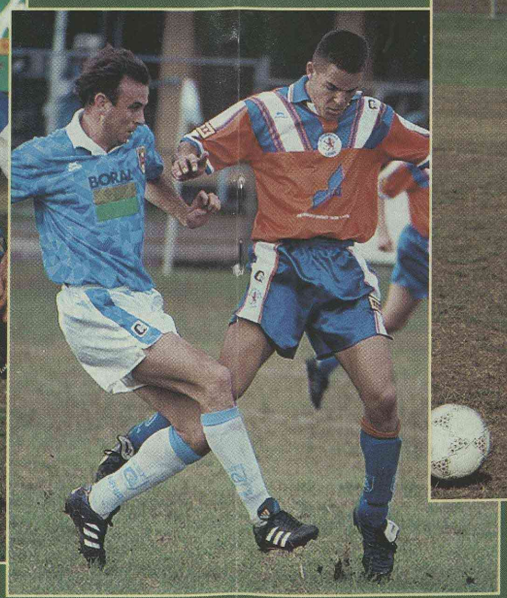
Should Samantha be fortunate enough to win the quest's first prize, she said she would use the $5000 air travel to visit Canada during the winter.

WEEKEND REPLAY









EYE ON SOCCER TABLES

XXXX LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	15	10	2	3	33	12	32
BRISBANE CITY	15	8	5	2	26	17	29
BRISBANE LIONS	15	8	3	4	22	16	27
B'BERG WAVES	15	6	4	5	23	20	22
ROCHEDALE ROV	15	6	3	6	27	25	21
BEENLEIGH	15	5	1	9	22	32	16
COALSTARS	15	5	1	9	17	29	16
WYNNUM	15	2	1	12	17	36	7

XXXX RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	13	9	2	2	25	12	29
WYNNUM	13	7	4	2	22	14	25
TARINGA ROVERS	12	5	2	5	11	16	17
BEENLEIGH	13	4	4	5	21	22	16
ROCHEDALE ROV	13	3	6	4	21	20	15
BRISBANE CITY	13	3	2	8	18	25	11
COALSTARS	13	3	2	8	9	18	11

XXXX YOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BRISBANE LIONS	15	11	1	3	36	18	34
ROCHEDALE ROV	15	10	1	4	37	26	31
TARINGA ROVERS	15	9	0	6	25	24	27
WYNNUM	15	8	0	7	32	18	24
BRISBANE CITY	15	7	1	7	34	37	22
B'BERG WAVES	15	3	4	8	22	34	13
COALSTARS	14	2	4	8	17	28	10
BEENLEIGH	14	2	3	9	22	40	9

The leading club in the XXXX Premier League Club Championship at the end of the fixtures will win a set of strips from Attack Sports and a $1000 voucher from Insurance Exchange of Australia. Last years Club Championship winners were Brisbane Lions.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Lions	43	28	6	9	83	46	90
Taringa Rovers	42	24	4	14	69	52	76
Rochedale Rovers	43	19	10	14	85	71	67
Brisbane City	43	18	8	17	78	79	62
Wynnum District	43	17	5	19	71	68	56
Beenleigh	42	11	8	23	65	94	41
Coalstars	42	10	7	25	43	75	37
Bundaberg Waves	30	9	8	13	47	54	35

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NORTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	12	8	2	2	27	13	26
NORTH STAR	12	7	2	3	26	15	23
ALBANY CREEK	12	5	4	3	22	15	19
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	5	3	4	29	20	18
OLYMPIC UTD	12	5	3	4	19	23	18
EASTERN SUBS	12	4	4	4	20	25	16
NEWMARKET	12	4	3	5	23	26	15
THE GAP	12	3	5	4	24	23	14
CAPALABA	12	2	3	7	19	23	9
GRANGE THISTLE	12	1	3	8	12	38	6

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBANY CREEK	12	10	0	2	31	16	30
NEWMARKET	12	9	0	3	28	13	27
NORTH STAR	12	6	3	3	26	8	21
CAPALABA	12	6	0	6	30	25	18
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	6	0	6	33	31	18
MITCHELTON	12	5	2	5	22	21	17
OLYMPIC UTD	12	4	3	5	18	23	15
THE GAP	12	3	2	7	13	25	11
EASTERN SUBS	12	3	0	9	11	26	9
GRANGE THISTLE	12	3	0	9	15	39	9

SEMI PRO DIV 1 NTH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CAPALABA	12	9	0	3	39	19	27
PINE RIVERS UTD	12	7	4	1	32	11	25
NEWMARKET	11	7	0	4	24	18	21
MITCHELTON	12	5	3	4	27	20	18
EASTERN SUBS	12	5	2	5	21	21	17
ALBANY CREEK	12	4	4	4	20	26	16
GRANGE THISTLE	12	4	1	7	26	33	13
THE GAP	11	3	3	5	14	20	12
NORTH STAR	10	1	6	3	13	19	9
OLYMPIC UTD	12	1	1	10	14	43	4

SEMI PRO DIV 1 SOUTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TOOWOOMBA UTD	11	9	1	1	40	8	28
MT GRAVATT	11	6	3	2	30	9	21
SLACKS CREEK	10	5	4	1	25	20	19
INALA CITY	11	5	3	3	24	17	18
ROCKLEA UTD	11	4	4	3	16	18	16
SOUTHS UTD	10	3	2	5	22	33	11
ACACIA RIDGE	11	2	4	5	16	22	10
IPSW ST HELENS	10	2	1	7	9	32	7
REDLANDS UTD	11	0	2	9	7	30	2

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ROCKLEA UTD	11	9	0	2	31	10	27
MT GRAVATT	11	7	0	4	30	10	21
REDLANDS UTD	11	6	2	3	24	18	20
TOOWOOMBA UTD	11	6	1	4	29	18	19
ACACIA RIDGE	11	6	0	5	22	21	18
SLACKS CREEK	10	3	1	6	20	22	10
SOUTHS UTD	10	3	1	6	16	38	10
INALA CITY	11	2	2	7	11	30	8
IPSW ST HELENS	10	2	1	7	10	26	7

SEMI PRO DIV 1 STH YTH	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MT GRAVATT	11	8	1	2	45	15	25
REDLANDS UTD	11	5	3	3	19	18	18
ROCKLEA UTD	11	5	2	4	23	22	17
SOUTHS UTD	9	5	1	3	21	14	16
SLACKS CREEK	10	5	1	4	22	19	16
ACACIA RIDGE	11	5	0	6	16	25	15
IPSW ST HELENS	10	4	2	4	24	15	14
TOOWOOMBA UTD	10	4	2	4	24	15	14
INALA CITY	11	0	0	11	9	60	0

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AMATEUR DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UNI OF QLD	16	12	4	0	44	12	40
NORTH PINE	15	10	2	3	41	15	32
ANNERLEY	16	9	3	4	36	20	30
LATROBE	16	8	4	4	35	31	28
DARRA UTD	15	8	2	5	38	25	26
SOUTH STAR	16	6	7	3	27	18	25
MOGGILL UTD	16	6	2	8	25	31	20
REDCLIFFE	16	5	3	8	31	39	18
S'SIDE EAGLES	16	4	5	7	17	25	17
GOODNA	16	3	4	9	13	32	13
BAYSIDE UTD	16	2	4	10	21	39	10
SAMFORD	16	1	2	13	18	59	5

AMATEUR DIV 1 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ANNERLEY	16	14	2	0	53	9	44
UNI OF QLD	16	13	1	2	65	15	40
NORTH PINE	15	9	2	4	42	27	29
S'SIDE EAGLES	16	8	4	4	42	25	28
MOGGILL UTD	16	7	4	5	29	28	25
BAYSIDE UTD	16	7	0	9	26	34	21
REDCLIFFE	16	5	1	10	36	43	16
SAMFORD	16	4	3	9	24	44	15
DARRA UTD	15	4	3	8	21	41	15
LATROBE	16	4	2	10	26	37	14
GOODNA	16	3	4	9	15	37	13
SOUTH STAR	16	3	2	11	17	56	11

AMATEUR DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BROTHERS UTD	15	12	3	0	71	11	39
MARGATE	15	12	2	1	51	19	38
PARK RIDGE	15	9	5	1	37	10	32
GREENBANK	14	8	3	3	33	17	27
CLAIRVAUX	15	6	5	4	35	26	23
JIMBOOMBA	13	6	3	4	34	24	21
BETHANIA	12	3	4	5	25	28	13
IPSWICH CITY	14	3	2	9	16	51	11
PINE HILLS	14	2	2	10	9	36	8
MOOROONDU	14	1	3	10	10	33	6
OXLEY UTD	15	0	0	15	17	83	0

AMATEUR DIV 2 RES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARGATE	15	14	0	1	55	8	42
JIMBOOMBA	13	11	1	1	52	8	34
PARK RIDGE	15	9	3	3	41	12	30
CLAIRVAUX	15	8	2	5	34	19	26
BETHANIA	12	6	2	4	22	21	20
GREENBANK	14	5	2	7	31	35	17
IPSWICH CITY	14	4	3	7	30	36	15
BROTHERS UTD	15	3	5	7	20	32	14
PINE HILLS	14	4	1	9	24	48	13
OXLEY UTD	15	2	1	12	8	64	7
MOOROONDU	14	0	4	10	17	51	4

PREMIER LEAGUE LEADING SCORERS

9	Gls	Glen Kolpak (Taringa Rovers)
9	Gls	Kieran Cooper (Rochedale Rovers)
8	Gls	Mark Flemington (Taringa Rovers)
7	Gls	Chris Slater (Brisbane City)
7	Gls	Brett Drury (Beenleigh)
5	Gls	Steve Jackson (Brisbane Lions)
5	Gls	Troy Wickstein (Beenleigh)
5	Gls	Steve Fitzsimmons (Rochedale Rovers)

AMATEUR DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SAMFORD	14	13	1	0	76	10	40
UNI OF QLD	12	10	1	1	63	9	31
ANNERLEY	14	8	3	3	41	12	27
KINGSRIDGE	14	7	4	3	34	26	25
IPSWICH CITY	14	6	3	5	37	40	21
WOODRIDGE	13	6	1	6	19	26	19
BAYSIDE UTD	13	3	0	10	17	63	9
NORTH PINE	12	2	2	8	18	28	8
JIMBOOMBA	13	2	1	10	14	54	7
MOGGILL UTD	5	2	0	3	6	23	6
ARCHERFIELD	14	1	2	11	15	49	5

AMATEUR DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TARINGA ROVERS	16	14	1	1	97	12	43
CAPALABA	15	11	1	3	81	25	34
ACACIA RIDGE	16	10	4	2	56	19	34
BRISBANE LIONS	15	9	3	3	49	21	30
SLACKS CREEK	15	8	1	6	55	30	25
ALBANY CREEK	15	7	2	6	45	28	23
MITCHELTON	16	7	1	8	46	45	22
NEWMARKET	14	6	2	6	36	31	20
THE GAP	16	5	2	9	34	40	17
NORTH STAR	15	2	3	10	18	96	9
SOUTHS UTD	15	2	1	12	9	61	7
PARK RIDGE	16	0	1	15	6	124	1

AMATEUR DIVISION 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WOODRIDGE	16	14	1	1	71	20	43
EASTERN SUBS	16	10	4	2	76	26	34
MT GRAVATT	14	10	2	2	54	22	32
UNI OF QLD	15	9	4	2	55	32	31
IPSW ST HELENS	16	7	6	3	42	28	27
COALSTARS	15	7	3	5	47	27	24
BRISBANE LIONS	16	6	3	7	49	39	21
SAMFORD	16	4	1	11	31	63	13
ALBANY CREEK	16	4	1	11	23	60	13
REDLANDS UTD	15	3	1	11	27	59	10
WYNNUM	15	2	2	11	21	80	8
BRISBANE CITY	14	0	4	10	23	63	4

AMATEUR DIVISION 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
COALSTARS	16	14	2	0	78	15	44
SLACKS CREEK	16	12	1	3	51	14	37
CAPALABA	15	11	2	2	56	18	35
NEWMARKET	14	9	3	2	60	15	30
BRISBANE LIONS	16	8	3	5	38	26	27
TARINGA ROVERS	16	7	2	7	48	36	23
WYNNUM	15	7	1	7	29	32	22
KINGSRIDGE	15	5	2	8	21	37	17
UNI OF QLD	14	3	3	8	27	32	12
EASTERN SUBS	15	3	0	12	23	56	9
LIONS SC	16	3	0	13	24	83	9
THE GAP	16	0	1	15	13	104	1

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WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

	FRANK FARINA	ARTHUR HIGGINS	GARY LEGG	GARY PHILLIPS
XXXX League - Round16				
Beenleigh v Brisbane City	City	City	City	City
Bundaberg v Coalstars	Waves	Waves	Stars	Waves
Wynnum v Taringa Rovers	Rovers	Rovers	Rovers	Rovers
Brisbane Lions v Rochedale	Lions	Rochedale	Lions	Lions
Semi Pro Division 1 North - Round 13				
North Star v Capalaba	Star	Star	Star	Star
Mitchelton v Newmarket	Mitchy	Mitchy	Mitchy	Mitchy
Albany Creek v Eastern Subs	Creek	Creek	Creek	Easts
The Gap v Grange Thistle	Gap	Gap	Gap	Gap
Olympic Utd v Pine Rivers	Olympic	Rivers	Rivers	Rivers
Semi Pro Division 1 South - Round 13				
Acacia Ridge v Bye	-	-	-	-
Souths Utd v Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Mt Gravatt	Souths	Mt Gravatt
Redlands Utd v Rocklea Utd	Rocklea	Rocklea	Rocklea	Rocklea
Inala City v Slacks Creek	Inala	Draw	Inala	Creek
Toowoomba v Ipsw St Helens	T'woomba	T'woomba	T'woomba	T'woomba
LAST WEEKS & (PROGRESSIVE) TTL'S	**8 (96)**	**7 (89)**	**7 (89)**	**6 (87)**

QANTAS Cup hots up

In the lower division Qantas Cup, the draw is down to Round 3, with sixteen teams still left in the competition.

It was most unfortunate in Round 2 when two of the Sunshine Coast clubs were drawn against each other, unfortunately resulting in one less continuing in this popular cup competition.

However, there are still five teams from the Sunshine Coast left in the Qantas Cup, so we could continue to see representation from this region as far as the semi finals and even in the Cup final.

These teams cannot to have it all their own way however, with the local competition getting quite stiff as the leading lights in Division 1and Division 2 come to the forefront.

It would make for great entertainment if the Cup final was to feature a side from both the Coast and the Brisbane metsropolitan area.

Results from Round 2 of the Qantas Cup are as outlined below:

North Pine Div1 Res	1	Kawana	3
Pine Hills Div2	0	Maroochydore	3
N'market SP(n) Yth	0	Annerley Div1	1
Albany Creek Div4	1	Beegees	4
Samford Div1 Res	1	Cap'lba SP(n) Y	4
Latrobe Div1	1	Samford Div3	1
(6 - 7 on penalties)			
Buderim	7	Caloundra	1
Noosa	3	Redcliffe Div1	1
Uni of Qld Div3	0	Mooroondu Div2	1
Uni of Qld Div1	6	Moggill Div1	0
North Pine Div1	2	Taringa Div4	1
North Pine Div3	2	Bayside Utd Div1	2
(5 - 3 on penalties)			
Annerley Div3	0	Capalaba Div4	2
Bethania Rams Div2	2	Margate Div2	2
(3 - 4 on penalties)			
Taringa Rovers Div6	0	Darra Utd Div1	7
S'side Eagles Div1	4	C'stars Div5	1

Rivers fight for finals berth

A rare Sunday evening fixture this week in Semi-Pro Division 1 North with the Olympic versus Pine Rivers game to kick-off at 6pm.

The match is sure to prove an entertaining tussle with both sides still a good chance of making the finals.

With six matches remaining, the teams are level on 18 points with Rivers currently occupying fourth position on the table due to a vastly superior goal difference compared with their rivals this week.

However Rivers' form has been disappointing of late and their slide down the table was highlighted by a less than auspicious 1-1 draw with The Gap at the weekend.

Rivers headed the table after eight matches but have added just one point to their tally in the four games since then, courtesy of the home point in the round just played.

Since heading the table in late May, they have seen Mitchelton, North Star and most recently Albany Creek all jump ahead of them and might have their hands full trying to stop Olympic doing the same this week.

Rivers are not lacking in firepower, with 29 goals making them the leading scorers in the competition, but they have also conceded 20, a far worse defensive record than all the teams ahead of them in the finals race.

Olympic meanwhile are circling just outside the four and with a win over Capalaba last week, they may feel their yo-yo of a season is finally developing a bit of stability.

The match will be played Olympic's Goodwin Park pitch.

Finals spots up for grabs

Semi-Pro Division 1 South features a number of entertaining encounters this weekend and one sure to be of interest is Sunday's clash between Inala City and Slacks Creek.

Inala are the home side and have moved back into the top four this week by virtue of a good 3-1 victoryaway against the tough Ipswich St Helens outfit.

They have had something of an up and down season, as high as second and the closest threat to Toowoomba a few weeks ago before some disappointing results saw them fall as low as fifth before last weekend's win.

Their visitors this weekend, Slacks Creek, have been firmly entrenched in the top four for the past month and will travel to Top Oval one point clear of Inala in third position.

They have maintained some steady form while still remaining in the shadows of runaway league leaders Toowoomba and the other real form side of the past month Mt Gravatt.

Creek have had their colours lowered just once this season and if they had taken maximum points from at least a couple of their four draws, there could have been a vastly different complexion on the league with just a third of the season remaining.

However, third spot is where the visitors find themselves and they can ill afford to slip up this week as Rocklea United, in sixth place, are also in the finals picture, only three points adrift of the four.

The match kick-off is scheduled for this Sunday at 2.45pm at Inala City's Top Oval

WOMEN'S WRAP UP ...by Toni Slater

Premier League's QAS will receive a welcome boost to their team over the next few weeks with the return of Bryony Duus from America.

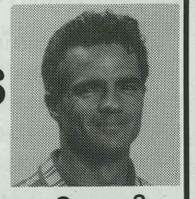
Bryony, who is on a scholarship at Brewton-Parker College in Georgia has returned home to attend a wedding and was snapped up by QAS who have won four games from seven.

As we hit the middle of the competition, it is becoming clear that there is tight competiton for the premiership in almost every division. In only one division is there a team on top of the ladder by more than three points.

The University of Queensland hold top spot in Division One by four points with a game in hand. All other divisions are separated by one to three points with Loganholme and Griffith University on equal points at the top of the ladder in Division 5.

Catch our very own....

GARY PHILLIPS



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Premier League	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Easts/Mt Gravatt	8	5	2	1	20	9	12
QUT City	6	4	2	-	18	4	10
Coalstars	8	4	2	2	7	9	10
The Gap	7	3	3	1	11	6	9
QAS	7	4	-	3	22	9	8
Slacks Creek	8	3	2	3	8	19	8
Redlands	7	1	1	5	3	14	3
Newmarket	7	-	-	7	4	23	0

Premier Reserves	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
East/Mt Gravatt	8	6	1	1	25	40	13
QUT City	7	5	1	1	19	5	11
The Gap	8	4	2	2	19	7	10
Newmarket	8	5	-	3	18	10	10
Slacks Creek	8	3	2	3	9	11	8
Coalstars	8	3	2	3	11	14	8
Redlands	7	1	1	5	3	14	3

Division One	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Uni Qld	8	8	-	-	29	2	16
Souths	9	5	2	2	13	8	12
Qld Juniors	6	5	1	-	25	4	11
Taringa	8	5	1	2	21	6	11
Margate	9	4	2	3	9	7	10
Rochedale	9	4	-	5	17	16	8
Beenleigh	9	2	-	7	6	16	4
Brisbane Lions	9	2	-	7	13	24	4
Olympic	9	-	-	9	0	50	0

Division Two	P	W	D	L	Gf	GA	P
Ips St Helen	8	6	2	-	25	3	14
Mitchelton	8	6	-	2	20	12	12
Tiwiwarrin	6	5	1	-	18	3	11
Goodna	8	3	1	4	9	11	7
Newmarket	7	2	1	4	8	11	5
Caboolture	8	2	1	5	5	11	5
Jimboomba	8	2	1	5	5	16	5
North Pine	7	-	1	6	7	30	1

Division Three	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Uni Qld	8	6	1	1	30	6	13
Pine Hills	8	5	2	1	16	6	12
Greenbank	8	4	2	2	16	7	10
Kingsridge	8	3	1	4	15	10	7
Albany Creek	7	3	1	3	10	7	7
Taringa	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Clairvaux	7	1	2	4	4	23	4
The Gap	8	1	-	7	4	35	2

Division Four	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
St James	8	5	2	1	29	6	12
Samford	8	4	1	2	22	9	11
Ips St Helen	8	5	-	3	39	12	10
Virginia	8	5	-	3	34	10	10
East/Mt Gravatt	8	4	1	3	37	15	9
QUT City	8	4	1	3	24	24	9
Narangba	8	2	1	5	16	18	5
John Paul	8	-	-	8	1	113	0

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All the gossip with Brent Read

The Queensland Cup semi-finals have thrown up the usual interesting combinations, with Taringa to meet Rochedale and Wynnum to play Coalstars.

Taringa / Rochedale games are generally exciting matches and this one should be no different.

Under caretaker coach Gary Brattan, Rochedale found some form on the weekend, while Taringa dropped points to arguably the competitions form team, Bundaberg.

The Wynnum / Coalstars game is an inviting clash. Both teams look out of the race for the finals, but have a last shot at glory in the Cup competition.

Wynnum are fast becoming Cup specialists, having qualified for the final last year and a good chance of backing up this season.

With the Cup semi-finals and grand final due to be played after the XXXX Premier League grand final, Wynnum and Coalstars could face a three to four week break without football before they rejoin the Cup competition.

Brushing off the cobwebs will only make their job more difficult.

Fortunately, whoever wins the game will face a country side in the semi-finals, which doesn't always provide the same challenge as facing their city counterparts.

But make no mistake, the country's two representatives will be fired up for a meeting with their XXXX League opponents and an upset might be on the cards.

Brisbane Lions are the team on a precipice as we wind down to the finals with a last minute goal on the weekend against Brisbane City costing the side two points.

By all reports Barry "Bazza" Wilkinson rose like a salmon to grab City a valuable point. We might have to give Barry a new nickname.

In the past, "the Rubik's Cube" has used his head for wearing caps but, as one of the state's best young players, Barry gave further insight into his unlimited potential.

The result continued Lions difficult run in recent weeks and they now face a tough run home as they attempt to maintain a place in the top four.

After having been labelled the worst Brisbane Lions team I have ever coached by Miron Bleiberg, the club has struggled to play its best football.

With Bundaberg on a roll and Rochedale looking to show their undoubted class, Lions could be the side to miss the finals boat.

The Lions / City game also saw what looks to be the final game of one of Queensland finest footballers - Mark Greer.

"Greery" was sent off for the third time this year and rather than face an extended period on the side line, decided to give the game away.

The big fella's been locked in a running battle with referees for a few years and has made no secret of his belief he was being victimised for his "reputation".

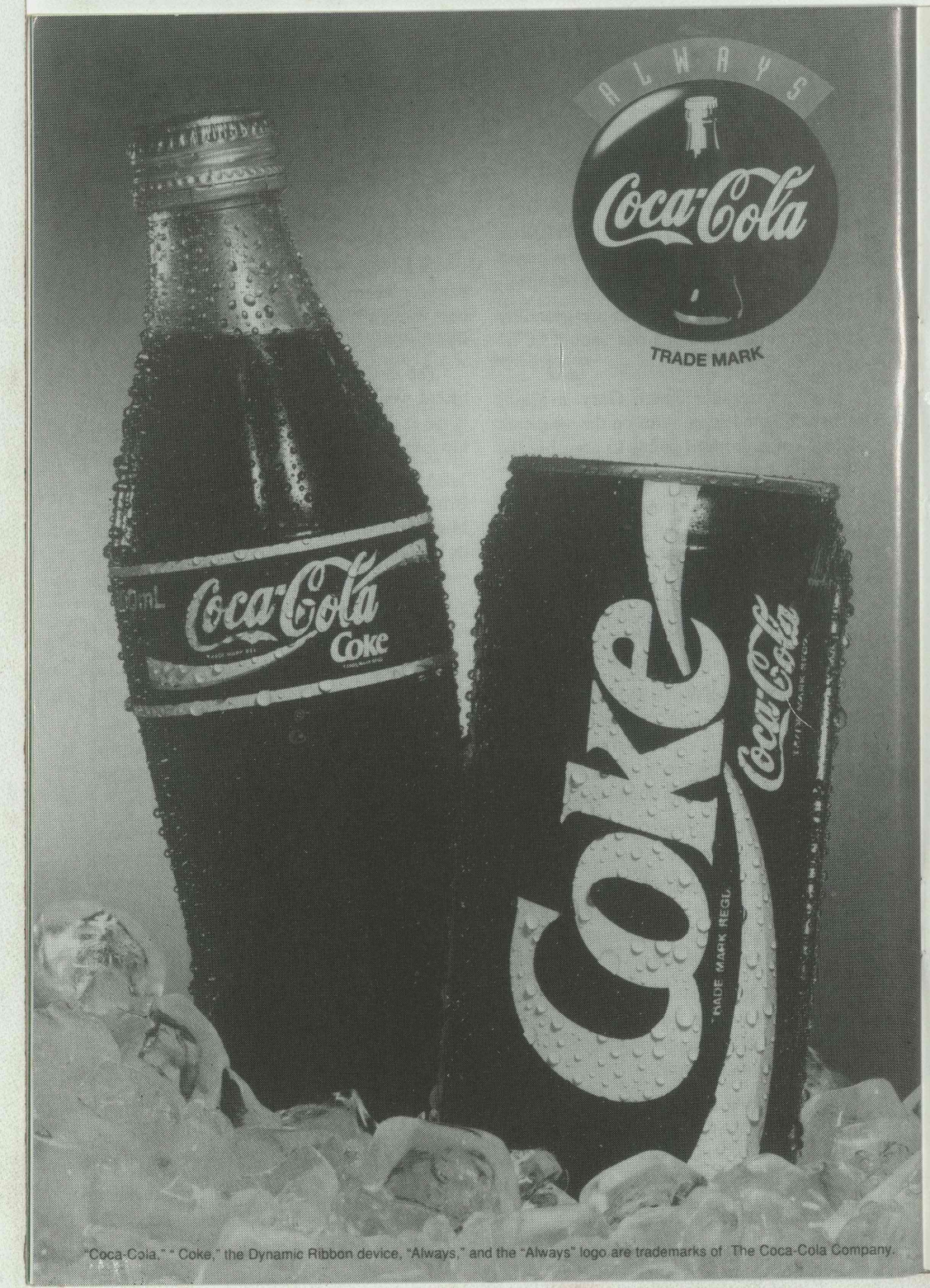
As one of Queensland's best players of the past decade, Greery played it rough but fair.

One of the game's nicest guys off the paddock, he knew how to separate what happens on the field from "real life".

Away from the park City will surely miss him, as will Queensland soccer.

Players like Mark Greer are vital to the local game in Queensland.

It's a shame he was forced to leave on other people's terms rather than his own.



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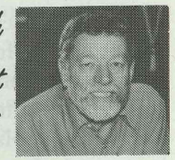

Some reminders of events in the weeks ahead. In the fixture book the weekend of 12 - 13 July has been left blank, for the usual catch up games, Cups etc. So for all those teams, and indeed their players, who have had games washed out during the course of the season, they'll all be caught up on or about that weekend, so don't plan to go away!

All the Cup competitions are well under way, Round 3 of the Qantas Cup is on mid-week next week, on the previously mentioned weekend of 12/13 July, we have the Semi Finals of the Semi Pro Div 1 Cup, also that weekend we're down to the Quarter Finals for the Queensland Cup first leg, so it's all Go.

Some amazing events occurring in some of the lower divisions, and none more so than Amateur Division 1. That table has had an almost complete turn around in a matter of weeks. A short time ago Darra were languishing in the lower half of the table, results of late have rocketed them into not only a top four contention but a serious tilt at first or second spot. South Star and Latrobe who were leading the pack at the beginning of the season, are now touch and go as to whether they will even make the four.

In Semi Pro Div 1 South, Toowoomba had an unaccustomed hiccup at home two weeks ago losing to Mt Gravatt, but they got back on track last week with a very convincing away win to Rocklea, no mean feat in itself.

For those people who say the competition in the lower divisions is boring, I can easily refute that, positions are changing weekly in many divisions, and I'm convinced it'll go right to the last one or two weeks of the season to have the premiership and final four make-up finalised.

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Semi Professional Division 1 North

Four out of the five matches this weekend are on Saturday, with some beauties in store. North Star now firmly entrenched in second place host Capalaba, who have been most disappointing in recent weeks and simply can't get out of the bottom two positions, looks to be a home win. Meanwhile leaders Mitchelton play neighbours Newmarket, who have fallen away after last week's loss, and it looks to be a 3 pointer for the Teralba Park team.The Gap who haven't won a game for approximately four weeks, host bottom markers Grange and if The Gap wish to gain some respectability in the season, they'll need all 3 points in this one. Having said that, Grange Thistle may well sneak a point at the end. Last match on Saturday night is between Albany Creek and a very much resurgent Eastern Suburbs, visitors took a good point off the leaders last week, whilst the Creek had a high scoring away win, form indicates a home win, but this will be no sinecure.

Only one match on Sunday evening between Olympic and Pine Rivers, both teams now locked on the same points, with the loser, if there is one, dropping out of the four, for that reason I think the hosts will get up.

Semi Professional Division 1 South

Matches split 50 - 50 between Saturday and Sunday, and at the Cleveland Show Grounds, where the football will be played as an adjunct to the Redlands show, Rocklea, as the visitors, should pick up all 3 points, but with an awful lot at stake for the home side, they may pick up 1 point. Notwithstanding the result at the end

of the match there will certainly be fireworks but fortunately for everyone concerned they'll be on the adjoining showgrounds. Mt Gravatt make the short trip down the road to Runcorn and whilst the Hawks are running comfortably in second place, this will be a completely different proposition with the Matt Carson coached side anxious to start their climb up the table. I think the visitors will win, but a score draw is not beyond the realms of possibility.

On Sunday semi final placings are well and truly on the line in the match between Inala and Slacks Creek, because the loser, yet again, will drop out of contention, I think a narrow home win is on the cards. The remaining match, whilst not being too derogatory to the boys from Ebbw Vale, looks to be a banker home win for the boys from the Downs.

Amateur Division 1

Four matches on Saturday afternoon with most of them included in the pools overseas. Samford, with only one win to their credit host Moggill who have dropped right out of top four contention and this could be a score draw, however if Moggill are looking to revenge last week's thumping, it may not be all sweetness and light out at Harold Brown Park. Annerley who are now firmly cemented in the four, host Redcliffe, and I can't see the team from the Bay picking up any points. Goodna travel to Bulimba where the Eagles are gaining some respectability and I feel the home side will continue to climb. The big surprise in this division is Darra who are now stringing together some excellent results, their visitors are Bayside and if current form is any judge, Darra may even sneak back into the four. In the night match North Pine host University, and the boys from Dakabin are certainly putting the goals away. If their current form continues, University's defence may be in for a torrid time, I fancy a home win in this one. Only one match on Sunday which is between Latrobe and South Star, both of whom, only a few short weeks ago, were sitting at the top of the table, but have fallen away in recent weeks, a draw looks quite likely.

Amateur Division 2

I went to Hubner Park last Saturday to see the top of the table clash between Park Ridge and Margate, both clubs entered QSF competition in 1993 and 1994 respectively and have always been close rivals.

This match was no exception, both sides hit the upright, the crossbar, some narrowly missed, keepers made good saves, you name it, they did it! In fact the longer the game continued, the bigger the travesty if there had been a result, because neither side deserved to lose. Having said that, both sides badly needed the 3 points, Margate to stay in front of Brothers, and Park Ridge to stay in touch, with a possible first/second play off spot in their sights. The fact the match finished nil - nil, certainly did not detract from it's excitement for those present. I can't speak for the supporters, but I enjoyed the game. The draw now gives Brothers the edge at taking out the premiership, one point in front of Margate, with Park Ridge still in third spot but two wins away from taking out a second placing. The Ridge are yet to play Brothers, and it will be a fair cracker come Round 19.

This weekend all matches are on Saturday with three in the day and two at night. The two bottom markers play each other at Dunlop Park, with Mooroondu the visitors, I fancy the home side to pick up their first points in this one. Jimboomba drive up the Jinker Track, where I think they'll take 3 points from Pine Hills, and in the remaining day game it's a local derby between Bethania and Park Ridge, the Rams are certainly no slouches and I fancy in the weeks ahead that they will make a climb up the table when they catch up their postponed matches. This won't be easy having seen Park Ridge in action, and a score draw is highly likely.

In the two night games, Clairvaux go to

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Sutton Park to take on Ipswich City who copped a hammering last week. Morale could be a problem whereas Clairvaux, although they lost, certainly didn't suffer the same margin as their hosts, a score draw could occur, but more likely an away win. In the remaining night match Greenbank with a new lease of life, head to Margate, where the hosts should not slip up again, the 3 points to remain down on the Bay.

Amateur Division 3

Top of the table clash at St Lucia between University and Samford and if the visitors win they will have opened up a 12 point lead. This will certainly be a tester for both sides, just look at the for and against for both teams, if this was in the Pools I'd be putting my money on a score draw, but I think the visitors will win. Down at Lota, Bayside host Archerfield who have been going through all sorts of traumas, so positions on the table for both these sides are a little false. I fancy the visitors to pick up a sorely needed win. The remaining Saturday match is between North Pine and Ipswich City where the visitors should continue their climb up the table.

In the Sunday games Kingsridge will cement their place in the top four at the expense of hosts Jimboomba, whilst Woodridge and Annerley should see the visitors pick up maximum points.

Amateur Division 4

Four matches on Friday night, with two mid table teams meeting with Slacks Creek making the trip to Albany Creek, where I think the visitors may just take all 3 points. At O'Callaghan Park it'll be no show for the home side with Capalaba to take the lot, similarly Park Ridge will have a joyless trip to Brisbane Lions, and Newmarket should take all 3 points in the 8.30 match at Runcorn. On Saturday a rare evening match at Taringa should see them defeat The Gap. On Sunday, Acacia Ridge should enjoy their trip (plus 3 points) out to Mitchelton.

Amateur Division 5

Again there are 3 matches on Friday night, with University to remain in contention for fourth spot with all points over hosts Wynnum, Albany Creek should have an enjoyable home game over Samford, St Helens should take the points at the new kickoff time of 7pm down at Redlands, and enjoy the fireworks afterwards.

On Saturday Brisbane City appear as if they will remain at the bottom of the table after Coalstars visit, however it'll be a tough match indeed at Heath Park with Easts hosting Mt Gravatt, whilst an upset is on the cards, I fancy a home win. The match on Sunday should see Woodridge retain their 9 point buffer at the expense of Brisbane Lions.

Amateur Division 6

Only one match on Friday evening, between Wynnum and Newmarket, and it looks as if the visitors may pick up a narrow win.

All other matches are on Saturday with Slacks Creek aiming to keep second spot in defeating University. Capalaba take on Slacks Creek when they go to Heath Park and take all 3 points. Kingsridge will be 'no show' with Coalstars but The Gap play the evening match at Taringa, where they will leave the points.

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