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COVER: Young Michael Baird, with Peter Grierson in support goes on the attack against Marconi. The Strikers keeping the three points at home with a 2-0 win. A week later, Baird scored his first NSL goal against Perth Glory when the Parmalat Strikers travelled to Western Australia..

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Coach's Comment

Welcome to 2002! It's been 4 weeks since our last appearance at Ballymore and in that time we've had Xmas, New Year and trips to Perth and Auckland on consecutive weekends.

Throw in a few training sessions and as you can see it's been a busy time indeed. Almost too busy in fact.

Life has been great this past week for the simple fact that we've been able to get back to a normal routine, though that will be disturbed with the bye next weekend.

The important thing is that we've got two home games with no travel in between.

A fortnight where we can hopefully play well enough to consolidate our position on the table, get the injured players a week closer to fitness and give the boys that haven't had much field time in recent weeks a much needed game in a friendly next weekend. Sounds simple doesn't it, let's hope so!

The two week break over the Xmas / New Year period is something that really needs to be sorted out by the powers that be.

For years the players union has been trying to get a Xmas break and for good reason I might add but personally, I feel two weeks between matches is too long, especially when the club is obliged to give players the public holidays off training.

Consistency and routine go hand in hand for professional sportsmen. Not what you do, so much as when you do it.

The Strikers had the entire Xmas week off and came back looking sharp and hungry but the break for New Years Day was more of a hindrance than a help.

Maybe we should try to build some tradition by having a New Years Day fixture. Set up derby matches in the draw, one year at home the next away.

I know people will say many leagues in Europe shut down over December/January but that, in the main, is because of impossible weather conditions.

The game in this country is sadly lacking in "tradition" so what have we got to lose.

Enjoy the game..... Kossie

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Captains desk

With so many good things happening around the Brisbane Strikers this season we at the club were all saddened to learn recently that we had lost one of our fantastic supporters in the most tragic circumstances.

Our thoughts are with those who were closest to Francis Butcher. He will be sorely missed.

In matters of less importance I'm sure you will all be delighted to see that after the most difficult of back to back road trips, to Perth and Auckland, the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers are above all but one in the NSL.

Although we won one and lost the other, the matches produced many positives and also gave us an insight into exactly how we are progressing and what is likely to lie ahead.

Our performance in the Glory game was excellent as we more than matched, in almost all aspects, what is widely recognised as the best team in the country.

Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way but the manner in which the lads responded to going 1-0 down, 2-1 down, and even when we fought to recover from 3-2 down was something to be proud of.

Across the Tasman plenty of character was again required and the boys duly obliged.

After conceding an early goal we came up with two team goals of the highest quality, with Fozzie applying the finishing touches to both, to see us go in at half time 2-1 in front.

The second half was a difficult battle, which the Strikers came out of as victors with some resolute and at times desperate defending.

Tonight we must maintain our high standards in order to ensure that we earn the result, which will keep us above the dogfight for other places in the top six.

Thanks you for your support...

Stuart McLaren

A Queenslander will be at World Cup

The Parmalat Brisbane Strikers and all in Queensland soccer congratulate referee Mark Shield following his FIFA appointment for the World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

Shield, 28, did what the Socceroos couldn't and will be Australia's sole representative in the World Cup following the Socceroo's failure to qualify.

Shield, who was chosen by FIFA as one of the 72 officials for this year's finals, was ecstatic when he found out by chance of his selection.

"I found out when I came into work. I checked the FIFA website and saw my name there and went crazy," Shield said.

"It was very unexpected and to get an appointment to the World Cup is a dream come true.

"It's fantastic news and very humbling to get a prestigious refereeing appointment like the World Cup, which only comes around

every four years.

Shield has been a FIFA referee since 1999 with the World Cup his fifth major tournament. He has also officiated at:

- The FIFA Under-17 World Championship in New Zealand in 1999.
- U16 UEFA European Final Ch'ships, 2000.
- The East Asian Games in Japan, 2001.
- FIFA World Youth Ch'ship Argentina, 2001.

Shield first started whistle blowing as a 12-year-old in Silkwood, near Innisfail in North Queensland before he moved to Rockhampton.

He made his national league debut in 1995 after he made a permanent move to Brisbane.

Four years later Shield officiated at the World Youth Cup in New Zealand and the following year the under-16 UEFA European final championships in Israel.

Last year, he continued to gain international recognition with his performances at the East Asian Games in Japan and the World Youth Cup in Argentina where he was appointed for one of the semi-finals.

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Bravehearts need the points

Sydney United has a habit of living up to their nickname - the Bravehearts - which should ensure another thrilling spectacle against the Parmalat Strikers at Ballymore tonight.

The club has never looked backed since it came into the national league back in 1984 when the competition was split into two conferences.

However, it hasn't been great season so far for the visitors, which saw them win just three games in the first half of the season while the Strikers sit in second position.

Sydney United showed it had lost none of its fighting spirit by drawing 1-all at home against Adelaide City with only nine men in their first game of the New Year.

But last Sunday, Sydney United lost their local derby clash against Sydney Olympic 4-1.

Although a national championship has eluded Sydney United in three grand final appearances, Sydney United has won the premiership twice, a NSL Cup once and participated in nine final series.

But perhaps their proudest achievement over the years has been their ability to produce juniors who go on to national honours.

Experienced Socceroos Mark Bosnich, Zeljko Kalac and Tony Popovic as well as the newer breed of Mark Babic, David Zdrilic and Ante Milicic all learned their trade through the Sydney United youth ranks.

Sydney United reached their first national league grand final in 1988 with a team full of future Socceroos.

Youngsters Graham Arnold, Robbie Slater and Craig Foster were national team players that were still in the national squad ten years later.

Other Socceroos from the Sydney club that year included Tony Franken, Greame Jennings and Wally Savor.

In 1996-97 Sydney United won the national league premiership by nine points, the largest winning margin at the time since 1982.

Branko Culina, who is once again at the helm of the club after three years with Sydney Olympic, coached that team.

Culina is still haunted by the grand final loss that year to the Brisbane Strikers and it was a case of de ja vu the following year when Sydney United recaptured the minor premiership only to lose the grand final again, this time to South Melbourne.

It's the Braveheart spirit which Strikers' coach John Kosmina is wary of, particularly after their latest heavy loss.

The Strikers will have defender Jon McKain available for selection after serving his recent two-match suspension.

It will be a tough decision for Kosmina to recall the lanky defender following the side's recent 2-1 win over the Football Kingz.

A worry for Culina leading into this match was the availability of Ante Moric who was to face the national league tribunal this week.

Moric, 27, pleaded not guilty after being formally charged by the NSL with intentionally making contact with referee Eddie Lennie.

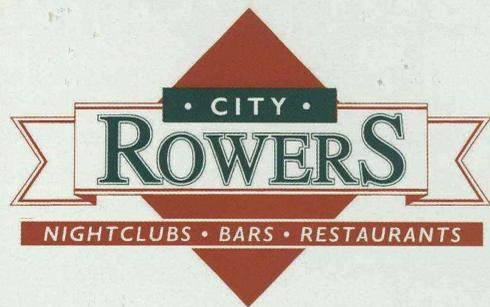
If found guilty, Moric faced suspension from as little as two weeks to 12 months.

However, Sydney United was not confident Moric would be available to join recently signed Gabriel Mendez against the Strikers.

Mendez, who has signed until the end of the season, brings experience to the visitors with eleven Socceroos caps, an Olympic campaign and a year in Europe.

His talents are well known to Culina, who managed him during his coaching days with Olympic Sharks.

Mendez' arrival adds a new dimension to a Bravehearts midfield weakened by long-term injuries to key personnel.



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Doomsday double tough act

The Parmalat Strikers went down 4-2 in the first leg of their doomsday double against leaders Perth Glory in Perth a fortnight ago.

While the New Year could have seen a better start for the Parmalat Strikers, the defeat didn't alter their position on the table after retaining third place on the premiership ladder.

After making the long haul to Perth, the Strikers returned home and naturally were a little travel weary by the time they were back on a plane within days for the doomsday double's second leg in Auckland against Football Kingz.

This time the Strikers were probably not at their top after travelling so much and having training disrupted by Brisbane's heatwave.

However, the Strikers showed the measure of a good sporting side by downing the Kiwis 2-1 to move to second on the table.

Ironically it was the Perth loss, played before the biggest crowd of the season - 14,592 - which showed the doubters just how good the Strikers are.

Coach John Kosmina's attacking attitude surprised the home side after local hero Bobby Despotovski cracked the opener in the 20th minute.

Brisbane's cohesion in the middle of the pitch and its willingness to run at the Glory made for a bright and very open contest worthy of a ladder-leader.

The Strikers took only two minutes to cancel out Perth's early strike when former Perth midfielder John Carbone drove home a free-kick that must be a contender for goal of the season.

A foul by Edgar on his Brazilian counterpart, Fernando Rech, saw the Strikers set up 30m from goal.

The ball was rolled into Carbone's path by teammate Richie Alagich, and Carbone struck a left-foot missile, which roared through the Glory's defence giving Petkovic no chance.

Both teams had an equal share of possession in the next 20 minutes but the Glory took a half-time lead when Harnwell soared over Rech in the box to head home a Scott Miller cross.

Brisbane struck back 90 seconds after the resumption when Petkovic spilled a regulation shot by Alagich and substitute Michael Baird slotted it home.

Horsley and Despotovski then combined in the 51st minute for the tireless defender to score.

Mori scored after 83 minutes from another Horsley cross via a Gary Faria header.

While disappointed with a defeat Kosmina gained many positives from the long trip to Perth.

Kosmina believed the game could have gone either way such was the closeness of the seesawing encounter.

Against Auckland, Foster struck twice in the first half for the Strikers, after the Kingz opened the scoring early through a George Goutzioulis header.

Foster netted his first goal in the 34th minute after pouncing onto a deflected cross.

He can thank some poor Kingz defence for his second goal soon after, when he was left unchallenged to knock in an easy header.

"It was good to get three points. It probably wasn't the world's greatest game, but that's the way it's got to be sometimes," Kosmina said.

"We were a bit sluggish at the start. I guess we were jet-lagged after the flight back on the red-eye from Perth.

"It was 30 degrees-plus all week so I had to be a bit light on the training.

"It's been a big ask and the boys did well."



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Heading the coaching staff at the camp were former Queensland Director of Coaching and now Soccer Australia's Coaching and Development Manager Jim Selby, together with Ken Kaiser former Newcastle National Soccer League Coach and now Coaching and Development Manager for Northern NSW and Bruce Tracey, Assistant Coaching and Development Manager for Northern NSW.

The five day camp concluded Friday 11 and participants had followed a carefully balanced program designed to promote:

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"The coaching was of the highest standard. The opportunity to work with coaches of that standing and the other quality players was something that we really appreciated," said Kasper and Alison.



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Coaches depart the Power

Parramatta Power head coach David Mitchell and his assistant Lawrie McKinna were released by the national soccer league club last month.

In a press release issued just before Christmas, the club said both Mitchell and McKinna had not sought an extension to their existing three-year contracts, which expires this June.

But club sources confirmed the coaches, who've been employed by the club since it formed in 1999, were let go.

McKinna was reluctant to comment too much on the matter, saying, "you can read between the lines what you want".

He did reveal that the players were "shocked" at the news when they were informed at a Christmas party.

"People don't realise how much work goes into getting a full-time team up from scratch," McKinna said.

"There's been a lot of distractions but we're just going to focus on football and be positive and professional about it.

"We'll leave and hopefully go on to greener pastures. We want the club to do well no matter what happens."

Mitchell said he was standing down to pursue new challenges and to allow Parramatta time to organise a new coaching set-up for next season.

"I have enjoyed the challenge at Parramatta and working with people of the calibre of (CEO) Denis Fitzgerald," he said.

"Though I won't be here next season, I am determined to finish the job and get the club into the finals."

Mitchell indicated he might take on a consultancy role with the Power and would continue to help the club develop links with soccer teams in China, where he made some excellent contacts as a player.

"We want to do the best for the club, the best for the players and the best for ourselves," said the former Soccerroo, who called it an amicable split.

"There's nothing really negative about the situation. "I'm actually looking forward to the end of the season now. There are other things I'm looking at from a business and a football point of view."

Parramatta Leagues Club chief executive and Power deputy chairman Denis Fitzgerald praised Mitchell and McKinna for establishing a professional soccer club.

"We are grateful for their input in the formation of the club and we wish them well in the future," he said.

"David and Lawrie are extremely keen to ensure that the Power make the final six in the current season of the NSL competition."

McKinna said he believed the leagues club, which pours about \$2 million a year into the Power, would seriously consider shutting down its soccer operations when its five-year term expires in 2004.

"You can't keep putting money into it if you're not getting the returns," he said.

The Power finished a disappointing 11th in their debut season and ninth in 2000/01.

Fitzgerald could not guarantee the club's future beyond its five-year term but held out hope for a streamlined competition.

"We're not happy overall with the way the NSL has gone," he said.

"Crowds aren't good (and) we were desperate for Australia to make the World Cup ... to bring great attention to soccer next year."

Stuart Munro, former coach of the now-defunct Carlton club, has been tipped as the front-runner to take over from Mitchell.

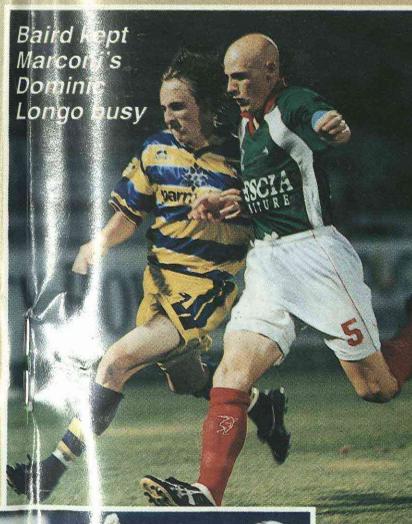


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Michael Baird outpaces the Marconi defence



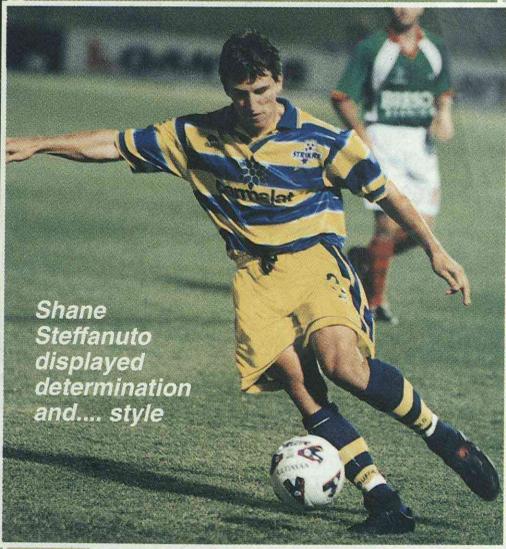
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Kossie - another milestone

Parmalat Strikers boss John Kosmina set another milestone in his illustrious career before Christmas when he chalked up his 100th game as Strikers coach against South Melbourne.

"Kossie" as he's affectionately known, was one of Australia's top strikers in his playing days and made 289 appearances and scored 133 goals, a record at the time, in the national league.

He also had a great record for Australia scoring 45 goals in 102 appearances.

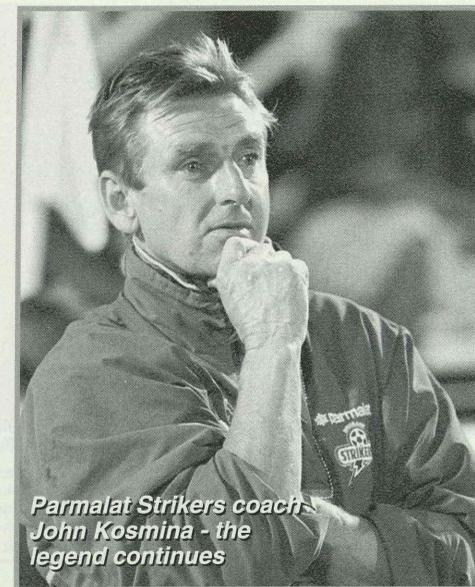
The Strikers match against the Kingz in Auckland last week was Kosmina's 189th as a coach in the national league which included his period with his former club Newcastle.

Kosmina was inducted into Soccer Australia's Hall Of Champions honour board in 1999.

In his third season with the Parmalat Strikers, Kosmina is again going about what he does best – winning.

After a somewhat traumatic time last season when off-field politics marred the team's performances, Kosmina is relishing the job since the club became fulltime professionals at the start of this season.

The Strikers, which for the first time holds the national league licence in its own right, is no longer embroiled in ownership battles which has led to stability for Kosmina and the Parmalat Strikers.



Parmalat Strikers coach
 John Kosmina - the
 legend continues

Kosmina built a new Strikers squad this season after losing several of last year's side to rival clubs and is on target to make the finals for the first time since he joined the club.

Kosmina is the first to admit that consistency has played a major part in the team's performances this season.

In the past, injuries severely disrupted the Strikers performances but it's a different story this season although midfielder David Pilic and striker Lawrence Drake have been out for several weeks with long-term injuries.

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From the BSSA...

GREAT FIRST HALF TO THE SEASON

The southern-based pundits had Brisbane Strikers down for the wooden spoon at the beginning of the season.

We spent the 'off-season' fighting for our existence in the league and trying to rebuild the side after the Olympic Sharks had snaffled a lot of our talent.

But those pundits had not watched our pre-season games, and they had not the imagination to see how John Kosmina and the coaching team had put together a strong squad.

Those of us who spoke with the players before the season knew that the atmosphere in the side was the best yet.

Now, of course they all know better, and it's time for us to celebrate a great first half to the season.

We can see by the first two games of the second half that you still favour the white strip and coming from behind.

On Friday 15 February 2002, at Crosby's at Brothers (Crosby St Albion), there will be a football trivia night, commencing at 7pm.

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For further information contact Declan Rooney on 3809 4951.

The BSSA would like to commemorate Francis Butcher, a member of the association and long time supporter of the Strikers. Francis was the man who sat at the northern entrance to Suncorp Stadium collecting for the blind.

He was legally blind and mobility impaired himself, and did much good work for his fellow disabled. He was killed in a knife attack.

Three Strikers players attended the memorial service on Thursday.

The BSSA calls on all Strikers' supporters to give generously to the collection for Aid for the Blind, Francis's organisation, during tonight's game.

We all hope you have a better view now Francis. Good luck mate!

John Wainwright, President. BSSA.

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A new Super League - is it fact or fiction?

Soccer Canberra's president Steve Doszpot has dismissed as fanciful reports in a Sunday tabloid, which suggested that a new Canberra franchise was being considered as a part of a revolutionary Super League style national soccer competition.

A group called Sports Management International was reportedly hatching a plan for a 12-team breakaway league to be backed by a mysterious American oil magnate.

The report claimed that an American tycoon was prepared to invest \$70 million into the competition that would include a franchise to be known as the ACT Capitals.

However, Doszpot, who is a co-opted member of the Soccer Australia board, said he had no knowledge of the plan.

"I can assure you this is all news to me," he said.

"Soccer Canberra are still calling for expressions of interest from organisations who want to see a Canberra team up and running again, but I haven't heard anything in regard to this so-called Super League.

"The concept itself, if it has any legitimacy, could be constructive. However, it would be more appropriate if the people concerned came through the proper channels rather than having these debates over newspaper articles."

Soccer Australia said it would consider outsourcing the National Soccer League but called the latest breakaway proposal misguided.

NSL chairman Remo Nogarotto pilloried the breakaway proposal but entertained the possibility of the league being licensed out to a private backer.

"If there is a serious proposal to buy out the NSL then let them put that to Soccer Australia and they may decide to license out the national league," Nogarotto said.

"Soccer Australia would have to have a look at it - it would be derelict in its duties if it didn't. Every league needs capital and if any serious proposals satisfied that need for capital, it would be looked at."

Nogarotto said the shadowy breakaway league lacked credibility despite officials taking Socceroo coach Frank Farina out to a Sydney hotel for discussions.

"They are misguided and don't have a scintilla of an idea of how to go about it," Nogarotto said.

"If they were deadly serious about it they would have gone through the correct channels, not have crook cappuccinos in some Sydney hotel.

"In the absence of a hard proposal, it's all just kite flying from some anonymous oil magnate in the USA.

"Is it JR Ewing [of soapie Dallas fame] being resurrected to run the national league in the Antipodes?"

Any breakaway league is doomed to failure unless it receives Soccer Australia's approval.

World governing body FIFA must endorse the league through Soccer Australia or else players involved could be denied the right to play internationals.

Nogarotto said extensive market research on the NSL was about to start and should be finished within three months.

"The NSL is going to be the subject of examination and review and there is a universal consensus for some level of change," he said.

While the NSL has been overhauled and restructured repeatedly without success, Nogarotto said previous attempts were "always done without any measure of science attached to them."

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Round	Date	Opposition	Time/Venue
15	Sat Jan 19	Sydney United	7pm - Ballymore
16	Fri Jan 25	Bye	
17	Fri Feb 1	Melbourne Knights	7pm - Ballymore
18	Fri Feb 8	Northern Spirit	7.30pm - North Sydney Oval
19	Sat Feb 16	Parramatta Power	7pm - Ballymore
20	Fri Feb 22	Newcastle United	7.30pm - Marathon Stadium
21	Fri Mar 1	Adelaide City Force	7pm - Ballymore
22	Sat Mar 9	Olympic Sharks	7.30pm - Toyota Pk Cronulla
23	Fri Mar 15	Wollongong Wolves	7.30pm - WIN Stadium
24	Sat Mar 23	South Melbourne	7pm - Ballymore
25	Sat Mar 30	Marconi Stallions	7pm - Marconi Stadium
26	Sun Apr 7	Perth Glory	3pm - Ballymore

Tanner hits back at critics

PERTH Glory owner Nick Tana has hit back at clubs, which blame him for spiralling player wages.

Tana is incensed some clubs are seeking to "reflect their own inadequacies" by attacking the NSL's most popular club.

"We pay our players what we can afford; what other clubs pay is their business," Tana said.

"When you generate between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in revenue per match, as we do, of course we are able to afford to pay what clubs with only 2000 spectators can't.

"Instead of criticising, they should look at new ways of marketing themselves to increase crowds.

"We spent \$750,000 before we even kicked a ball in the league. Our annual marketing budget now is \$1 million and that's hard cash, not contra."

Tana said Glory would post a loss for this season but there was "specific reasons".

League leaders Glory have set a blistering pace in attendances this season. At the halfway point it is averaging 13,228 - almost three times the league average of 5534.

Glory's attendance of 14,592 against Brisbane a fortnight ago was the seasons best.

Newcastle has the next best average with 9574 (2000 up on last season) with Northern Spirit third with 6454, but still well behind the highs of three seasons ago.

South Melbourne has experienced the sharpest decline, almost 3500 down on last year.

Adelaide City, too, is feeling the pinch after a poor start to the season. Its crowd average has fallen to 3213 (down by almost 500 on last year).

The Brisbane Strikers also are experiencing an increase in crowd support this season.



2001/2002 NSL

Round 15 - 19/1/02

BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Jason Kearton
 - 2 Richie Alagich
 - 3 Shane Stefanutto
 - 4 Jon McKain
 - 5 Stuart McLaren (c)
 - 6 Peter Grierson
 - 7 Fernando Rech
 - 8 Adam Webber
 - 9 Paul Foster
 - 10 Kris Trajanovski
 - 11 John Carbone
 - 12 David Pilic
 - 13 Wayne Heath
 - 14 Daniel Dreger
 - 15 Matthew McKay
 - 16 Ronnie McQuilter
 - 17 Michael Baird
 - 18 Lawrence Drake
 - 20 Corey Baldock
 - 30 Nathan Coe
- Coach - John Kosmina

SYDNEY UNITED

- 5 Nahuel Arrarte
 - 6 Michael Cunico
 - 7 Kresimir Marusic
 - 9 Gabriel Mendez
 - 10 Ante Milicic
 - 11 Zeljko Kopic
 - 13 Ante Deur
 - 14 Goran Talevski
 - 15 Aytek Genc
 - 18 Daniel Watkins
 - 21 Mile Jedinak
 - 24 Sebastian Sinozic
 - 27 John Karoubas (GK)
 - 29 Christian Cevinini
- Coach - Branko Culina



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EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	13	10	2	1	32	12	32
STRIKERS	13	7	4	2	21	14	25
Newcastle United	13	6	6	1	18	11	24
Olympic Sharks	13	6	2	5	17	11	20
Marconi Stallions	13	5	4	4	15	15	19
Melbourne Knights	13	6	1	6	17	18	19
Parramatta Power	13	5	3	5	15	15	18
Northern Spirit	13	5	3	5	19	21	18
Wollongong Wolves	13	3	4	6	14	22	13
Adelaide City Force	12	2	5	5	16	17	11
Sydney United	13	3	2	8	11	21	11
South Melbourne	13	2	4	7	7	13	10
Kingz FC	13	2	4	7	20	32	10

OTHER ROUND 15 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 18 Jan	W'gong Wolves v Parramatta Power
Fri 18 Jan	Newcastle United v Northern Spirit
Fri 18 Jan	Adelaide City Force v Melbourne K'ts
Sat 19 Jan	Marconi Stallions v Perth Glory
Sun 20 Jan	South Melbourne v Kingz FC
	Bye - Parramatta Power

ROUND 16 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 25 Jan	Northern Spirit v Adelaide City Force
Fri 25 Jan	Kingz FC v Marconi Stallions
Sat 26 Jan	Parramatta Power v Newcastle United
Sat 26 Jan	Melbourne Knights v Olympic Sharks
Sun 27 Jan	Perth Glory v Wollongong Wolves
Sun 27 Jan	Sydney United v South Melbourne
	Bye - BRISBANE STRIKERS

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power Youth	14	11	2	3	51	14	33
Newcastle United Youth	15	11	0	4	31	18	33
Wollongong Wolves Youth	14	10	1	3	37	19	31
Sydney United Youth	14	9	2	3	30	10	29
Australian Inst. Sport	12	9	0	3	32	15	27
Marconi Stallions Youth	14	8	1	5	24	13	25
QAS	14	7	3	4	27	20	24
ACT Academy Sport	12	7	0	5	26	28	21
Olympic Sharks Youth	15	4	5	6	23	21	17
Northern Spirit Youth	14	4	3	7	27	31	15
NSW Inst. Sport	17	4	2	11	19	45	14
Brisbane Toro	13	2	0	11	16	43	6
Sydney United Colts	14	1	2	11	11	46	5
Marconi Stallions Colts	14	1	1	12	9	39	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Damian Mori	Perth Glory	11
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	10
Paul Foster	Brisbane Strikers	8
Pablo Cordozo	Northern Spirit	7
Ante Milicic	Sydney United	7
Paul Urolovic	Kingz FC	6
Fernando Rech	Brisbane Strikers	6

Nth. youth LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Adam Kwasnik	Parramatta Power Yth.	12
Jacob Timpano	NSW Inst Sport	12
Brendan Santalab	Aust Inst Sport	10
Anthony Danze	Aust Inst Sport	10
Eric Anabalon	Marconi Stallions Youth	9

Alex Ferguson adamant on retirement

Alex Ferguson has dismissed talk that he may carry on as Manchester United manager, insisting he still intends to retire at the end of the season as planned.

Ferguson had hinted recently that he might have been prepared to reconsider his decision and stay on for another year.

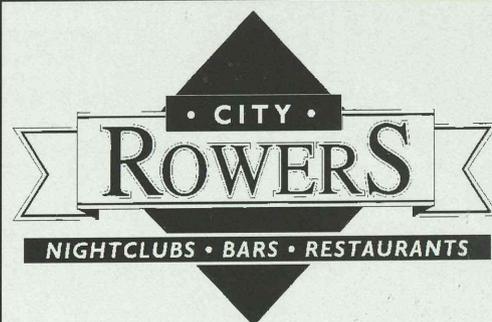
But the 60-year-old Scot said his words were misinterpreted and he is adamant that he will not be making any u-turns.

"I'm going all right. That has been settled for some time now," Ferguson said.

"I was asked by a reporter about my retirement and I said, as I would about anything, that you never know what might happen.

"That's true, but it doesn't mean I was thinking about changing my plans.

"I've told you before that it's my intention to give up managing at the end of the season."



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"Oh what a beauty" and we are not talking about Corey Baldock but the great big black "shiner" our football manager Jack Baren is sporting.

Contrary to rumours (mainly spread by Kossie) the "shiner" was not caused by wife Anne but is the aftermath of a recent eye operation.

To go to all this trouble to be a "One Eyed" supporter is really over the top.

Welcome back to our AIS graduate Mathew McKay who will be joining the Strikers squad on a permanent basis as from this week.

Great to see you back in Brisbane Matt.

Nathan Coe has decided to stay with the AIS until the end of the season. We wish Nathan all the best.

Newcomers to our training sessions in the next few weeks is "The Man from Hell" otherwise known as Archie Hell.

Archie is 19 years of age and has recently migrated with his family to Australia from Austria, where he represented at National U19 level.

Kossie is giving him a two week trial.

At this early stage he looks like one hell of a player.

Attended last Friday's volunteers Christmas party and a great time was had by all.

Volunteers are the life line of the Strikers, receive little recognition or publicity but always perform at the highest level.

On behalf of the players, support staff and

management we thank you. Have a great Christmas and a grand final New Year.

Ronnie McQuilter is settling in nicely. His "English" lessons are coming along fine and is hopeful of operating without an interpreter by the end of the season. (Only joking Ronnie)

Team Chaplain, Rob Mann, another unsung volunteer hero is again doing a great job.

The boys are presently running raffles and collections to buy him a new joke book.

The BSSA is again giving our players fantastic vocal support, which is much appreciated by Kossie and the team.

Just imagine if we had a 10,000 member BSSA choir - wouldn't that be sensational at.

I attended former team manager, Ian (Dazzel) Dalzell's surprise 50th Birthday party on Sunday.

A large gathering of friends surprised Ian at Crosbys in Albion.

Guests included Wal and Joan Dann, Ray Evans, Peter and Thelma Tokesi, Jack Baren, David Bearman and many more.

50 is a great age and with apologies to the original author we present: "The Ode to Dazzel"

Fifty years have come at last, I cannot see, I cannot pee. My memory shrinks, my hearing stinks. No sense of smell, I look like hell. My stomach's drooping. Got trouble pooping. Fifty years have come at last. Fifty years can kiss my \$#@!\$%%. Have a great one Ian!

To all our supporters, have a great Christmas and a Grand Final New Year!

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THE BSSA - what good is it?

The Brisbane Strikers Supporters Association is a fancy name for a bunch of disreputable rabble rousers who sit at one end of the stand at Ballymore and make a lot of rather tasteless noise.

But they do try to keep it clean (except for opposition goal kicks), and in comparison to most football crowds they manage that. And the players really appreciate it.

You would have noticed some comments from Kossie (The Lord of the Rings?) and Cap'n Sauey in previous copies of this magazine, in which they express their appreciation of the noise from the stand.

And the whole stand joins in now, which just improves the atmosphere to the stage where Shane Stefanutto says it is the best ground atmosphere in the league except Perth. That's great.

The BSSA does some other things to increase the crowds at Strikers games.

A few of these activities are intended to improve the match day experience and involve the crowd. These include the Free Kick and the Player of the Season Voting.

The Free Kick is intended to provide the kind of reading which Strikers fans might expect if their team were treated as a major sporting team in Brisbane.

The Player of the Season voting is intended to give spectators an opportunity to express their appreciation of the performance of one Strikers player each game.

You can vote once at each game, but as many times as you like in the season. If you attend or watch on TV an away game, you can vote for a performance in that game too.

We really would like to get more people voting after each game, in order to make the

contest more significant for the players. In the second half of the season we may give progress scores in the Free Kick.

The BSSA has three members on the Strikers marketing committee, which is involved in devising themes for each of the home games, once again with a view to improving the match day experience.

You can look forward to a 'Wear your Colours' match on 19 January 2002. The idea is along the lines of 'We Are One. but We Are Many'.

In that match, immediately before Australia Day, we want to celebrate our Diversity in the World Game, and just like they did in Melbourne against Uruguay, we want the crowd to belt out the National Anthem as loud as can be.

More about BSSA activities another time. Give me a call on 0413 032918 with any feedback or questions you may have.

STAND UP FOR THE STRIKERS.

John Wainwright, President, BSSA.

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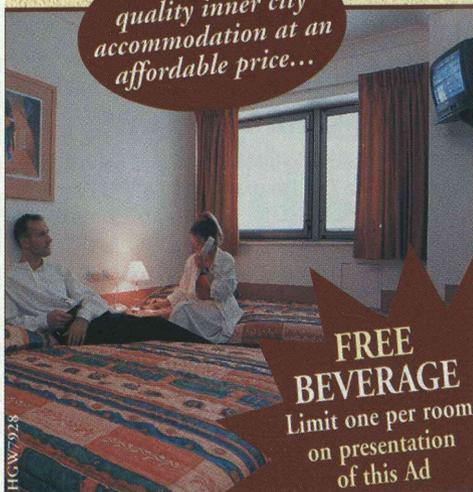
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Group A (Korea)

France v Senegal (Seoul, May 31, 12.30)
 Uruguay v Denmark (Ulsan, June 1, 10.00)
 France v Uruguay (Busan, June 6, 07.30)
 Denmark v Senegal (Daegu, June 6, 12.30)
 Senegal v Uruguay (Suwon, June 11, 07.30)
 Denmark v France (Incheon June 11, 07.30)

Group B (Korea)

Uruguay v South Africa (Busan June 2, 08.30)
 Spain v Slovenia (Gwangju June 2, 12.30)
 Spain v Paraguay (Jeonju, June 7, 10.00)
 South Africa v Slovenia (Daegu, June 8, 07.30)
 South Africa v Spain (Daejeon, June 12, 12.30)
 Slovenia v Paraguay (Seogwipo June 12, 12.30)

Group C (Korea)

Brazil v Turkey (Ulsan June 3, 10.00)
 China v Costa Rica (Gwangju, June 3, 07.30)
 Brazil v China (Seogwipo, June 8, 12.30)
 Costa Rica v Turkey (Incheon, June 9, 10.00)
 Costa Rica v Brazil (Suwon, June 13, 07.30)
 Turkey v China (Seoul, June 13, 07.30)

Group D (Korea)

South Korea v Poland (Busan, June 4, 12.30)
 USA v Portugal (Suwon, June 5, 10.00)
 South Korea v USA (Daegu, June 10, 07.30)
 Portugal v Poland (Jeonju, June 10, 12.30)
 Poland v USA (Daejeon, June 14, 12.30)
 Portugal v South Korea (Incheon, June 14, 12.30)

Group E (Japan)

Ireland v Cameroon (Niigata, June 1, 07.30)
 Germany v Saudi Arabia (Sapporo, June 1, 12.30)
 Germany v Ireland (Ibaraki, June 5, 12.30)
 Cameroon v Saudi Arabia (Saitama, June 6, 10.00)
 Saudi Arabia v Ireland (Yokohama, June 11, 12.30)
 Cameroon v Germany (Shizuoka, June 11, 12.30)

Group F (Japan)

England v Sweden (Saitama, June 2, 06.30)
 Argentina v Nigeria (Ibaraki, June 2, 10.30)
 Sweden v Nigeria (Kobe, June 7, 07.30)
 Argentina v England (Sapporo, June 7, 12.30)
 Sweden v Argentina (Miyagi, June 12, 07.30)
 Nigeria v England (Osaka, June 12, 07.30)

Group G (Japan)

Croatia v Mexico (Niigata, June 3, 07.30)
 Italy v Ecuador (Sapporo, June 3, 12.30)
 Italy v Croatia (Ibaraki, June 8, 10.00)
 Mexico v Ecuador (Miyagi, June 9, 07.30)
 Ecuador v Croatia (Yokohama, June 13, 12.30)
 Mexico v Italy (Oita, June 13, 12.30)

Group H (Japan)

Japan v Belgium (Saitama, June 4, 10.00)
 Russia v Tunisia (Kobe, June 5, 07.30)
 Japan v Russia (Yokohama, June 9, 12.30)
 Tunisia v Belgium (Oita, June 10, 10.00)
 Belgium v Russia (Shizuoka, June 14, 15.30)
 Tunisia v Japan (Osaka, June 14, 07.30)

English AIS opens it's doors

England has unveiled its version of the Australian Institute of Sport with its first National Football Centre, a state-of-the-art facility designed to produce future soccer champions.

Work has already begun on the 141 hectare site near Burton-upon-Trent in Staffordshire in central England. It is due for completion in 2004.

The new centre, expected to cost around \$A135 million and will be funded entirely by the Football Association.

Facilities include a full-size indoor pitch, plus 11 outdoor pitches, a gymnasium and indoor ball court, a sports medicine and

science centre plus accommodation and conference facilities for up to 300 people.

"Part of the strategy we formulated four years ago was a plan to produce the best coaches in the world and the best players in the world," FA technical director Howard Wilkinson said.

"For that, you need the best facilities, and this centre will be the best in the world because we have left no stone unturned.

"This is part of our wider strategy but it is crucial for the future of English football and it makes a statement of intent," he said.

"Everything about it will be quality - it will be the best in the world."



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Peter Grierson

Date Of Birth: 02/02/70
 Birthplace: Liverpool, England.
 Citizenship: British
 Age: 31
 Position: Midfield
 Nickname: PG
 Marital Status: engaged
 Occupation: Professional footballer
 Previous occupation: Scaffolder
 Left/Right footed: left footed
 Eye Colour: blue
 Hair Colour: brown
 Height: 5ft 11
 Weight: 75kg



Do you wear glasses/contact lenses: No
 What brand of boots: Puma
 National Rep honours: Nil
 Number of seasons with Strikers: third
 Overseas experience: Nil
 What age first played: 6yrs
 Junior Clubs: East Villa/Liverpool
 Major injuries: knee operation last year
 Career Highlight: Scoring on debut against Nthn Spirit
 Biggest achievement to date: Signing for Parmalat Strikers
 Ambition: To win the premiership
 Favourite Actor: Robert De Niro
 Favourite Actress: Julia Roberts
 Top 3 Movies: Raging Bull, Scarface, The Godfather
 If you could be a movie character: Rocky
 Favourite comedian: Eddie Murphy
 Favourite food: Pasta
 Favourite TV show: Seinfeld
 Favourite TV character: Jerry Seinfeld
 Most watched sports program: Premier League soccer
 Favourite overseas player: Robbie Fowler
 Favourite overseas team: Liverpool
 Most admired overseas-based Austn: Harry Kewell
 Most admired local Austn: Paul Trimboli
 Most admired defender: Lillian Thurán (France)

A new Super League - is it fact or fiction?

Soccer Canberra's president Steve Doszpot has dismissed as fanciful reports in a Sunday tabloid, which suggested that a new Canberra franchise was being considered as a part of a revolutionary Super League style national soccer competition.

A group called Sports Management International was reportedly hatching a plan for a 12-team breakaway league to be backed by a mysterious American oil magnate.

The report claimed that an American tycoon was prepared to invest \$70 million into the competition that would include a franchise to be known as the ACT Capitals.

However, Doszpot, who is a co-opted member of the Soccer Australia board, said he had no knowledge of the plan.

"I can assure you this is all news to me," he said.

"Soccer Canberra are still calling for expressions of interest from organisations who want to see a Canberra team up and running again, but I haven't heard anything in regard to this so-called Super League.

"The concept itself, if it has any legitimacy, could be constructive. However, it would be more appropriate if the people concerned came through the proper channels rather than having these debates over newspaper articles."

Soccer Australia said it would consider outsourcing the National Soccer League but called the latest breakaway proposal misguided.

NSL chairman Remo Nogarotto pilloried the breakaway proposal but entertained the possibility of the league being licensed out to a private backer.

"If there is a serious proposal to buy out the NSL then let them put that to Soccer Australia and they may decide to license out the national league," Nogarotto said.

"Soccer Australia would have to have a look at it - it would be derelict in its duties if it didn't. Every league needs capital and if any serious proposals satisfied that need for capital, it would be looked at."

Nogarotto said the shadowy breakaway league lacked credibility despite officials taking Socceroo coach Frank Farina out to a Sydney hotel for discussions.

"They are misguided and don't have a scintilla of an idea of how to go about it," Nogarotto said.

"If they were deadly serious about it they would have gone through the correct channels, not have crook cappuccinos in some Sydney hotel.

"In the absence of a hard proposal, it's all just kite flying from some anonymous oil magnate in the USA.

"Is it JR Ewing [of soapie Dallas fame] being resurrected to run the national league in the Antipodes?"

Any breakaway league is doomed to failure unless it receives Soccer Australia's approval.

World governing body FIFA must endorse the league through Soccer Australia or else players involved could be denied the right to play internationals.

Nogarotto said extensive market research on the NSL was about to start and should be finished within three months.

"The NSL is going to be the subject of examination and review and there is a universal consensus for some level of change," he said.

While the NSL has been overhauled and restructured repeatedly without success, Nogarotto said previous attempts were "always done without any measure of science attached to them."

PARMALAT BRISBANE STRIKERS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW 2001 - 2002

Round	Date	Opposition	Time/Venue
15	Sat Jan 19	Sydney United	7pm - Ballymore
16	Fri Jan 25	Bye	
17	Fri Feb 1	Melbourne Knights	7pm - Ballymore
18	Fri Feb 8	Northern Spirit	7.30pm - North Sydney Oval;
19	Sat Feb 16	Parramatta Power	7pm - Ballymore
20	Fri Feb 22	Newcastle United	7.30pm - Marathon Stadium
21	Fri Mar 1	Adelaide City Force	7pm - Ballymore
22	Sat Mar 9	Olympic Sharks	7.30pm - Toyota Pk Cronulla
23	Fri Mar 15	Wollongong Wolves	7.30pm - WIN Stadium
24	Sat Mar 23	South Melbourne	7pm - Ballymore
25	Sat Mar 30	Marconi Stallions	7pm - Marconi Stadium
26	Sun Apr 7	Perth Glory	3pm - Ballymore

Tanner hits back at critics

PERTH Glory owner Nick Tana has hit back at clubs, which blame him for spiralling player wages.

Tana is incensed some clubs are seeking to "deflect their own inadequacies" by attacking the NSL's most popular club.

"We pay our players what we can afford; what other clubs pay is their business," Tana said.

"When you generate between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in revenue per match, as we do, of course we are able to afford to pay what clubs with only 2000 spectators can't.

"Instead of criticising, they should look at new ways of marketing themselves to increase crowds.

"We spent \$750,000 before we even kicked a ball in the league. Our annual marketing budget now is \$1 million and that's hard cash, not contra."

Tana said Glory would post a loss for this season but there was "specific reasons".

League leaders Glory have set a blistering pace in attendances this season. At the halfway point it is averaging 13,228 - almost three times the league average of 5534.

Glory's attendance of 14,592 against Brisbane a fortnight ago was the seasons best.

Newcastle has the next best average with 9574 (2000 up on last season) with Northern Spirit third with 6454, but still well behind the highs of three seasons ago.

South Melbourne has experienced the sharpest decline, almost 3500 down on last year.

Adelaide City, too, is feeling the pinch after a poor start to the season. Its crowd average has fallen to 3213 (down by almost 500 on last year).

The Brisbane Strikers also are experiencing an increase in crowd support this season.



2001/2002 NSL

Round 15 - 19/1/02

BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Jason Kearton
 - 2 Richie Alagich
 - 3 Shane Stefanutto
 - 4 Jon McKain
 - 5 Stuart McLaren (c)
 - 6 Peter Grierson
 - 7 Fernando Rech
 - 8 Adam Webber
 - 9 Paul Foster
 - 10 Kris Trajanovski
 - 11 John Carbone
 - 12 David Pilic
 - 13 Wayne Heath
 - 14 Daniel Dreger
 - 15 Matthew McKay
 - 16 Ronnie McQuilter
 - 17 Michael Baird
 - 18 Lawrence Drake
 - 20 Corey Baldock
 - 30 Nathan Coe
- Coach - John Kosmina

SYDNEY UNITED

- 5 Nahuel Arrarte
 - 6 Michael Cunico
 - 7 Kresimir Marusic
 - 9 Gabriel Mendez
 - 10 Ante Milicic
 - 11 Zeljko Kopic
 - 13 Ante Deur
 - 14 Goran Talevski
 - 15 Aytek Genc
 - 18 Daniel Watkins
 - 21 Mile Jedinak
 - 24 Sebastian Sinozic
 - 27 John Karoubas (GK)
 - 29 Christian Cevinini
- Coach - Branko Culina



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EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	13	10	2	1	32	12	32
STRIKERS	13	7	4	2	21	14	25
Newcastle United	13	6	6	1	18	11	24
Olympic Sharks	13	6	2	5	17	11	20
Marconi Stallions	13	5	4	4	15	15	19
Melbourne Knights	13	6	1	6	17	18	19
Parramatta Power	13	5	3	5	15	15	18
Northern Spirit	13	5	3	5	19	21	18
Wollongong Wolves	13	3	4	6	14	22	13
Adelaide City Force	12	2	5	5	16	17	11
Sydney United	13	3	2	8	11	21	11
South Melbourne	13	2	4	7	7	13	10
Kingz FC	13	2	4	7	20	32	10

OTHER ROUND 15 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 18 Jan	W'gong Wolves v Parramatta Power
Fri 18 Jan	Newcastle United v Northern Spirit
Fri 18 Jan	Adelaide City Force v Melbourne K'ts
Sat 19 Jan	Marconi Stallions v Perth Glory
Sun 20 Jan	South Melbourne v Kingz FC
	Bye - Parramatta Power

ROUND 16 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 25 Jan	Northern Spirit v Adelaide City Force
Fri 25 Jan	Kingz FC v Marconi Stallions
Sat 26 Jan	Parramatta Power v Newcastle United
Sat 26 Jan	Melbourne Knights v Olympic Sharks
Sun 27 Jan	Perth Glory v Wollongong Wolves
Sun 27 Jan	Sydney United v South Melbourne
	Bye - BRISBANE STRIKERS

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power Youth	14	11	2	3	51	14	33
Newcastle United Youth	15	11	0	4	31	18	33
Wollongong Wolves Youth	14	10	1	3	37	19	31
Sydney United Youth	14	9	2	3	30	10	29
Australian Inst. Sport	12	9	0	3	32	15	27
Marconi Stallions Youth	14	8	1	5	24	13	25
QAS	14	7	3	4	27	20	24
ACT Academy Sport	12	7	0	5	26	28	21
Olympic Sharks Youth	15	4	5	6	23	21	17
Northern Spirit Youth	14	4	3	7	27	31	15
NSW Inst. Sport	17	4	2	11	19	45	14
Brisbane Toro	13	2	0	11	16	43	6
Sydney United Colts	14	1	2	11	11	46	5
Marconi Stallions Colts	14	1	1	12	9	39	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Damian Mori	Perth Glory	11
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	10
Paul Foster	Brisbane Strikers	8
Pablo Cordozo	Northern Spirit	7
Ante Milicic	Sydney United	7
Paul Urolovic	Kingz FC	6
Fernando Rech	Brisbane Strikers	6

Nth. youth LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Adam Kwasnik	Parramatta Power Yth.	12
Jacob Timpano	NSW Inst Sport	12
Brendan Santalab	Aust Inst Sport	10
Anthony Danze	Aust Inst Sport	10
Eric Anabalon	Marconi Stallions Youth	9

Alex Ferguson adamant on retirement

Alex Ferguson has dismissed talk that he may carry on as Manchester United manager, insisting he still intends to retire at the end of the season as planned.

Ferguson had hinted recently that he might have been prepared to reconsider his decision and stay on for another year.

But the 60-year-old Scot said his words were misinterpreted and he is adamant that he will not be making any u-turns.

"I'm going all right. That has been settled for some time now," Ferguson said.

"I was asked by a reporter about my retirement and I said, as I would about anything, that you never know what might happen.

"That's true, but it doesn't mean I was thinking about changing my plans.

"I've told you before that it's my intention to give up managing at the end of the season."



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