

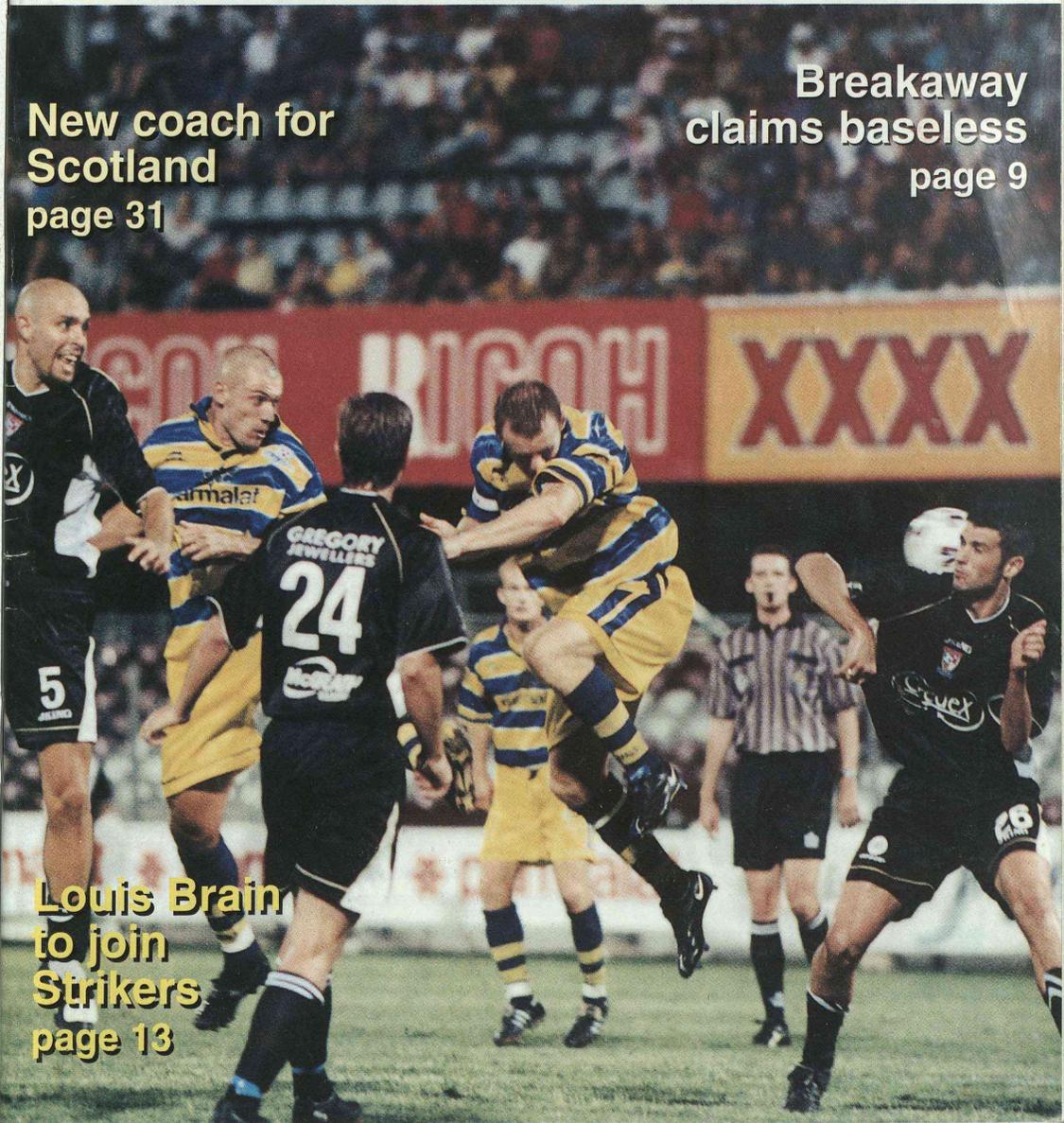
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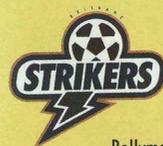
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Coach's Comment

Normally "the business end of the season" is generally accepted as the finals.

Well, for the Strikers it has arrived early as it has for a number of other NSL clubs who now begin the fight for the top six. And doesn't it promise to be interesting! Just four points separating second and sixth and only four more to ninth position.

Perth on 36 points are 11 clear of us and Newcastle (joint second) and while the minor premiership going west is not a fore-gone conclusion that's a lot of ground to make up in 10 matches.

Still, stranger things have happened but I will worry about that if and when necessary.

My sole focus at present is tonight, then next week and then the week after and so forth.

February as it happens is a big month in terms of the rest of the season for us and could actually determine not just our final position but that of the teams we play in the next four weeks.

Northern Spirit away, Parramatta at home and Newcastle at Marathon. Third, fifth and sixth currently and the pressure is starting to build.

And isn't it great. It's cliché time-when the men get sorted from the boys, when the tough get going and when heroes stand up and be counted! I know it sounds corny but the fact is it's true.

After our somewhat un-inspiring performance against Sydney United a fortnight ago and the bye last weekend those afore-mentioned teams and the Olympic Sharks made up some ground on us.

That we have a game up our sleeves over all but two of the other teams is an advantage, but not one to be taken for granted.

We can't be relying on other clubs to do us any favours. Our injured players are not far from returning and I will welcome them back.

We need a full squad for the hard road ahead and I'm looking forward to it.

We also need our diehard supporters who've shown so much faith this season.

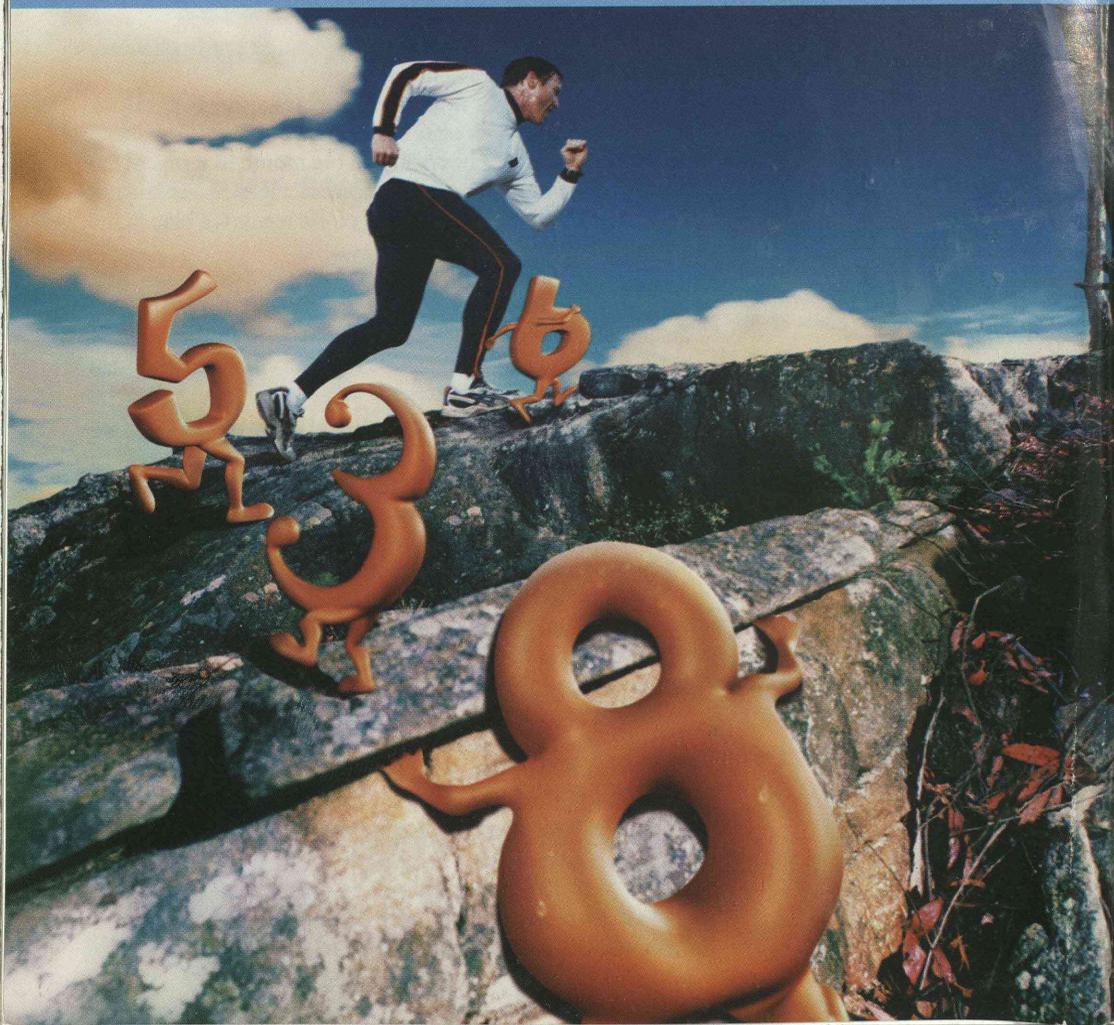
Whilst I'm somewhat of a fatalist I'll finish with one last cliché. Our destiny is in our own hands!

Enjoy the game.... Kossie

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...from the
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Over the past two weeks, I have fielded numerous enquiries from various members of the press in respect to the breakaway group, that is alleged being proposed by South Melbourne and also in respect to the involvement of Leeds Football Club with the Olympic Sharks.

To clarify this position in respect to any breakaway, I can assure all of our loyal supporters that the Brisbane Strikers Football Club remains staunchly resolute to support Soccer Australia.

I have had no discussions with South Melbourne or any National Soccer League official in respect to a breakaway and I would not make myself available to be part of any discussions, other than those duly authorised by Soccer Australia.

The Chairman of Soccer Australia and the current Board have my full support.

At this critical stage of development of Soccer in Australia, it is most unhelpful for individuals, groups or clubs to be discussing or reporting the possibility of a breakaway.

Between January and December 2001, a number of discussions, meetings and exchanges of information have taken place between our Club and the Chairman of Leeds Football Club, Peter Ridsdale.

Our Deputy Chairman, Dr Clem Jones, and co-Director, Mrs Dell Townsend, have met personally with the Leeds Chairman and, on a different occasion, I met with Mr Ridsdale in Australia in respect to their Club's intention to

promote football in Australia.

In all of our discussions, both parties have agreed to maintain strict confidentiality and I know board members of the Brisbane Strikers, have strictly adhered to this agreement.

The Strikers Board has no knowledge of a proposed visit to Australia by Peter Ridsdale.

I apologise to the faithful supporters of the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers, who attended the last home match at Ballymore for the poor service that was provided by the caterers engaged by Queensland Rugby Union.

There were a number of other issues that related to our tenancy of the grounds that reflected on poor customer service and I am confident that the General Manager, Alan Vessey, acting on my instructions, has drawn these matters to the attention of QRU officials and that they will be rectified by our next home game.

It is disappointing when we have an improved crowd that they should be so inconvenienced because of inadequate planning that remains outside our level of control.

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...from the Captains desk

The week following a defeat is usually one which the players hope will pass quickly, bringing about another matchday and thus an opportunity to make amends.

Due to the bye, that week has turned into a fortnight for the by the Strikers players and has only succeeded in heightening the impatience and frustration felt by the lads whilst awaiting our chance to put things right.

We did, however have a friendly match against semi-pro division side Mitchelton last weekend and although the opposition were well below their match fitness, I'm sure Kossie was as happy as the players were to be given the chance to iron out some of the problems we

had identified following the Sydney United performance.

Indeed the team will need to create as few problems as possible for ourselves as there is no doubt that the opposition will create plenty for us in the last 10 games of the season.

With positions on the ladder changing more than aameleon on a tartan rug, each fixture is beginning to take on an almost cup final atmosphere as one of the tightest finals we've seen for a while starts to hot up.

Tonight's game against the Melbourne Knights will certainly fall into this category as they strive to jump back into the top six and we attempt to stay in it and if at all possible pull away from the sides below us.

On the "GUMP" shirt it is my sad duty to report that I have slipped up and broken Bairdy's three week run, and as a result have been sporting a delightful sleeveless blue and green hooped number at training this week.

Thanks for the support.. Stuart McLaren

Perth to look for glory on Sundays

Perth Glory is considering playing more NSL matches on Sunday evenings next season in response to feedback from fans.

Glory acting chief executive officer Jeff Dennis said the club used last Sunday's match against Wollongong Wolves at Perth Oval to gauge interest in switching matches from the regular Saturday slot.

A crowd of 13,652 attended the Wollongong game.

The Wolves match was moved to avoid clashing with the Australia Day fireworks display.

The Glory's average crowd for the first seven home games of the season was 13,237,

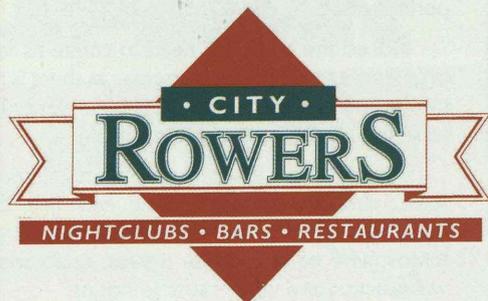
up around six per cent from last season's 12,489.

But the club has not generated the blockbuster crowds of 1997 and 1998 when it was not unusual for more than 15,000 to converge on Perth Oval.

The season record is 14,592 for the recent Parmalat Brisbane Strikers visit for round 13 on January 5 this year.

Dennis said the club was likely to retain the Saturday night slot for the hot summer months.

However, the club was considering scheduling early and late season matches - when the weather is cooler - on Sunday afternoons, with kick-off around 4pm.



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Breakaway claims baseless

The Parmalat Brisbane Strikers have strongly denied reports they are part of a group of six clubs threatening to breakaway from the national soccer league.

A report in a Melbourne newspaper last week claimed the group of disillusioned clubs included South Melbourne, Adelaide City, Brisbane Strikers, Parramatta Power and Melbourne Knights.

Strikers' general manager Alan Vessey said the claims were totally baseless.

"The journalist concerned has made no contact with any person at the Brisbane Strikers nor has the Brisbane Strikers been in discussion with whoever is promoting this idea," Vessey said.

"The Brisbane Strikers will only play in any national competition conducted or sanctioned by Soccer Australia."

The Melbourne report said South Melbourne consultant George Christopoulos, a FIFA-licensed players' agent, was behind the push to protest at the way Soccer Australia was running the national competition.

"There are five or six clubs reassessing their position at the end of the season," Christopoulos told the paper.

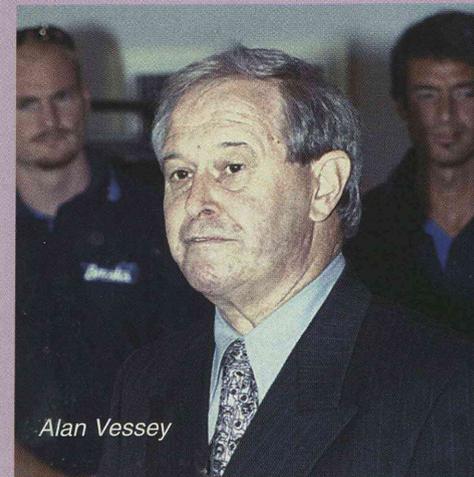
"Why would you participate in a league which has no leadership, no money, whose marketing consultants are suing Soccer Australia, a league which hasn't had a sponsor for four years?"

"Who is going to tolerate losing \$1 million a year, some of it being lost by individuals (private owners)?"

The report also claimed South Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos had confirmed his club was being sounded out to lead the rebels.

But Vasilopoulos won't make a move until after the club's annual general meeting due tomorrow (February 3).

The South Melbourne AGM promises to be a fiery affair because of internal strife.



Alan Vessey

Christopoulos has already talked South into reassessing its objectives and is clear on the way the club has to force change at the top.

"We won the championship by eight points last year and we got just a 5 per cent increase in our attendances. That's not enough to pay one player like Con Boutsianis," Christopoulos said.

"Why would you invest again in a team of very expensive, quality players?"

South reached the grand final, but declared a \$900,000 operating loss on the season.

"We saw the light a bit early this year by going to a youth policy. We've cut back dramatically on our expenses," Christopoulos said.

"It's irresponsible for our club to sign players on big contracts when there is no income coming in."

Christopoulos said the club was wasting its time seeking sponsors when the NSL and Soccer Australia were seen to be on the verge of bankruptcy.

"I have openly said to South Melbourne the action they need to take is to sue Soccer Australia or band together with the five or six other clubs and just pull out," he said.

"It's all coming to a head now," the report concluded.

First round repeat wanted

The Parmalat Brisbane Strikers will be out to consolidate their second position in the national league and erase memories of its shock loss to Sydney United when it takes on tonight's visitors Melbourne Knights at Ballymore.

Hopes of turning Ballymore into a fortress this season for visiting sides hasn't quite eventuated with just three wins from its seven home games.

The Sydney United loss enabled Newcastle United to leapfrog the Strikers into second place on goal difference but their positions were again reversed last weekend following Newcastle's 2-nil loss to Parramatta Power.

Strikers' coach John Kosmina will be looking for a repeat of the Strikers' first round battle with the Knights when the Parmalat boys came home 2-nil victors courtesy of goals from Paul Foster and Kris Trajanovski.

Foster and Trajanovski have been one of the league's most lethal pairings this season but both will be looking for a better showing against the Knights after being shackled by an impenetrable Sydney United defence.

The Knights are sitting eight, just two points outside the Top Six after going down 2-1 to Sydney Olympic last Sunday and will be determined to avenge their first round loss to the Strikers.

The Knights have been boosted for tonight's game by the recent signing of former Sydney United star Kresimir Marusic.

On his day Marusic is one of the league's best midfielders and his signing for the Melbourne Knights will be a bonus to their finals aspirations.

Ironically, Marusic originally came out from Croatia to play for the Knights seven seasons ago and played for them in the 1994 grand final.

The Croatian since had stints with Sydney United, Olympic and Northern Spirit and has played more than 120 national league games.

The Knights have been going through a

rebuilding phase in recent times, but history shows, just like Sydney United, they can never be underestimated.

In their first season of national football in 1984 when known as Melbourne Croatia, the club made it to the preliminary final of the southern conference when the league was then split into two zones.

Their first grand final appearance came in the 1990-91 season where they lost an enthralling grand final to South Melbourne on a penalty shootout.

The same scenario occurred the following season losing on penalties to Adelaide City.

After a name change in the 1993-94 season to the Melbourne Knights, the Victorian club again made it to the grand final but fell over, losing 1-nil to Adelaide City.

However, revenge was only 12 months away when the Knights defeated Adelaide City 2-nil in the 1994-95 season in what is still regarded as one of the most one-side grand finals ever.

No team has dominated a season like the Knights did that year becoming the first club to win the treble - the championship, grand final and the national cup.

It was the year a teenage sensation named Mark Viduka, nicknamed the V Bomber, took out the player of the year, Under 21 player of the year and top scorer of the year.

Their then coach Mirko Bazic also was voted coach of the year.

Despite losing many of their stars from that year, the Knights quickly rebuilt and won the league again in the 1995-96 season.

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Louis Brain may finish season with Strikers

The Parmalat Strikers could be the beneficiary of a training ground bust-up on New Year's Eve between Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic and talented midfielder Louis Brain.

Brain's career with the Force is over and the youngster is keen to join the Strikers on loan for the remainder of the season.

Strikers coach John Kosmina has had a good run with injury this season and Brain's signature would fill a void left open by injuries to midfielder David Pilic and striker Lawrence Drake.

"I've spoken to Louis' father who lives on the Gold Coast but if he comes to us it would only be on loan for the remainder of the season," Kosmina said.

"We originally thought David would be back now after he had a hernia but he also had another tear and only got a clearance to begin training last week.

"Lawrence also is out for a while yet with his ankle and foot injury and has only just started light training by himself.

"He had a bone scan taken not long ago and it showed up some other knocks which will take some time to heal properly."

Brain, 19, a former Australian under 17 and under 20 star, has made 59 appearances for the Force since his debut as a 16 year-old in March 1999.

Loss of form and hot competition from Force's young guns restricted Brain to only four starts this season.

He scored in Adelaide's 3-0 win over the Auckland Kingz before the bust-up.

However, Brain was told by Matic he wouldn't select him while he was on the transfer list.

Brain was the fifth player to quit the club

this season after the departure of Brad Hassell to Perth Glory, Grzegorz Lewandowski to Poland, Petar Cestic who also headed overseas to Yugoslavia while Jeffrey Campbell went to New Zealand.

Matic reportedly confronted the transfer-listed Brain before training about comments he allegedly made about the club in an interview on radio 5RPH.

A heated 10-minute exchange followed and Brain, wearing his training gear, stormed from the pitch and drove home.

"Zoran wanted me to apologise and I didn't believe I said anything (in the interview) that I needed to apologise for," Brain said.

"It's unfortunate it ended that way but I have no ill feeling about the club.

"Adelaide City gave me my start in the NSL and there's certainly no bitterness on my part."

At the heart of the rift is Brain's alleged reference to "moving to a more professional club". But Brain denied saying it.

Adelaide City president Bob D'Ottavi also told Brain in a phone call he was unhappy with his comment about wanting to work under a new coach in order to improve as a player.

"I don't see anything wrong with saying that.

"I've learned a lot at Adelaide City but after three years I just felt it was time to move on and to learn new methods from other coaches."

He bristled at implied comparisons between Adelaide City and Brisbane Strikers.

"There's no comparison between Adelaide City and Brisbane if you look at our record in the NSL.

Certainly we're finding it difficult at the moment, but even Manchester United had to spend some time in the second division."

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Chinese club after Knights

The Shanghai Football Club is involved in a consortium of Chinese businessmen offering to buy out the Melbourne Knights, which is reportedly in debt for \$1m.

But so far the Knights are not interested in selling after an offer, believed to be \$400,000, was recently made by the Chinese.

The consortium is led by Melbourne identity Liu Bing, who has been building Chinese ties with the Knights by taking clubs, including Wollongong and the Knights, on playing tours of China.

Liu claims his company, Golden Star, will have a controlling share, but the consortium will include millionaire businessmen in China and direct involvement from Shanghai FC, considered the richest club in China.

Shanghai hosted Soccer Australia board member Joe Brondolino on a recent tour of China, and the Shanghai chairman and chief executive were guests of Soccer Australia at the recent World Cup qualifier at the MCG.

Liu is in China finalising deals and was due back to Melbourne this next week, but his company took the official step of sending its proposal in writing through its solicitor. Former Knights general manager David Filipovic is involved in negotiations and is tipped to become the club's chief executive if the buyout goes through.

"Our solicitor has sent a memorandum of understanding outlining the proposal along with conditions," Filipovic said.

"We've also been talking to Soccer Australia about the possibilities, either buying out a team already in the NSL or applying as a new outfit.

"It's at a very delicate stage at present, but more details will come out when Mr Bing returns to Melbourne."

Filipovic pointed out that the offer to the Knights is to buy the team and its spot in the NSL, not to buy out the club's headquarters at Knights Stadium.

Melbourne Knights are listening to the Chinese but the sale figure is well short of what the Knights want.

Knights' director Steve Mandekic was non-committal about the seriousness of the bid.

"I've been around a long time," Mandekic said.

"I'll sit down and listen to anybody, but you're buying 40 years of history here and you don't believe anything until it's in black and white."

Mandekic confirmed that the interest from the consortium was raised at the recent general meeting of the Knights.

Knights chairman Harry Mrksa said the chances of selling to the Chinese syndicate were nil because the offer was "much too low".

"I'd be prepared to double the amount myself to buy the club," Mrksa said.

"We have talked to Harry Kewell's manager, Bernie Mandic. He made a better offer on behalf of Leeds United," Mrksa said.

"There was no money involved, but Leeds would have taken over our \$1 million debt for 51 per cent of the club.

"I believe Mandic made the same offer to Olympic Sharks and they have taken it up." Mrksa, 67, a self-made millionaire who made his money in the travel industry, has sponsored the Knights for 27 years, but is becoming disillusioned about the game in Australia. "For the first time, I'm thinking maybe I should quit," Mrksa said.

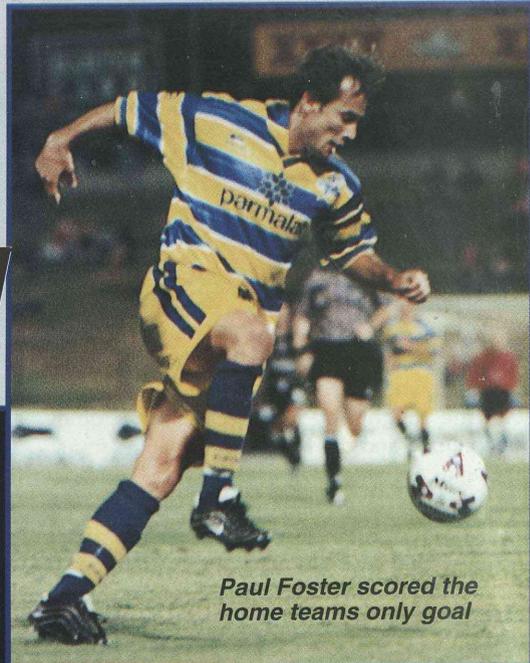
"If I can't offer a solution, if I can't lead the club out of trouble, then why am I there?"

The Knights have suffered from falling attendances and spiralling player costs and have gone from a club that won successive titles in the mid-eighties to one struggling for money to lure the best players.

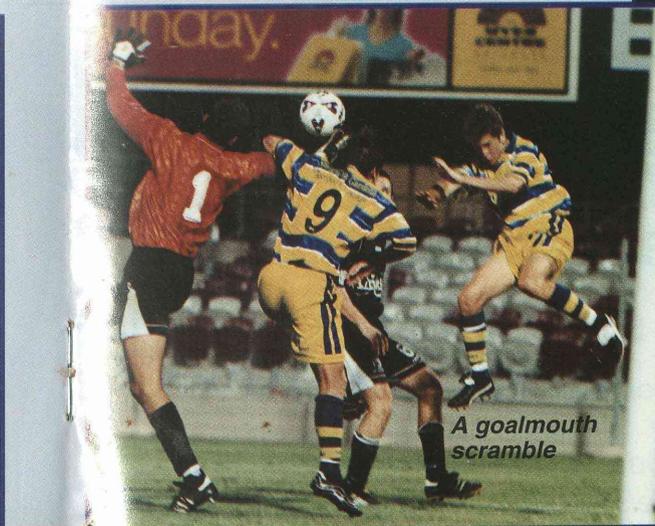


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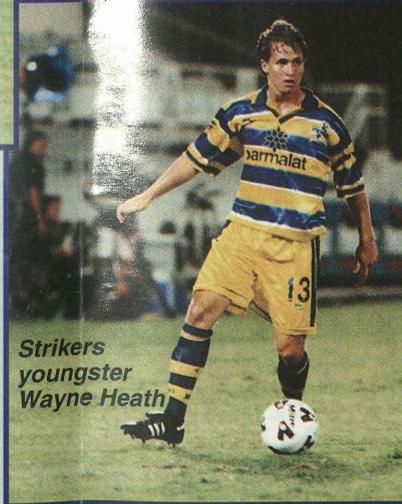
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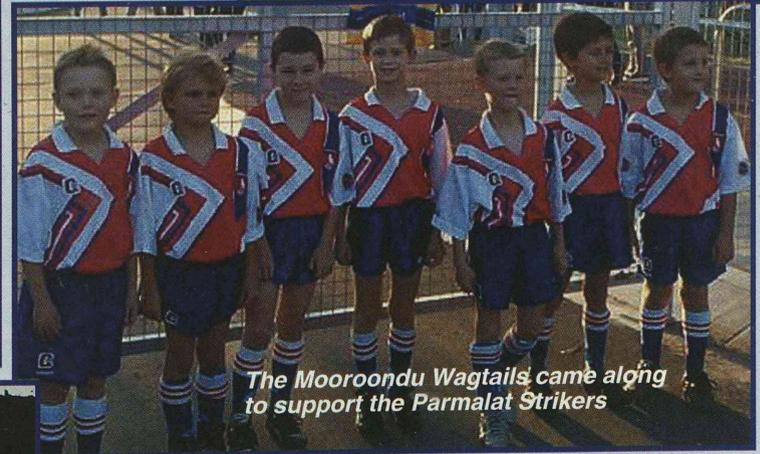
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United struggles after win

Sydney United hardly had time to celebrate their upset win over the Parmalat Brisbane Strikers a fortnight ago when it was in the news for all the wrong reasons.

After allegations the club was in dire straights financially for failing to pay its players and forfeiting a youth game against the Queensland Academy, the Bravehearts had midfielder Ante Moric outed for four-matches and given a suspended \$2,000 fine.

His suspension was for allegedly manhandling referee Eddie Lennie during United's 1-all draw with Adelaide City Force at Edensor Park on January 6.

Moric was returning from a long spell on the sidelines with a groin injury when he grabbed Lennie as he appealed for a handball by an Adelaide City defender in the box.

Moric appeared before the NSL tribunal last week and was found guilty on the charge of intentionally handling Lennie.

"The fine has been suspended for 12 months and he'll need to pay that fine if he's sent off within the next 12 months," a Soccer Australia spokesman said.

"Further red cards may result in him being asked to appear before the tribunal again."

Moric, 27, had the right to appeal against only two of the matches because he automatically received a two game ban for his second red card of the season.

experienced midfielder Kresimir Marusic has departed to Melbourne Knights.

Marusic, 32, is rated one of the most gifted midfielders in the league and his signing for the Melbourne Knights will be a huge lift for the finals aspirations.

"We actually brought him out from Croatia originally and he was in our team which played in the grand final in 1994," said Knights general manager Rob Hrzic.

Marusic then left the Knights for Sydney United and has played more than 120 NSL games for the Knights, United, Olympic and Northern Spirit.

The Knights have already seen Marusic's ability close up this season.

He created the winning goal for Sydney United against the Knights in December with a crafty backheel for striker Ante Milicic to give United a 2-1 victory.

The Marusic deal is some consolation for the Knights, who missed out on signing former Manchester United legend Eric Cantona for a guest appearance.

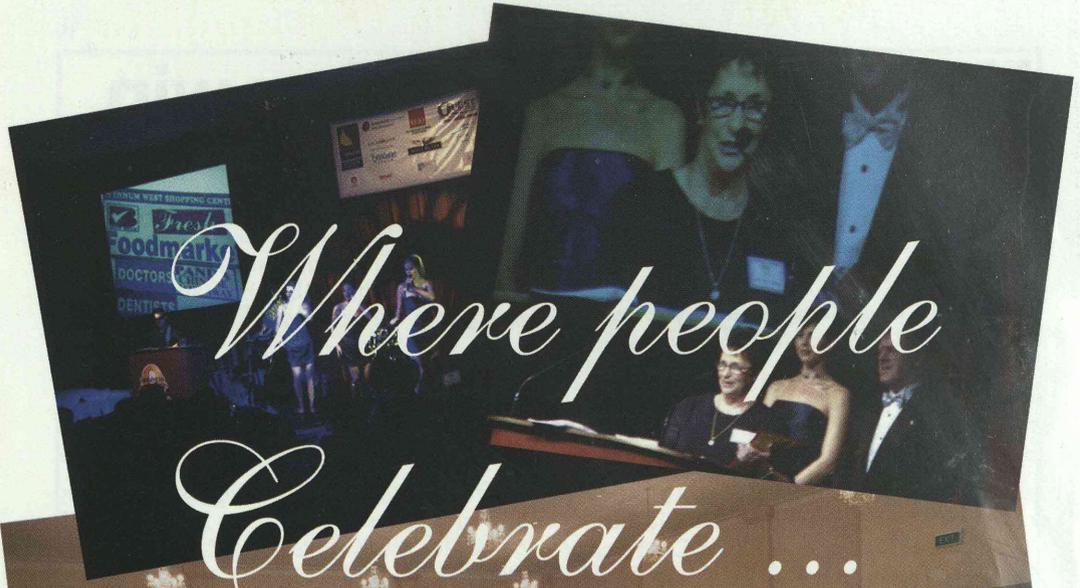
The club had approached Cantona with a reported \$100,000 offer to play in the Colonial Stadium match against local rival South Melbourne on February 8.

But Cantona turned down the approach, saying he had other commitments.

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From the BSSA...

If you've attended a Parmalat Brisbane Strikers home fixture recently you've probably noticed the Strikers are welcomed onto the field before kickoff by boys or girls dressed in the colours of their local soccer club.

These junior players have been part of a program of mascots organised by the BSSA, with the help of the junior team's coach and the Brisbane Strikers, to form a guard of honour for the Strikers and to stand to attention with them while the national anthem is played.

You may have wondered, "What is the point of it"? To illustrate, perhaps we should look at the junior team, which graced Ballymore with the Strikers on 19 January.

That team was the Mooroondu Under 7 Wagtails. The Wagtails were, in a way, already local soccer celebrities, having won their age group at the annual Mooroondu Challenge Cup soccer carnival, which brings together clubs in Brisbane's Southern District in a manner common throughout Queensland.

They won in style, with 17 goals scored and only one conceded. Such style, in fact, that they were awarded the John Campbell Memorial

trophy for the best Mooroondu team at the carnival. These efforts took place alongside a season in which they amassed 104 goals while conceding only 28.

Obviously, there are players in the Wagtails' team with the potential to go on to big things as senior footballers, just as there are in other junior teams around Queensland. Yet too often, promising juniors drop out of the game when they get a bit older.

One reason for this is that they see no 'heroes' to emulate, as they live in a place where heroes and glamour have been linked with other sports. Giving juniors a chance to meet, and take the field with, the Brisbane Strikers is a way of giving them some heroes to look up to, while getting a feel of the "big time" that awaits them if they persevere with soccer.

It works. Wagtails coach Ray McMurray said after his team's big day that most of them now want to play for the Strikers one day.

Often, a word or gesture from a Strikers player leaves the most enduring memory. A fortnight ago one of the Wagtails was told by Strikers skipper Stuart McLaren that he (McLaren), had played for Mooroondu as a junior and that he thought the youngster was wearing his shirt.

It's a pretty safe bet the shirt has scarcely left the boy's sight since that moment.

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Jon McKain

Date Of Birth: 21/09/82
 Birthplace: Brisbane
 Age: 18
 Ethnic Origin: Australian
 Position: Centre Back/Right Back
 Nickname: Jonny
 Marital Status: single
 Occupation: Professional footballer
 Left/Right footed: Right
 Eye Colour: Blue
 Hair Colour: Brown
 Height: 185cm
 Weight: 81kg



Do you wear glasses/contact lenses: No
 What brand of boots: Puma Kings
 National Rep honours: Aust Under 20's (Young Socceroos)
 Medals/Trophies won: Strikers rookie of the year last season
 Past Clubs: QAS, Rochedale
 Overseas experience: Nil
 What age first played: 6yrs
 Junior Clubs: Mt Gravatt
 Major injuries: Knee
 Career Highlight: Aussie Under 20's World Cup
 Ambition: To Play at highest level and for Socceroos
 Favourite band/singer: Any - mixture
 Favourite cartoon character: Homer Simpson
 Favourite food: Steak
 Favourite TV show: Sports Tonight
 Favourite overseas player: Zidane
 Favourite overseas team: Barcelona
 Most admired overseas-based Austn: Danny Tiatto
 Most admired home based Austn: Fernando Rech
 Most admired defender: Nesta
 Most admired midfielder: Zidane
 Most admired striker: Viduka
 Most admired sportsperson: John Eales
 Hardest opponent: Damien Mori
 Major influences: Parents, Gary Phillips
 Soccer superstitions: left boot on first
 Funniest teammate: David Pilic

BRISBANE STRIKERS 2001/2002

Player Statistics

F-A

Date	Opponents	F-A	1 Keaton	2 March	3 Serrano	4 McKinn	5 McEwen	6 McEwen	7 Reoch	8 Weber	9 Foster	10 Traorock	11 Carrone	12 Carrone	13 Heath	14 Heigh	15 Micky	16 Micky	17 Micky	18 Drake	19 Drake	20 Braddock	30 Cue
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Sun 14/10	Rnd 2 Sydney United	A 3-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sun 20/10	Rnd 3	Bye																					
Sat 27/10	Rnd 4 Melbourne Knights	A 2-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 3/11	Rnd 5 Northern Spirit	H 1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fri 9/11	Rnd 6 Parramatta Power	A 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 17/11	Rnd 7 Newcastle United	H 1-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Wed 21/11	Rnd 8 Adelaide City Force	A 1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 1/12	Rnd 9 Olympic Sharks	H 1-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 8/12	Rnd 10 Wollongong Wolves	H 1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fri 14/12	Rnd 11 South Melbourne	A 1-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 22/12	Rnd 12 Marconi Stallions	H 2-0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 5/1	Rnd 13 Perth Glory	A 2-4	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Fri 11/1	Rnd 14 Kingz FC	A 2-1	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sat 19/1	Rnd 15 Sydney United	H 1-2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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Fri 1/2	Rnd 17 Melbourne Knights	H																					
Fri 8/2	Rnd 18 Northern Spirit	A																					
Sat 16/2	Rnd 19 Parramatta Power	H																					
Fri 22/2	Rnd 20 Newcastle United	A																					
Fri 1/3	Rnd 21 Adelaide City Force	H																					
Sat 9/3	Rnd 22 Olympic Sharks	A																					
Fri 15/3	Rnd 23 Wollongong Wolves	A																					
Sun 23/3	Rnd 24 South Melbourne	H																					
Sat 30/3	Rnd 25 Marconi Stallions	A																					
Sun 7/4	Rnd 26 Perth Glory	H																					
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Uruguayan striker joins Manchester United 'til 2006

Forlan in, Yorke out - that's the likely scenario unfolding at Manchester United.

Uruguayan striker Diego Forlan last week joined Manchester United from Argentine club Independiente on a contract until 2006.

Forlan's signature is tipped to see out-of-favour striker Dwight Yorke leave Manchester United with Sir Alex Ferguson's complement of strikers at the club back up to four.

Yorke, who has made just six starts this season, has been on the verge of leaving United for the last couple of weeks and a number of premier league clubs have registered their interest in him with the champions.

Forlan, 22, signed a staggering deal worth \$A20.94 million for four-and-a-half years.

"I like to score. I try to be useful to the team if I don't score," Forlan told the English press last week.

He said he admired United top scorer Ruud van Nistelrooy but would not try to take his place in the side.

Forlan flew into England and passed a medical at United after snubbing an offer from

Middlesbrough in favour of joining United.

"It is nice to be wanted by two teams but I am more happy to have signed here," he said.

"I wanted to know what was happening in the future, now I want to begin training."

Asked about his World Cup hopes with Uruguay, who were the last country to qualify for the finals in Japan and South Korea in May after beating Australia in the playoffs, Forlan said the only way was to put in a good performance.

Forlan, whose father was also a footballer, said he watched premier league matches in Argentina, where Manchester United was very popular.

The Uruguayan said the United players he admired included Andy Cole, who joined Blackburn from United last month, as well as Ryan Giggs, David Beckham and Roy Keane.

If Yorke departs the Reds, Middlesbrough and Sunderland are favoured to get his signature for a cut-price fee.

Yorke, 30, would be Middlesbrough's consolation prize after losing out to United in the race to sign Forlan.

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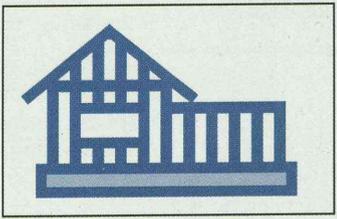
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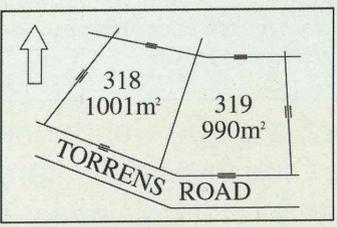
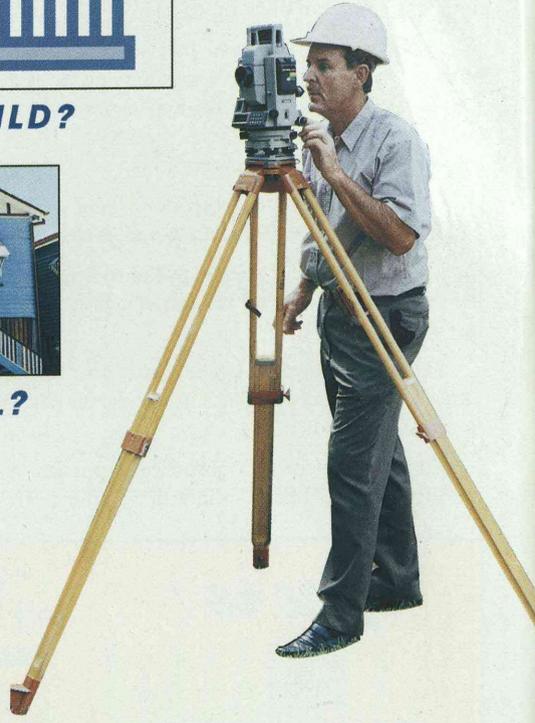
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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW 2001 - 2002

Round	Date	Opposition	Time/Venue
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

New Ronaldo needle theory

An anaesthetic incorrectly injected into his knee, according to a Brazilian newspaper report, may have caused the mysterious ailment that nearly kept striker Ronaldo out of the 1998 World Cup final.

The report offered a new explanation for Ronaldo's baffling behaviour on the afternoon of July 13, 1998 - and for Brazil's loss of a fifth World Cup title that seemed all but a sure thing.

Hours before the title match against host France, Ronaldo went into convulsions at the team's hotel and was hospitalised for tests.

Coach Mario Zagallo scratched him from the line-up, but Ronaldo later said he felt fine and when the hospital tests showed nothing wrong, Zagallo put him back on the starting team.

But the two-time FIFA Player of the Year hardly looked himself on the field, and France rolled over Brazil to win its first Cup title.

Ever since, Brazilians have speculated about

what really happened.

Citing information it said was obtained in interviews with Ronaldo, the report claimed Ronaldo received eight injections of xylocaine, a local anaesthetic, and a cortisone-based anti-inflammatory during the five-week tournament.

The report claimed the injection hours before the final accidentally hit a vein in Ronaldo's right knee, and the drug entered his bloodstream.

Ten minutes later, he went into convulsions, the paper said.

Ronaldo has never admitted he took injections for his knee pains and former Brazilian team doctors Joaquim da Matta and Lidio Toledo and Ronaldo's agent have denied the paper's explanation.

Da Matta and Toledo were questioned about Ronaldo's ailment by the Regional Board of Medicine in Brazil and cleared of any wrongdoing.



2001/2002 NSL

Round 17 - 1/2/02

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

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

- 1 Martin John
 - 2 Joey Rajher
 - 3 Rodrigo Vargas
 - 4 Sash Ognenovski
 - 5 Steve Horvat
 - 6 Andrew Marth
 - 7 Daniel Vasilevaki
 - 8 Kresimir Marusic
 - 9 Joel Porter
 - 10 Toto Da Costa
 - 11 Xhezair Sulemani
 - 12 Boris Ovcin
 - 13 Ivan Jolic
 - 14 Daniel Piorkowski
 - 15 Daniel Debevc
 - 16 Alex Kiratzoglou
 - 17 Daniel Rocco
 - 18 Andy Vargas
 - 19 Anthony Pelikan
 - 20 Adam Hrehoresin GK
 - 21 Zoltan Zold
 - 22 Antun Kovacic
 - 25 Ivo De Jesus
 - 26 Serkan Okauz
- Coach - Andrew Marth



EYE ON STRIKERS Tables

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Perth Glory	16	11	4	1	36	15	37
Olympic Sharks	15	8	2	5	21	13	26
STRIKERS	15	7	4	3	22	16	25
Newcastle United	16	6	7	3	19	14	25
Northern Spirit	16	7	4	5	22	22	25
Parramatta Power	16	7	3	6	19	16	24
Marconi Stallions	16	5	4	7	16	18	19
Melbourne Knights	16	6	1	8	21	25	19
Wollongong Wolves	16	4	6	6	17	24	18
Sydney United	16	4	4	8	17	26	16
Kingz FC	16	6	4	8	23	34	16
South Melbourne	16	3	6	7	13	18	15
Adelaide City Force	15	3	5	7	19	20	14

OTHER ROUND 17 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 1 Feb	W'gong Wolves v Newcastle United
Fri 1 Feb	Adelaide City Force v Parramatta Power
Sat 2 Feb	Olympic Sharks v Northern Spirit
Sat 2 Feb	Marconi Stallions v Sydney United
Sat 2 Feb	Perth Glory v Kingz FC
	Bye - South Melbourne

ROUND 18 NATIONAL LEAGUE MATCHES

Fri 8 Feb	Kingz FC v Wollongong Wolves
Fri 8 Feb	Northern Spirit v STRIKERS
Fri 8 Feb	Newcastle United v Adelaide City Force
Sat 9 Feb	Melbourne Knights v South Melbourne
Sat 9 Feb	Parramatta Power v Olympic Sharks
Sun 10 Feb	Sydney United v Perth Glory
	Bye - Marconi Stallions

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (Nth Div)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power Youth	15	12	0	3	53	14	36
Newcastle United Youth	16	11	1	4	32	19	34
Wollongong Wolves Youth	15	10	1	4	37	22	31
Australian Inst. Sport	13	10	0	3	34	16	30
Sydney United Youth	15	9	2	4	30	13	29
Marconi Stallions Youth	15	9	1	5	28	13	28
QAS	15	8	3	4	30	20	27
ACT Academy Sport	13	7	1	5	26	28	22
Olympic Sharks Youth	16	5	5	6	26	22	20
Northern Spirit Youth	15	4	4	7	28	32	16
NSW Inst. Sport	18	4	2	12	19	49	14
Brisbane Toro	14	2	0	12	19	49	6
Sydney United Colts	15	1	3	11	11	46	6
Marconi Stallions Colts	15	1	1	13	10	41	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE HOTSHOTS

Damian Mori	Perth Glory	12
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	10
Paul Foster	Brisbane Strikers	9
Ante Milicic	Sydney United	8
Paul Urolovic	Kingz FC	8
Pablo Cordozo	Northern Spirit	7
Antonio Da Costa	Melbourne Knights	7

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

Scotland looks at new coach

Kuwait's national coach Berti Vogts is the hot tip to take over as the next Scotland coach.

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) held talks recently with the former Germany boss saying they were at "a very advanced stage".

"We have agreed virtually all aspects of his contract, and I am confident that the deal will be concluded soon," SFA chief executive David Taylor said.

Vogts would replace Craig Brown, who

stepped down as Scotland coach in October after eight years in charge.

He (Vogts) guided Germany to victory in the 1996 European Championship.

Vogts was a close friend of Brown who quit after Scotland's failure to qualify for this year's World Cup finals and the former Germany defender has made no secret of his affection for Scotland.

His contract with Kuwait runs until the end of June.



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