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Youth League match

editor's Comment

FIRSTLY this month an apology, followed by a whinge.

It appears that we included a couple of factual errors in last month's issue that slipped through the editorial net.

We wrongly stated that Kieran Cooper's Rochedale would be looking to make amends for last season's loss in the Premier Cup Final to Brisbane City. Of course it was Brisbane Wolves who made the final last year, so my apologies to them.

I'm sure Coops' side were looking to make amends, but it was for a semi-final loss to City. What a difference a four-letter word made.

On the subject of four-letter words, many are uttered in the ExtraTime ranks every month when we are looking for local stories. I touched on this a couple of issues ago, but little has changed. Come on guys, we need your help with this. Surely something happens at your clubs each month? Send your stories or press releases in, please.

In fact, pretty please, with sugar on top.



The top of the Premier League table is now looking a little congested which is great for the local game. Early predictions after a quarter of the season were for another runaway leader to tie up the title with half the season to go.

As we all know, football just isn't like that. Sure, Queensland Lions dominated for several years, but the playing talent is spread a little more evenly this year and despite good early season runs, no team can go on winning forever.

At the time of writing only six points separate the top six clubs, with almost half the season to go. Although partial to the odd bet, I'm not entirely sure where I would put my hard-earned at this stage.

If pushed I would have to plump for Rochedale Rovers, whose style of play appeals to my eye. Their mid-season form has taken them within touching distance of the top and the big test for them now is to take maximum points from their closest rivals.

I'm sure the other sides at the top will have plenty to say about that though and there is still a long way to go. One thing's for sure, Palm Beach won't have it all their own way as we approach the wash-up.

Either way, it's looking like a tense run for the line and there should be plenty of action to savour in all divisions. Make sure you get out there and make the most of it. You'll be glad you did. ☺

news desk



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BMS SIDE TO TAKE ON QUEENSLAND ROAR AT RICHLANDS

A BMS Select XI will pit their wits and skills against Queensland Roar in a pre-season hit-out against the Hyundai A-League side.

The BMS team will be jointly coached by Pine Rivers' Clayton Koch and Kieran Cooper of Rochedale, who will pick one player from each Premier League team and one player from the top four Premier Division One sides.

In the absence of senior representative football, the game will be of great interest to the Brisbane football public, many of whom have lambasted the demise of the Queensland team.

The game will take place at Luxury Paints Stadium (133 Pine Rd, Richlands) on Wednesday 20th July, kick off at 7.30pm.

Roar Coach Miron Bleiberg is sure to pick a strong side for the match as he prepares his troops for the official Hyundai A-League Pre-Season Tournament and the start of the A-League proper.

Brisbane pundits will be keen to see the very best Premier League players in action in a game that will no doubt settle a few arguments as to how big the gap is between the local league and the new national competition.

For the selected players it will be a chance to see just what they have to do to take the next step in their football careers, with the sharpness of the Roar squad set to be a key factor.

Don't miss this one, it's sure to be a cracker.

SQUAD DETAILS:

Adrian Ghidella (Brisbane Wolves)
Ryan Pearse (Mt Gravatt)
Adam Webber (Brisbane Strikers)
Joel Hale (Pine Rivers)

Josh Evans (Taringa Rovers)
Nicky Parfitt (Ipswich Knights)
Chris Hinchley (Toowoomba Raiders)
Andrew Balzat (Mitchelton)
Craig Slaughter (Souths United)
Daniel Corbett (Brisbane City)
Grant Marshall (Beenleigh)
Luke Martin (Eastern Suburbs)
Lance Wilson (Uni of Qld)
Greg Thomas (Rochedale Rovers)
Steven Cleary (Peninsula Power)
Russell Miner (Palm Beach)

McLAREN BACK IN BRISBANE

Former Strikers NSL coach Stuart McLaren is back in town after a stint in Malaysia and has re-signed with the Perry Park club for the remainder of the season.

McLaren said that there had been some difficulties with the administration of his contract at his club Sarawak, but the main reason for his premature return was to be with his family.

With his wife expecting their first child in October, McLaren managed to negotiate a release from Sarawak and hopes to clarify his future as soon as possible.

"It was important to me to get back and support my wife during her pregnancy," he said. "The Malaysian League season finishes in July and our club wasn't in a position to qualify for the Malaysian Cup or in danger of being relegated, so I managed to come to an agreement with them."

"I'm hoping to sit down with the Strikers very soon and see where they are heading in the long term. With full-time playing opportunities so limited in Brisbane I'll certainly start looking towards coaching," McLaren added.

ROSE OFF TO NZ

Pine Rivers goal machine Josh Rose has played his last game for the Strathpine club. Rose has agreed terms with Hyundai A-League outfit New Zealand Knights after impressing the Knights in a recent trial.

The loss of such a prolific scorer will be a blow to Rivers, but for Rose the news of an A-League contract is what he's been waiting for.

"I'm looking forward to getting into training and trying to force my way into the side," he said. "I'll be staying with Steve Fitzsimmons so at least I'll have someone I know at the club which should help me to settle in," he added.

Fans of Rose won't have long to wait to see him in action again as the Knights' first match is the clash against Queensland Roar at SunCorp Stadium on August 28th.

Rose has provided plenty of excitement for Brisbane football fans in recent times and will be sorely missed. Good luck bro! ☘

TABLES TO 26th JUNE

BRISBANE Premier League

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palm Beach Sharks	14	10	2	2	43	10	32
Pine Rivers United	14	9	3	2	42	19	30
Brisbane Strikers	14	9	2	3	25	10	29
Rochedale Rovers	14	9	0	5	44	24	27
Souths United	14	8	2	4	37	24	26
Taringa Rovers	14	8	2	4	23	14	26
Brisbane Wolves	14	5	1	8	26	33	16
Mitchelton	14	5	1	8	20	32	16
Uni of Qld	14	4	0	10	21	36	12
Toowoomba Raiders	14	3	3	8	18	38	12
Eastern Suburbs	14	3	1	10	15	50	10
Brisbane City	14	1	3	10	13	37	6

Premier League Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palm Beach Sharks	14	14	0	0	54	14	42
Rochedale Rovers	14	11	1	2	35	16	34
Souths United	14	9	3	2	37	15	30
Pine Rivers United	14	8	3	3	42	16	27
Uni of Qld	14	4	5	5	22	22	17
Brisbane City	13	5	2	6	22	31	17
Taringa Rovers	14	5	1	8	23	39	16
Brisbane Wolves	14	4	2	8	12	22	14
Toowoomba Raiders	14	3	3	8	23	38	12
Eastern Suburbs	13	3	1	9	17	38	10
Brisbane Strikers	14	2	3	9	17	31	9
Mitchelton	14	2	2	10	20	42	8

Premier Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beenleigh	14	12	0	2	42	8	36
Mt Gravatt	14	9	4	1	24	5	31
Peninsula Power	14	9	2	3	44	20	29
Brisbane Olympic	14	7	4	3	37	19	25
Ipswich Knights	14	6	7	1	25	12	25
Redlands United	13	7	2	4	22	19	23
Capalaba	14	6	1	7	26	28	19
Western Spirit	13	5	2	6	21	21	17
Albany Creek	14	3	2	9	18	36	11
Rocklea United	14	2	3	9	14	32	9
The Gap	14	2	2	10	17	43	8
Ipswich City	14	0	1	13	7	54	1

Division 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Olympic	14	10	2	2	43	20	32
Ipswich Knights	14	9	4	1	30	12	31
Mt Gravatt	14	8	4	2	35	20	28
Peninsula Power	14	9	1	4	35	23	28
Albany Creek	14	7	3	4	26	20	24
Capalaba	14	5	3	6	28	24	18
Redlands United	13	4	5	4	18	18	17
Western Spirit	13	5	2	6	26	27	17
Beenleigh	14	3	6	5	27	25	15
Rocklea United	14	4	1	9	23	41	13
Ipswich City	14	2	1	11	13	33	7
The Gap	14	0	2	12	6	47	2

Premier Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	14	11	1	2	41	14	34
Bethania Rams	14	11	1	2	42	21	34
Southside Eagles	14	9	0	5	32	20	27
Annerley	14	8	1	5	24	18	25
Newmarket	14	8	1	5	27	28	25
North Pine	14	7	1	6	36	23	22
Grange Thistle	14	7	1	6	35	31	22
Moggill United	14	6	1	7	27	29	19
Samford Rangers	14	5	3	6	31	23	18
Acacia Ridge	14	4	1	9	23	33	13
Slacks Creek	14	2	1	11	14	43	7
Oxley United	14	0	0	14	9	58	0

Division 2 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	14	13	1	0	87	7	40
Grange Thistle	14	9	4	1	46	13	31
Annerley	14	8	4	2	43	15	28
Bethania Rams	14	8	2	4	37	14	26
Moggill United	14	8	2	4	39	27	26
Southside Eagles	14	7	2	5	31	19	23
Newmarket	14	7	2	5	30	18	23
North Pine	14	6	3	5	39	23	21
Samford Rangers	14	4	1	9	32	50	13
Acacia Ridge	14	2	0	12	10	94	6
Oxley United	14	1	1	12	7	65	4
Slacks Creek	14	0	0	14	9	65	0

Metro 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Hills	14	12	0	2	45	15	36
Souths United	14	9	4	1	36	12	31
Bayside United	14	7	4	3	30	12	25
Acacia Ridge	14	7	4	3	31	23	25
Brisbane Toro	14	8	1	5	25	22	25
Clairvaux	14	5	4	5	42	31	19
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	14	4	6	4	19	18	18
Wilston Athletic	14	4	5	5	20	29	17
Uni of Qld	14	5	1	8	19	27	16
Logan City Kings	14	3	2	9	22	28	11
Park Ridge	14	2	1	11	10	58	7
Taringa Rovers	14	0	4	10	8	32	4

Metro 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Bridge	14	13	1	0	57	10	40
Regents Park	14	12	0	2	70	18	36
The Gap	14	9	2	3	32	18	29
Brisbane Wolves	14	8	1	5	35	34	25
Grange Thistle	14	7	1	6	37	27	22
Ridge Hills	14	6	1	7	23	25	19
Pine Rivers United	14	6	0	8	36	26	18
Redcliffe PCYC	14	6	0	8	37	45	18
Brighton District	14	4	0	10	14	52	12
Eastern Suburbs	13	3	1	9	19	50	10
Newmarket	14	2	3	9	20	48	9
Mooroonda	13	2	0	11	14	41	6

Metro 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa Rovers	14	10	1	3	50	23	31
Souths United	14	9	3	2	45	20	30
Uni of Qld	14	9	2	3	38	24	29
Brisbane Toro	14	7	3	4	40	29	24
Clairvaux	14	7	3	4	27	19	24
Acacia Ridge	14	6	1	7	28	25	19
Wilston Athletic	14	5	4	5	21	33	19
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	14	4	4	6	24	21	16
Pine Hills	14	5	1	8	26	37	16
Bayside United	14	4	3	7	31	35	15
Logan City Kings	14	3	2	9	25	42	11
Park Ridge	14	1	1	12	13	60	4

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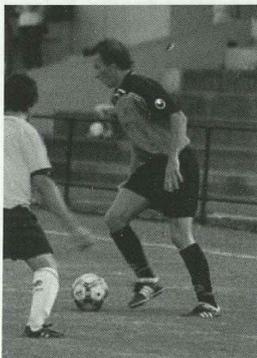
Metro 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	14	13	1	0	66	15	40
Newmarket	14	12	0	2	54	13	36
The Gap	13	10	1	2	39	19	31
Peninsula Power	14	8	0	6	31	32	24
Brisbane Strikers	13	7	2	4	28	14	23
Grange Thistle	14	7	0	7	55	43	21
Bethania Rams	14	7	0	7	34	29	21
Annerley	14	6	2	6	27	26	20
Regents Park	14	3	2	9	26	67	11
Western Spirit	14	3	0	11	21	46	9
North Pine	14	2	0	12	15	52	6
Eastern Suburbs	14	1	0	13	14	54	3

Metro 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newmarket	14	11	2	1	49	14	35
Slacks Creek	14	11	2	1	47	18	35
Woodridge	14	8	2	4	52	21	26
Albany Creek	14	7	4	3	26	21	25
Old Bridge	14	6	4	4	37	23	22
Ridge Hills	14	6	4	4	25	20	22
Ipswich City	14	6	2	6	28	26	20
Beenleigh	14	5	2	7	34	52	17
Mt Gravatt	14	3	5	6	24	28	14
Redlands United	14	2	4	8	22	36	10
Southside Eagles	14	3	1	10	16	41	10
Ipswich Knights	14	0	0	14	17	77	0

Metro 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rocklea United	14	13	0	1	93	6	39
Beenleigh	14	9	2	3	41	22	29
Grange Thistle	13	9	1	3	50	17	28
Clairvaux	14	8	2	4	42	23	26
Slacks Creek	14	6	2	6	29	42	20
Western Spirit	13	6	1	6	25	21	19
Albany Creek	14	5	3	6	28	34	18
Moorooundu	13	4	4	5	33	29	16
Capalaba	14	5	1	8	16	51	16
Oxley United	14	4	0	10	26	40	12
Brisbane Wolves	13	3	1	9	13	44	10
Eastern Suburbs	14	1	1	12	19	86	4

Metro 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moggill United	14	9	3	2	51	23	30
Moorooundu	13	8	3	2	40	17	27
Ridge Hills	13	8	0	5	34	26	24
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	14	6	3	5	35	22	21
Regents Park	12	2	2	8	15	36	8
Brisbane Toro	14	0	3	11	11	62	3

GOLDEN BOOTS



Russell Miner (left) of Palm Beach still leads the scoring charts and will be happy that one of his closest rivals for the Golden Boot, Josh Rose, has departed for pastures new. Miner is now six goals ahead of Greg Thomas and is the clear favourite to take the 2005 award.

Premier Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qld Lions	12	9	1	2	40	6	28
Brisbane City	12	9	1	2	32	16	28
Brisbane Wolves	12	7	2	3	26	22	23
Rochedale Rovers	12	6	2	4	26	17	20
Souths United	12	5	5	2	24	18	20
Palm Beach	11	6	0	5	29	19	18
Pine Rivers United	12	5	0	7	26	26	15
Mitchelton	12	5	0	7	21	23	15
Taringa Rovers	12	0	2	10	10	38	2
Brisbane Strikers	11	0	1	10	5	54	1

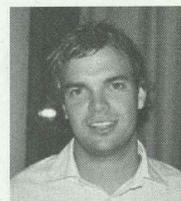
Division 1 Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	11	10	1	0	38	7	31
Ipswich Knights	11	6	4	1	29	18	22
Uni of Qld	12	6	2	4	25	16	20
Toowoomba Raiders	11	6	2	3	22	21	20
Eastern Suburbs	12	6	0	6	21	31	18
Brisbane Olympic	11	5	1	5	28	22	16
Peninsula Power	11	4	1	6	17	35	13
Alabany Creek	12	2	4	6	25	26	10
Redlands United	11	2	2	7	14	25	8
Mt Gravatt	12	1	1	10	16	34	4

Division 2 Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Rivers United	12	11	0	1	45	12	33
Beenleigh	12	10	0	2	59	11	30
Pine Hills	12	9	1	2	50	22	28
Ipswich City	12	9	0	3	42	22	27
Capalaba	12	8	0	4	41	18	24
Toowoomba Raiders	12	6	1	5	34	26	19
North Pine	12	4	2	6	30	29	14
Westside Sports	12	3	3	6	25	40	12
Slacks Creek	12	3	0	9	22	40	9
Acacia Ridge	12	3	0	9	20	49	9
Logan City Kings	12	1	1	10	19	71	4
Redcliffe PCYC	12	1	0	11	10	57	3



LEADING SCORERS

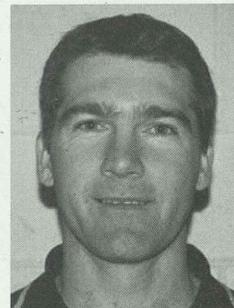
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anthonykidd's
BRISBANE PremierLeague
roundup

Palm Beach continue as favourites this season leading the competition by just two points at the time of writing.

The Sharks had a tough month of results with a 1-0 loss to Taringa Rovers before defeating Easts with a depleted team and overcoming a spirited University side who led 2-0, before the Sharks prowess shone enabling them to get out of jail with an eventual 6-2 win. Coach Karl Herdle is happy with the way his side is travelling with just over two months of the season remaining.



Pine Rivers lie in outright second following Souths slip down the table. As Rivers face a tough month of soccer, a possible player exodus looks to be on the cards for Clayton Koch (left). Rivers' leading goalscorer Josh Rose has flown to New Zealand to sign a contract with their A-League side, New Zealand Knights.

The departure of Rose has also led to speculation that strike partner Tim Smits will also trial overseas with several teams in Holland at the end of the month, a factor that could test Rivers' depth and leave positions up front for Koji Kanagawa, Dean Peltohaka and Seb Tatchell to fight for.

Koch will now look to Rivers players to step up and keep their side in the hunt for the Premiership.

"We have had the pleasure of having Rose up front so our game has been involved around him. Now it will be the other players that will have to step up to the mark which I'm sure they are capable of doing."

"I think Smits is a fantastic footballer and he's a pleasure to watch week-in, week-out. His attitude is great and he works hard at training and in games and I think he will do well. I haven't seen a player with his all-round ability in a long time and I think Holland will suit him because they will see the football capabilities that he has."

"They are two players who have claimed the headlines for the past 2 years. Tim should be here for at least another month and we have a tough series of games ahead, but the same thing happened last year when Smits went away with the Australian Youth team during the finals."

"We have a lot of attacking players in the side and we will still be dangerous. Our goals are the same as when we set out, we're here to make the finals and finish as high as we can. This is why they call it a season as you can get players leaving like what we face or player injuries as we have faced, like Koji Kanagawa breaking his leg a few seasons back and teams wrote us off, but we won ten games in a row and lost 1-0 to Lions in the Grand Final. Obviously Koji was a big loss, but you change your style of play and have to come to grips with it so you do," Koch said.

Koch also accredited the Pine Rivers team mates and the club for their achievements with having the two talented Predators amongst selection for major contracts.

"Rose and Smits have given wonderful service to the club and I think they have also enjoyed themselves here. The whole side has gelled and played some wonderful attacking football and it's a great achievement. At the end of the day through their performances and by knocking in goals in the Brisbane Premier League they are happy and confident and that's the reason they are both sought after. Tim and Josh are playing with guys that really help them and let them express themselves," Koch said.

Rivers results this month included a hard-fought win against University 3-2, a 3-0 win over Mitchelton and a 5-0

Rose and Smits have given wonderful service to the club and I think they have also enjoyed themselves here

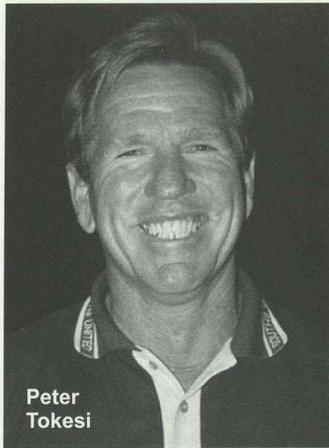
flogging of Toowoomba but face stiff opposition against the Strikers, Souths and Palm Beach in a massive month for Clayton Koch's men.

Kieren Cooper's Rochedale side have been the big movers so far this season and face slightly easier opposition than Pine Rivers.

Rochedale have heightened the odds as premiership contenders this month after a crucial 3-1 win over Souths in round 12 and a 3-2 win against Wolves. Mitchelton took on Rochedale and the scores were locked at half time before a quality second half performance from the Rovers secured a 4-0 win. Thomas provided two goals and Rochedale took all points on offer this month. The Rochedale side now face Palm Beach, Brisbane City and Toowoomba in their next few games and Cooper will want maximum possible points from his team in order to continue pressuring the leaders.

division 1

by Anthony Kidd



Peter Tokesi

Peter Tokesi's Souths were second last month but have slipped down the leader board in recent weeks following some upset results for the Runcorn side. United drew with Toowoomba in an upset and lost to improving Rochedale that shook up

Souths before returning back to the winners circle with a convincing 7-2 hiding of Easts at Heath Park. Souths should secure a good month of results when they take on Brisbane Wolves, Pine Rivers and Brisbane City as we approach the crucial final two months of football.

The Brisbane Strikers have been recovering from a tough run of results with a 2-1 loss to Mitchelton and a scoreless draw with Wolves. Bobby Hamilton would have been expecting more points from those games and will be looking for a major turnaround in results.

The Strikers were also made to work hard before eventually overcoming a spirited Brisbane City side to win 2-0 and keep the Strikers in the hunt this season as they take on Pine Rivers, UQ and Easts this month.

Taringa took late May/early June by storm with an upset 1-0 win against Palm Beach and a 2-1 win over Brisbane City. Alan Waller's side came out firing and accounted for Brisbane Wolves 3-0 to take maximum points this month and consolidate the Rovers spot on the ladder. This gives Rovers every chance to pounce on a slip up with the top teams tackling each other in the next few weeks.



Greg Brown

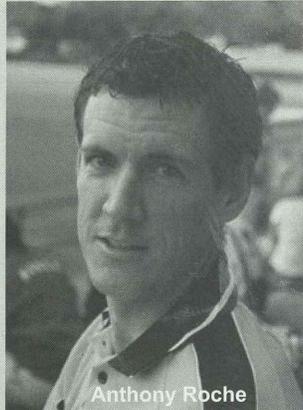
Mitchelton put a smile on Greg Brown's face with a 2-1 win over the Strikers at Perry Park, but the smiles weren't to continue as his men were always going to face stiff competition against Rivers (0-3), and

Rochedale (0-4), with both sides easily accounting for Mitchie.

Brown's side have a great opportunity to get some valuable points on the board this month when they take on UQ, Easts, Taringa and Brisbane City.

Anthony Roche's Brisbane Wolves side always knew the month ahead was never going to be easy and Wolves started well with a narrow 3-2 loss to an in-form Rochedale side. Wolves were impressive the following week to hold out the Strikers and were unable to take their own chances in a close-fought scoreless draw. Taringa proved too powerful for the Wolves however with a 3-0 win to keep the Wynnum side wary of results below them.

The hot and cold Toowoomba have produced more solid performances of late. The Raiders drew with Souths 2-2 and were looking good for the month before succumbing to a 2-0 loss against University that Coach Peter Broadfoot would have been expecting the points from. The Raiders will be looking over their shoulder at University on this form.



Anthony Roche

Toowoomba's month fell further copping a 5-0 thumping courtesy of Pine Rivers and speculation that striker Michael Giallourakis may have played his last match for the club.

The Tigers continued to slip down the table following a successful period for the Barracudas. UQ were competitive to the last minute in their loss to Rivers (3-2), and recorded their third win of the season defeating Toowoomba 2-0. On top of that, they led Palm Beach 2-0 before the league leaders reeled UQ in to win 6-2.

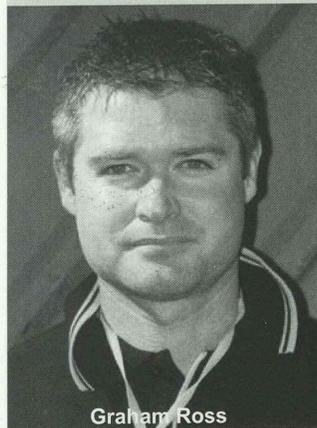
Easts suffered a 2-0 loss to Palm Beach, a 7-2 thumping from Souths and a crucial loss to Brisbane City (4-3) that puts the sky blues just two points behind the Tigers as the relegation battle warms up.

City were unable to take any further points following a narrow 2-1 loss to Taringa and a 2-0 loss to the Strikers.

But the win over Easts will have both sides gearing up to play the final weeks of matches that has the bottom three sides taking on each other to avoid relegation, while University hope to continue their improving ways and sneak out of relegation danger. ☺

Beenleigh have claimed the lead in Division One with some excellent results this month, the highlight a 1-0 away win at Mt Gravatt enabling Beenleigh to take control of the competition.

A hard-fought 2-1 victory over Frank Pimblett's Brisbane Olympic side has also given Beenleigh the confidence to dispose of Rocklea 3-0 and they will need to keep up their consistency if they are to fight off **Mt Gravatt** who despite their loss to Beenleigh defeated Ipswich City 1-0 and drew 1-1 with Peninsula Power. The Hawks also boast a quarter-final cup match against Premier League powerhouse Pine Rivers.



Graham Ross

Mt Gravatt Coach Graham Ross isn't pushing any panic buttons yet with an easier run home than Beenleigh.

"The next few weeks are tough but we are starting to get some of our injured players back on the park, Andrew

Davidson, Shane Gilroy, Gianni Culpo and Shane Barnes have all been out injured so if we can get them back and start to hit some form again we will be looking good for the end half of the season."

Peninsula continue to hunt down the leaders with crushing defeats at the hands of Capalaba 4-0, and the Western Spirit 5-2 and showed the likes of Mt Gravatt that they will be ready for any slip up following the sides 1-1 draw.

Ipswich Knights will also contest a match in the Premier Cup and will be out to upset Premier League strugglers Easts to take a spot in the Premier Cup semi-finals.

Ipswich struggled over the month with a 1-1 draw

with both Albany Creek and Brisbane Olympic before smashing rivals Ipswich City 5-0 to put a smile back on Larry Gaffney's face.

Redlands defeated the Gap 3-0 and fought off Ipswich City to win 2-1. United also defeated Albany Creek 2-1 to take maximum points this month and climb over Olympic into fifth on the Division One ladder.

Olympic started the month with a tough 2-1 loss to Beenleigh and drew 1-1 with the Knights before beating the Gap 2-1 to finish with a respectable month of results, but Frank Pimblett's side don't seem to be catching the leaders who have held their lead.

Western Spirit started a good month with a 1-0 win over Rocklea but had their confidence dented with a 5-2 loss to Peninsula Power. The Spirit turned their month around with a 3-1 win over Capalaba and holds a one point advantage on the ladder.

Capalaba lost 4-0 to the Power and the Spirit jumped Capalaba on the table with a 3-1 win. Capalaba fell further down the ladder following a loss to struggling side the Gap, that loss indicating Jeff Hogan's side look to be struggling themselves.

Rocklea relieved the relegation tension with a 1-0 defeat of Albany Creek. United were beaten 1-0 by Western Spirit and 3-0 by Beenleigh but will be happy with the three points to hurdle **Albany Creek** who were only able to take a point this month with a 1-1 draw against Ipswich Knights and losses to Rocklea and Redlands.

The Gap levelled with Albany Creek on 8 points and left Ipswich City firmly on the bottom of the table. The 3 points were vital for the Gap winning 2-1 against Capalaba.

The Gap were unable to compete with Redlands who were too strong winning 3-0 and lost narrowly to Brisbane Olympic. The Gators will keep faith though knowing a few wins around lower teams means they can still survive.

Ipswich City had another rough month of results despite some good scorelines. City lost narrowly in both defeats to Mt Gravatt and Redlands, but were thumped 5-0 by Ipswich rivals, the Knights. ☹

division 2

by Anthony Kidd

Brisbane Force's previously unbeaten run came to an end in a big way last month as the Force struggled with losses to both Annerley and Newmarket, before taking out their frustration on Slacks Creek with an 8-0 thumping.

The Force's slip up has allowed **Bethania Rams** to climb into equal first on the ladder following some impressive performances with 11 goals in three matches. The Rams defeated Newmarket 5-3, Southside Eagles 3-1 and Grange Thistle 1-0 to take maximum points in June.

Southside Eagles maintain the pressure on the leaders just two wins adrift. The Eagles drew with Samford Rangers and lost to Bethania Rams 3-1 in a crucial match. They returned to winning ways with a 2-1 victory against Acacia Ridge.

Annerley will feel frustration after an excellent few weeks with a shock victory over previously unbeaten Brisbane Force 2-0 and Oxley 3-0. Annerley could have jumped into third place in the league but were unable to defeat Slacks Creek who won 2-0 and took their only points for the month.

Newmarket were outgunned 5-3 by Bethania Rams before defeating Acacia Ridge 2-1, but the highlight was Newmarket's thrilling 3-0 win against Brisbane Force as they claimed valuable points.

North Pine defeated Moggill 3-1 and Oxley 4-2 as expected but fell 2-1 to Grange Thistle that tightened up the middle of the table. **Thistle** are now only 3 points behind North Pine following their 2-1 win, as well as a 1-0 victory over Samford Rangers and a 3-1 loss to joint leaders Bethania.

Moggill United, who lie equal with Grange Thistle, defeated Oxley, lost 3-1 to North Pine and beat Samford Rangers 3-1 to develop a nice buffer between the two sides on the ladder.

Samford Rangers will be looking over their shoulder at the chasing teams following a run of tough results. Rangers drew with Southside Eagles in an impressive effort to share the points, before a loss to Grange and a 3-1 reversal to Moggill.

Acacia Ridge can hold their heads high after they defeated Slacks Creek to take three vital points against fellow Division 2 strugglers Slacks Creek. Ridge lost their following two matches to Newmarket and Southside Eagles.

Slacks Creek allowed Acacia Ridge to surge up the ladder and hold a steady gap of 7 points following their loss to the Ridge and an 8-0 drubbing by Brisbane Force. Creek continued to shock opponents with a win over Annerley and give their side some hope of catching bolters Acacia Ridge.

Oxley United are still without a point so far this season following defeats at the hands of Moggill 4-0, Annerley 3-0 and North Pine 4-2. United look doomed for relegation next season unless they can produce a miracle of some sort.

Pine Hills have captured the lead in **Metro 1** as former leaders Souths United trail, managing just 2 points from their matches this month. Brisbane Toro moved up the ladder considerably with 6 points from their latest run of games, moving into outright fifth. Taringa gained no points this

month and are firmly fixed at the bottom of the table after Wilston Athletic managed to lift themselves clear of relegation worries with some good results.

In **Metro 2** Old Bridge and Regents Park continue to move ahead with the Gap slipping up. Easts, Newmarket and Mooroondu all picked up points and will look to catch Brighton and Redcliffe to avoid relegation.

There has been little change to the **Metro 3** leader board where Souths head the pack allowing UQ and Taringa to fight it out for second place. Pine Hills slipped into the relegation zone following a disappointing month and no points as Logan City Kings and Park Ridge both took points and will fancy their chances of catching Pine Hills.

Brisbane Force, Newmarket and the Gap have all continued to lead the way in **Metro 4**. The Brisbane Strikers are also making their claim on the competition after winning three of the four matches on offer. Easts recorded their first points of the season and begin their hunt to chase down North Pine and Western Spirit.

Newmarket and Slacks Creek still lead **Metro 5** with a nine point buffer over Woodridge, Old Bridge and Albany Creek, while at the foot of the table Ipswich Knights are still without a point this season.

Rocklea lead **Metro 6** with the competition stiff at the bottom of the table, and in **Metro 7** Mooroondu and Moggill United both continue to lead the way in their division, with Kangaroo Point Rovers and Ridge Hills also playing well. ☺

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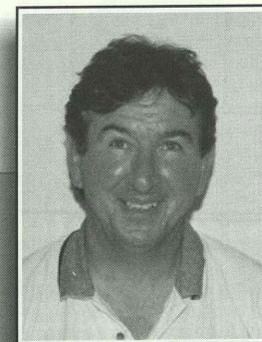


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Coops revisits school football



I T SEEMS I may have to go over a few things again. Sorry to bore you all but this topic really needs some attention.

School Soccer (Football). Now before you start nodding your head, and saying you heard it all before, look at the big picture. I am going to break my opinion down into two parts. School soccer impacting on a senior level, and school soccer impacting on a junior level.

So, let's get started.

It is no surprise to me, as I'm sure it is no surprise to you, how much school soccer has impacted our senior game here in Queensland. In the past, it was really only the Youth competition that was affected. Normally this was dealt with by clubs phoning Brisbane Men's Soccer (or QSF in the old days) and informing them that they had three or more players away playing school soccer. The Youth game was then deferred to another date and we moved on.

It was, and always will be, a pain but what could we do? Sometimes this could mean clubs went weeks without a game in Youth. It must be noted that it was not all the fault of school football as junior rep football was also on at the time. The problem lies when you couple them together. Add to the mix training and trial games and we found we had little time for the Youth competition.

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Like I said, this was the old days. However, times have changed. We all now know how many young players (of Youth age) are playing in a higher age. It could be Premier League or Reserves. This now impacts clubs at a higher level. Only recently we had a situation where we had a Premier League fixture postponed because of a school competition. Can you imagine that? Our highest league in Brisbane running second fiddle to a school competition.

To place blame on anybody here would be unfair. The

club in question simply played by the rules. Brisbane Men's also went by the rules and did what they believed was the right thing (Remember BMS are trying to help clubs). Now I for one did not agree with the postponement of this game as I believe the flagship league should always take precedence. I know the club would have been hindered but for me, that's football.

Could I get my Premier League fixture postponed because I have ten players out injured? I don't think so. This should have been a case where the game went ahead and the club in question played some reserve players in the first team.

Now the point in all this is simple. School football is getting bigger and bigger. We cannot fight it, we cannot ban it, so what do we do? We work with it.

Let's face it; school football will always win if you put one against the other. Players cannot be asked to choose. For a young player, representing the schools first team can open up a lot of social avenues for him. He can be king of the school, he can be the superstar. He can have very good crowds coming to watch. He can have the girls screaming on the sidelines. What young player in their right mind would want to miss that?

So what's the solution? Here are a couple of ideas for you to ponder.

Each senior club has two teams. Call them first and seconds, call them firsts and reserves, it doesn't matter. It is then the clubs choice who they select. The players have a choice.

Let the schools have the players from the age of say 15-16-17. These kids play for the school. This would pretty much see the end of the Junior Colts and Youth Leagues. But when school football is finished, the players could then go back into senior football at a level that suits them.

The kids who are not in school, and who are still young enough to play Junior Colts or Youth would still play. We can make sure we have leagues set up for them. What we are doing is not making them play both.

Leave everything as it is, but close down the Youth

League during the school football season. (Please Note; the above ideas are simply ideas for debate, I am sure others have ideas as well, the more the merrier.)

The second part of this column again deals with schools. My question is simple. Should schools be allowed to play in a club competition? We have had some very healthy debate on the forums lately about this subject. My opinion is that schools should not be allowed to play in a club competition.

I am speaking here from experience, and I am speaking also from a selfish point of view, as we are a club in an area where a large private school is in fact playing in a club competition. But forget that for a moment and again look at the big picture.

Schools and clubs like to be successful. Schools feel it is another notch in their belts, which makes them look better (no problem here). Clubs focus on development. They want their junior to come through to play for their seniors. They want to give them a career path to becoming a professional footballer.

Sure not many will get this, but you can't blame clubs for trying. The difference is all about pressure. Clubs cannot put pressure on kids to play for them. Clubs cannot make life difficult for kids who refuse the play for them. If a school plays in a club comp they are really playing with the kids head. The parents also feel

Clubs focus on development.

“They want their juniors to come through and play for their seniors”

the pressure as they are aware of the importance of a good education. Most schools do the right thing in this respect. Most schools play school competition and allow their kids to also play club. This way it's a win, win scenario. This way the child has the best of both worlds. Ask yourself this question. If all schools played in club competitions, what would happen to the clubs?

I will sign off now, but I will leave you with the following statement for the record. I don't have any problem with school football whatsoever, provided it stays as school football. I think more clubs and schools should sit down and work out a formula that is in the best interest of the player. I think the governing bodies should sit down and work out a formula that is best for the game.

And finally, I honestly believe that school football should be like the rest of us and answer to a governing body which controls football on a whole. As long as they have nobody to answer to other than themselves, we will get nowhere. ☺



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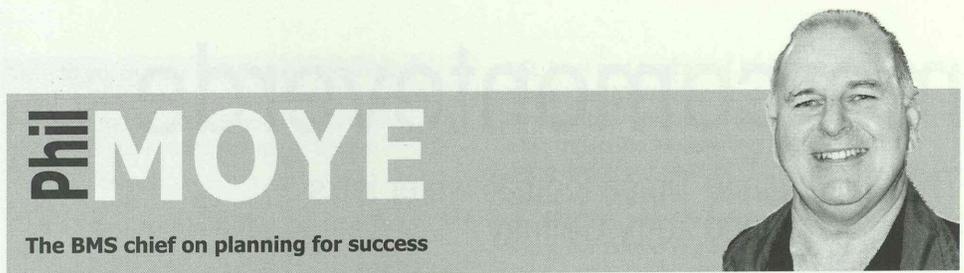
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Phil MOYE
The BMS chief on planning for success

THIS SEASON is half over and it is easy to get caught up in the week by week activities that make up a football season. Interest in the team (teams) position on the ladder, relegation fears, anticipation of a tilt at promotion and the individual performances of players that make this game great, all these things distract us from essential planning.

The real challenge this time of year is to take the time (and effort) to sit back and have a cold, hard look at the things that are going on around us. The path to improvement starts with recognizing the problems that confront us. The identification of 'the problem' can sometimes be a difficult thing. The easy, apparent cause may only be the symptom of the problem and the solution will require a deeper, more complex strategy. Given that many problems are easily identified (even if the solution is difficult) the first step is to write them down, put them in priority, easy ones first and start to tackle them.

It helps if you can share this list with others. Enlist their help, it can be as simple as defining the problem and letting them come with a solution. Now is the time to put in place the things that will make all the difference for next season. How many times have you heard people say, "That club is going great," or "They seem to be switched on"? From my experience they are the clubs that have a plan (or at least a list) and are making an organised effort to improve.

Guess which club people want to join or play for? The club that is going places! Promotion is only part of the challenge. The real test is to plan ahead, gain promotion (if that is the clubs goal) and stay in front of the pack. It's an old adage that 'if you fail to plan, you are planning to fail'. An oldie but a goodie. It's not glamorous, it is hard work, but it will make a difference.

So to next year! There is feeling that next year will be a watershed year for football. A range of things are all coming together and during next season the impact will be felt at all levels of football. The start of the Hyundai 'A' League, a World Cup year and the expectation that football will finally come of age not only in Queensland but across Australia. The planning for these things has been going on for a long time. The rewards are just around the corner. If your club is going to take advantage of the surge of publicity and interest then you had better plan for it now.

I am confident that the many good people out in the clubs can make a difference. The rubber meets the

road at the clubs. This is where the traction will be felt and unless you wish to be 'run over,' then it is time to move. Start by making that list, talk to people about the things you have written down, listen and learn. Add, discard and modify as you go. Don't get sidetracked and try to include people in the cause.

Much has been said about the lack of volunteers. I believe that the single greatest cause of people's reluctance to help is caused by fear. Fear that they will be left to their own devices without assistance and guidance. Fear that the job is 'too big' and they won't be able to handle it. Fear that they will be blamed if things don't work out. How do we overcome this?

You guessed it! Plan ahead. Describe the job you need done in precise terms write it down. Mention how they can get advice, whom to speak to and resources that are available. Let them know that their efforts will be appreciated and that they are not alone. People will help, you have to ask and you need to show that you have a definite plan that you wish to achieve with their help. It sure beats the old "What are you doing this Saturday? Nothing? How about you reorganize the canteen purchasing system? This is how to get an, "Oh thats right, I have to change the air in the car tyres".

One of the main areas of club activity is the generation of funds. Adequate funding is at the heart of most club projects. I have spoken at length before on the limited number of major opportunities that are available each season. Eleven home games - not a lot and not to be wasted. The other revenue source is grants. Grants can be a vital part of the clubs development strategy.

The preparation of the grant proposal, the timing of lodgment is critical to success. I recall speaking to a person from one of the best run clubs and he recounted his experience in grant preparation. The club was unsuccessful on a number of occasions so he attended seminars and training sessions to improve his knowledge of the process. He was dismayed to see them using one of his submissions as the "how not to do it" training aid. To his credit he recognized the need for a different approach, the club switched to using professional assistance and the grants are rolling in.

Need help to get started? Need more information or a clearer idea of where to start? Just ask. The team at BMS has access to all sorts of resources. I am available to assist, either one to one or as a group discussion with your management team. I would be prepared to run a half-day seminar if enough people wish to participate. Don't give in - get going.

Keep up the good work and remember you are not alone in the struggle. ☺

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The Queensland Times football writer talks with local legend Larry Gaffney

LARRY GAFNEY shouldn't need an introduction.

Someone that played 232 NSL games, roughly half of them with a Brisbane club, should be a household name in Queensland football.

But the player rated one of the best midfielders to have never represented Australia returned to the Sunshine State last year without fanfare and has been equally anonymous this season in his role as head coach of the Ipswich Knights.

Gaffney's former teammate Frank Pimblett says it's a shame that today's fans don't remember the exploits of the left-footed marvel who was a crucial midfield member of the Brisbane City side that won the Phillips Cup in 1977 and 1978.

"A lot of the people who went to games in those days are dead or just don't go to games anymore," said Brisbane Olympic coach Pimblett, who was also part of the dynamic City engine room that also included Argentinian marvel Roberto Echeverria.

"Larry was a great player. There are a lot worse players that have played for Australia."

"He was quick, he was a good passer of the ball, he had a great left foot and he scored a lot of goals, a whole lot more than I did."

A Wollongong product, Gaffney was brought to Queensland by an ambitious Brisbane City committee keen to field a competitive side in the inaugural NSL season in 1977. He stayed in Brisbane for five seasons before returning to Wollongong to play for the Wolves, who by that time were part of the national competition.

"I think I was bought for \$2500 and sold for \$8000," Gaffney said. "City needed the money to pay off the grandstand at Spencer Park. They

sold me, Dave (Ratcliffe) and Paul (Wilkinson)."

"It was a great five years at Brisbane City - they were fantastic. We were a very good side. It's still great to catch up with everybody now."

"It was a great league because the best players in Australia played in it. The standard of the game here hasn't got that much better since those days."

The departure of Gaffney, defender Ratcliffe and striker Wilkinson hurt City and the club was eventually booted out of the NSL at the end of the 1986 season.

Pimblett said: "We struggled after they left. The heart and soul was torn out of our side."

"From the players point of view, we didn't want



Larry Gaffney

them to go. But the club needed the money."

It's the same lack of finances that Gaffney believes is still holding the game back in Queensland.

"There's no money up here in the local league," said Gaffney, who is seeing first-hand how a lack of dollars is preventing his Knights side from pushing for promotion into the Brisbane Premier League.

"In Wollongong, they're getting huge money. When players are getting paid, you can demand they come to training, which leads to better performances."

Gaffney said had the Knights had the money to purchase three more players this season, they would have been playing Premier League football next year.

"We've got some good quality players, but we need some cash injected into the club," he said.

Unfortunately for Gaffney, when the Knights finally have some dollars, courtesy of a licensed club set to be built at Ebbw Vale, he won't be around to enjoy the spoils of the Ipswich side's likely success.

"Once the club's up, the money will come and whoever's coaching this team, will be on the crest of a wave," he said.

"I'm probably towards the end of my career. I don't think there's much of a chance of me coaching a club next year."

Gaffney said he lacked 'that passion' for football that Pimblett and another of his former Brisbane City teammates, Souths United coach Peter Tokesi, had. Tokesi was adamant Gaffney should have played for Australia during his five-year playing stint in Queensland.

"He was part of the best midfield in Australia and he couldn't get a look in," Tokesi said.

"It was only because he was up here. They didn't look at players up here."

But not even his move to Wollongong led to Gaffney cracking Socceroo selection. However, he was satisfied with his decade of service at

NSL level and his love of the game kept him on the field at NSW State League level in the late 80's. Gaffney soon combined playing and coaching in the Wollongong league, before being appointed as chief of the Wolves youth academy. Among his 'discoveries' were Scott Chipperfield, Mile Sterjovski and Steve Laybutt, Socceroos currently plying their trade in Europe.

"I produced players we could sell overseas. I take a lot of interest in helping young players with their careers," Gaffney said.

He has also played a key role in the rise of his 19-year-old son Peter, a vital member of the Wolves' NSW state league squad.

"That's one of the reasons why I won't coach next year. I want to go down there once a month to watch him play," he said.

But if Gaffney does have a future in coaching beyond this season, it's likely to be at youth level. He's keen to eventually work with Queensland Roar in producing the players who'll carry the fortunes of the A-League in the next 10 years.

"I could do a job with the kids - they need guidance," he said. "There needs to be a structure in place."

And he's delighted that the best players Australia produces will no longer have to head overseas to play professionally.

"I think the A-League's going to be great," he said. "I think there'll be sell out crowds. I really hope people come and support the Roar."

"Once the A-League starts, a lot of our players from overseas are also going to come back home."

But Gaffney was concerned that the A-League could suffer from the same lack of media exposure that he felt was killing the game in Brisbane.

"There are hardly any stories to read," he said. "You just don't know where people are playing, you just don't know about it."

"I hope the Roar get a fair go, but I've got my doubts. The game needs to get good coverage to succeed." ❁

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THIS season much has been spoken about the Youth competition and the general structure of the local game in a fairly simplistic way, but I believe it is much more complicated than that!

What I intend to do is highlight some of the pressing issues and pose questions that will hopefully provoke some constructive debate.

Let's look at some of the issues:

- ◆ The massive number of youth players (i.e. under 19 or born after January 1st 1986) playing in the highest senior club teams as compared to previous years.
- ◆ The lack of 24-29 year olds playing first team football.
- ◆ The youth comp. was made a separate competition of 3 divisions, away from the main stream senior games. This was designed to raise the youth profile and minimize clashes with reps and school football.

Questions that then arise from these points are:

- ◆ Is it time to restructure and revamp the whole youth age comp?
- ◆ Why are we losing so many 24-29 year olds playing first team and has this affected the overall standard?
- ◆ What incentives and measures can be taken to try and alleviate these perceived problems and address some of the issues?

Looking at the first issue: The massive numbers of youth players playing first team football.

There are over 900 players registered with BMS who are under 19, which is some 30% of all registrations. There are 72 premier teams (12 premier, first and second reserves and first teams), plus 77 metro teams

Top Youth Coach Garry Johnson reckons things aren't what they youth to be

and 32 youth teams. More than 850 of the players play in the youth and premier divisions.

It would be reasonable to assume around 300 of these players play youth and youth only, leaving over 500 players playing in the 72 premier teams. This is an average of 7 players per team and of course would vary from club to club. This now represents a scary 64+ % of players being of youth age.

Why has this happened?

Is it that these youth players are now better than the rest?

Is it a financial consideration in that these players cost nothing or a lot less than more experienced players?

Is it they are the only players available, or perhaps the fact that many first team coaches blooded younger players in the Summer Under 21 Comp and found them able to handle the higher level?

Maybe the qualities of younger players coming through now are better than they were 5-10 years ago?

We can all sit around a table and debate this issue over a beer or two and many of us will give their opinions which will be wide and varied, but as your humble writer perceives, no single issue is more, or less, important.

This now brings me to the next question: Why are the number of 24-29 year-olds playing at the highest level depleting when it totally goes against the national sporting trend where football is the leading sport in retaining players in this age bracket? In fact, between 2000 and 2004 football had actually doubled the numbers playing in this age group.

We know for a fact that the majority of footballers peak between these ages, hence with more players in this age bracket it could be assumed that the quality of the competition would improve.

Why is there such depletion in numbers? Has it affected the standard? If so, how?

Could it be a financial reason, such clubs not being able to afford the wages previously enjoyed? Players often would supplement their incomes with football money and that would be a key element.

Could it be a social or a psychological issue? Maybe it's burn out, so what can we do to prevent this?

Is 2005 a unique year where many have dropped out after seeing their aspirations of playing national league disappear? I remember a few weeks back watching a Premier league game where the best two players on the park were opposite each other. One was 35 and the other 17!

Several years ago the youth competition contained a majority of 18 to 19 year olds, the reserves 19 to 23 year olds and the firsts 24 to 29 year olds!

Were the competitions better then? Again it's a question you readers need to ponder.

So is the problem (if there is one) at the bottom or the top? Which brings me to the point: Has the new youth format worked?

You ask many spectators, coaches and players their views and the majority will say no, it has not worked. Reasons given are that it has fractured the senior part of the club and dissociated the youth team players. The theory behind the format was the concept of giving the youth competition a higher profile by allowing the clubs the freedom to use their best youth players and playing them on a different day to the seniors.

It was also intended to avoid clashes with reps and the somewhat vexed issue of school football.

Well has it succeeded or failed? Again this is not a question I intend to answer because it has come at a time when I believe its too early to tell and so many other issues need to be discussed that cloud a clear cut answer.

The irony of the situation is that whatever people might say the youth comp format has probably avoided more clashes with rep and school this year only to find out that it has affected First Team games in the Premier League instead!

We have already seen a Premier League game deferred because of school football. Do we now alter the Premier divisions to avoid school clashes? Somehow I don't think so, so what's the answer?

To complicate it further we have the situation with the A-League club and the QAS.

What happens at the local level certainly impacts on the A-League side as there is no next level such as a national youth league or reserve team comp. So in reality the local league is the only back up. The stronger the local league, the better.

As mentioned before could this be a 'one off' year with many players of 24+ who were hoping to have a shot at the A-League giving the game away since coach

Bleiberg has made his choices for the next 18 months. Perhaps limiting the A-League squads to only 20 a factor with coaches finding it logistically impossible to develop a broad based squad.

Then there is the QAS program, the State academy for our best young talent. While there are opportunities for National under 17 representation and further scholarships to the AIS, not all of those players are going to get A-League contracts or go overseas, so the majority will filter back to the local comp and demanding first team spots at the tender age of 16 to 18.

Also there will be the 18 to 19 year-olds coming back from the AIS with similar demands. With the overall age of the Premier League teams it has almost made a mockery of not letting the QAS be part of the Premier League set up.

It seems we are caught in a vicious cycle and that cycle needs to be broken. How can this be done?

The answers could lie in some of the following ideas:

- ◆ Bringing the junior age down from 17 to 16.
- ◆ Bringing the youth age down from 19 to 18 or even 17 for that matter.
- ◆ Working with Schools rather than against them. Maybe allocate schools to clubs. The Schools will not come to us and the Mexican stand off between us needs to be broken. We may have to make the first move.
- ◆ Incentives for senior players. Such as extended senior rep season with a high profile given to it. Better playing surfaces and more night games especially early and late season.
- ◆ Possible restructure of the reserves comp? Underage? Disband it?
- ◆ Is there a fundamental problem with administration especially at club level? More incentives for them?
- ◆ Reduce the number of senior clubs in the Premier comp?

In other words maybe a whole restructure of the league program. Maybe an extended State League where rep sides enter rather than clubs?

As I said at the outset it was never my intention to come up with a solution but rather highlight issues and pose questions. It is you good people in the football community, from junior parents to senior club coaches, players to administrators, and of course, all you supporters to come up with the answers.

One thing is blatantly clear we need to change and we must all be prepared for that.

I will leave with this. The past will answer why, the present answers what and planning the future will tell you how. ☺

bruce DINSDALE



The BMS General Manager on working with the media

Quite often I see people involved in the game bemoaning the lack of match coverage, the "bad" stories that are written by various media personnel and the attitude of some journalists towards the game.

Some of these people encourage boycotts of papers and various media outlets as "retribution" and blame the administrators and journalists for their inaction. This always strikes me as being so negative and failing to grasp the reality of the situation at a time when I firmly believe our media presence is actually on the improve at the local level and that is a great positive.

Ok...so we are not on mainstream television and radio constantly and our coverage in the daily newspaper is sparse but is that necessarily our target market?? I am certain that everyone would have seen and been encouraged by an increase in coverage by local suburban papers.

I am sure that plenty of us saw the great article written by Bernie Pramberg about one of our historical clubs Pineapple Rovers and I can attest to the number of times that Marco Monteverde from Ipswich rings up and asks "What's Happening??" And I believe that the great pictures being taken and full match reports in various Quest newspapers are a significant step in getting the game covered here in Brisbane.

Great credit for the majority of this should go to the clubs who put a great deal of effort into working with the media and the various coaches who are willing to comment on matches direct to reporters or through the match reports.

However we shouldn't just sit back and pat ourselves on the back and think that the job is done. We can and will continue to improve. To do so we need to understand the media and work with them, not against them. The basic task of any media is to provide information. Now that may seem like stating the bleeding obvious but it is vital to understand that is the basic function of any media outlet.

So then the task for all of us is to feed that information to the media. If we sit and wait for them to come to us we will be waiting for a long time. I think the following 4P strategy is as effective as any.

PROACTIVE

Always take the story to the media with regular information flow. A media outlet that knows it will receive regular articles are likely to keep running them and know that it does not have to use resources that are often already stretched. A perfect example of this is the regular Premier League Match reports which are emailed to all the media outlets every Sunday night and also posted on the

website. Just check how many of them appear word for word in that week's paper. And I can also assure you that when they don't go out on time, the phone rings hot the next morning in the office.

PROFESSIONAL

Always keep the articles as professional as possible. Include facts and comments not just opinion and speculation. Make sure that the format and style suits the individual media requirements and is always sent to the right contact.

PERSISTANT

Always keep trying. Sometimes the article may not appear and you may be disappointed but it will be worth it in the long run.

PERSONAL

Always try and be available, return calls and make yourself or your club representative known to the contact at the media outlet. Be sociable by inviting them to each and every match or club function and treat them with respect and be honest and open with them.

As I stated earlier, I have no doubts that we are on the improve in our media coverage and this will have significant future benefits for the sport and for individual clubs particularly in negotiations attaining corporate and business support. Let's all keep working towards that goal.

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Metro Cup Final	30/31 July
Premier Cup Final	4 September
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Metro Semi Finals 1 st leg	10/11 September
Metro Grand Finals	17 September
Youth Semi Finals 1 st leg	20/21 August
Youth Semi Finals 2 nd leg	27/28 August
Youth Grand Finals	3/4 September
Premier Semi Finals 1 st leg	10/11 September
Premier Semi Finals 2 nd leg	17/18 September
Premier Grand Finals	24/25 September
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Rd 9	22/10/05	7.35pm	vs Adelaide United
Rd 10	29/10/05	7.35pm	vs Perth Glory
Rd 13	20/11/05	6.00pm	vs Newcastle Jets
Rd 15	01/12/05	7.00pm	vs New Zealand Knights
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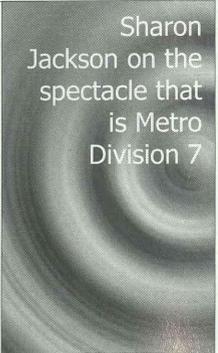
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HERE'S nothing like football to get the adrenalin flowing is there? Like a roller coaster ride, the 'oohs' & 'aahs' can be heard far & wide. Hope flares and just as suddenly dies. A great shot, just going wide. "Goal!" "Offside!" We've been treated to a real feast of football over the last few weeks and I wonder just what next will Metro Seven bring?



Sharon Jackson on the spectacle that is Metro Division 7

What an astonishing comp this has turned out to be. It was a new venture for us this year entering in this division and now I'm torn between it being the competition to watch, or an incredible comedy of errors. It's an absurd combination of fierce competition, woeful play and entertaining banter.

The idea, I'm told, is that it is just the competition you need for your older players to get a run, others to come back from injury and the younger players to get some experience. Hmm, forgive me for having a gigantic leap of feminine intuition here but I think that's all a lot of hot air and these guys are just having a ball with their football.

To begin with, a squad of 15 had been reduced to single figures within two matches as age began to tell on unused hamstrings and battered ankles. Was anybody bothered or concerned? Not judging by the big grins cracking

the wrinkly faces, showing their hard won battle scars. Then the coach was spotted at the local bowls club (apparently) on a recruitment drive.

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You can't fault initiative can you? Team training has a novel approach too. Every other team is on the park slogging it out, but the Metro 7's always seem to need extra team bonding with the coach down at the club keeping their muscles and the Coronas from getting warm.

Still, it seems he must be getting something right after an impressive string of victories of late. But unless you count the ambulanceman's jacket, you can hardly call it a dazzling display. Watching is like looking at life in a microcosm and there is no doubt in my mind that old age and cunning is more than a match for youth & skill.

Perhaps the only thing the old boy can run for these days is club president, but he's worked out a subtler, more sophisticated strategy. Foxy, of the silver hair, tries it on with his 15 year-old opponent. "Give me 5 yards start, at least," he pleads. At 15, the youngster is having none of it. "Bollocks, grandad!"

Foxy looks at him long & hard. "Now look son, what you don't understand yet is that there is a piece of string attached from my boot to yours. When

magnificent

you can see that piece of string, you're a footballer. If you go too far ahead and break the string I'll boot you over the goalpost!"

As in life, the youngster stretched the string but did not break it. The ball was hard won but if he got it, he passed it and stayed within fetching distance. His reward was, "Son, you'll be a fine player one day."

The competitiveness is amazing for the level of the game and I'm beginning to think I must have missed that meeting where the BMS gave out sheep stations for winning the competition. Or has the coach got a tame SP bookie in the background somewhere? I'm mystified by this and wonder what the odds are exactly and have the Coronas all dried up yet?

As the game goes on, frustration starts to make its mark. The experienced ball passing between the old boys is getting to the youngsters who can't get a foot in and are on the receiving end of the tackles. The ref, I've decided, has a new rule book for these games and it doesn't involve cards. There are lots of new warnings and tunes on the whistle, but the only cards are from the supporters holding up low scores for technical merit and high scores for artistic impression!

Eight matches in and the injury toll is so bad that I'm thinking we should have approached the Mater hospital for major sponsor. Tackling is leaving a lot to be desired and I'm considering asking the treasurer for some cricket boxes. So far, the paramedics have carted off the actual sponsor with a broken nose, have had 2 knee reconstructions to do, and a dislocated shoulder and broken arm to fix. I don't think the insurance is going to wear this last one though as he tripped on a peg hanging out the washing.

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And speaking of wedding tackle, the best so far is our right back who feels like a right fool and I never realized before just how dangerous a creature is a 3 month old kitten. Towelling himself down, he's stepping out of the shower when his wife asks him, "The waste disposal has blocked up, can you have a look at it?" He's thinking, "Oh yeah, 2 minute job," and kneels down, spanner in hand underneath the bowl. The new kitten is looking on, very curious and she wanders over to get a closer look. Spotting a fearsome hairy monster dangling within a paw's length, she gives it a quick one two. Six stitches in the back of head and a sheepish grin at the bar is the result.

I've got get a team photo of this mob for posterity, but I'm exasperated at each week's line up they turn up looking like MASH extras sporting black eyes, bandaged knees and mismatched shorts. Deborah Hutton would be appalled.

After the match, they're reliving their passes and misses and it's clear from the atmosphere that this is football at its community best. Maybe it's not about their past memories or future hopes but what's inside their hearts just at this moment. Us, in just supporting and believing, we're reaping the benefits. And we have the Coronas! ☺

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Soccer Queensland

Soccer Queensland's new President, Dennis O'Brien, gives us an insight into recent developments at State level

GWEN FOX, Don Look, Stan Lindsay, and Les Broadbent may not be household names to those who read this column.

However, the game could not survive without them and the group they represent. Gwen, Don, Stan and Les are all long-standing volunteers who between them have put thousands of hours into promoting, developing, supporting, and administering football. Our game could not have and never will survive without our thousands of volunteers.

Why do people volunteer: for the love of the game, a passion for service, a family commitment, or a quest for power? No doubt the reasons are as many and varied as there are volunteers. What is certain is that the game needs to attract, train, support and reward volunteers if we are to progress. Today's societal trends to double income families, increasing work commitments and our busy lifestyle mean less volunteers and a shorter contribution.

One of the main reasons for volunteers to cease their support is that they don't feel sufficiently valued or supported within the organisation. Note: that's 'valued' not 'rewarded', as most volunteers aren't seeking reward or even personal recognition. They just want to enjoy their involvement and feel that they've contributed.

So how do we demonstrate that we value this highly important sector of our football family?

Firstly I want you to stop and think next time you're inclined to be

critical of a volunteer. The volunteers are just people like you, they're not blessed with divine wisdom and all they're doing is their best. Constructive criticism is useful and necessary but you must be critical of the process or the policy and not the person. Offer your help, become a volunteer, you'll be surprised how it changes your perspective.

Are our referees volunteers? Some would say, 'No', as they're paid to provide a service. In my view the small amount that we pay referees to give up their weekends is merely a token, and we should regard them as a key group of volunteers.

Recently, I heard a group of attendees at a game being loudly critical of a young linesman. I'm sure that the young linesman heard their comments. As a young professional, just learning his craft, what could he have thought? Will he be lost to the game? Could the complainants have done any better? Were they prepared to commit?

When you next get the opportunity, say 'Thank you' to a volunteer. They'll appreciate it and you'll feel better. More importantly, you'll have contributed to a feeling of goodwill within the football family.

For those who don't know of Les, Don, Stan, or Gwen, we'll be putting up a paragraph about each on our website in the near future. We'll continue to acknowledge other individuals as representatives of our volunteer group in the future.

Please let David Kay (dkay@qldsoccer.com.au) know of those that you think should represent our volunteers. ☺



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QANTAS YOUNG SOCCEROOS IN AGONISING EXIT FROM FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Qantas Young Socceroos suffered an agonizing exit from the FIFA World Youth Championship Netherlands 2005 when an equalizing goal three minutes from full time ensured the match against Japan finished 1-1 with the Australians needing a win to progress to the knockout round of 16.

Australia appeared destined for victory and secure an appointment with Morocco in the next round, after defender Ryan Townsend had scored with 15 minutes remaining, before Shunsuke Maeda scored the leveller for Japan.

"It is a desperately disappointing and heartbreaking way to go out," said Qantas Young Socceroos coach Ange Postecoglou

"I thought all the boys played very well today and did everything right. I certainly can't question their commitment but it seems it just wasn't meant to be.

"A lot of little things didn't go our way both today and at times in the other games but that is world cup football."

AUSTRALIAN MATCH OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO KEY MATCHES AT CONFEDERATIONS CUP AND WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Australia's match officials at the FIFA Confederations Cup and the FIFA World Youth Championship were appointed to key matches at the business end of the tournaments.

Referee Matthew Breeze, along with assistant referees Matthew Cream and Jim Ouliaris, controlled the 3rd place match at the FIFA Confederations Cup played in Leipzig a few hours prior to the final.

It will be the second consecutive such appointment for Ouliaris who also did the same match at the 2003 version of the event in France.

Similarly Breeze and Cream were involved in the 3rd place match at the 2003 FIFA World Youth Championship. Sydney-sider Breeze was also handed the role of fourth official for the semi final between Mexico and Argentina in Hanover.

The Australian trio at the FIFA World Youth Championship - referee Mark Shield, and assistant referees Nathan Gibson and Ben Wilson - were the match officials for the quarter final between

Germany and Brazil in Tilburg. The Australian representatives having previously been in charge of three first round matches at the tournament.

Both Breeze and Shield have been short-listed by FIFA as part of a 46-strong group competing for the final 30 positions at the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany.

Brisbane-based Shield was the only Australian to officiate at the 2002 FIFA World Cup where he was the youngest referee appointed at the tournament.

AUSSIES CRASH OUT OF CONFEDERATIONS CUP

The Socceroos finished the Confederations Cup without a win and bottom of their group after another defeat against Tunisia in Germany.

Defensive errors were again the major problem for Frank Farina's men and the national coach will go back to the drawing board in order to plug the leaks.

"If you concede 10 goals in three games it is not good," said Farina.

"When you look at the 10 goals we have conceded, there were basic errors and two were penalties. At international level if you make those mistakes you will be punished," he added.

There were positives to come out of the tournament from a coaching perspective, but ahead of the crucial 2006 World Cup Qualifiers in November Farina and his staff must work on the team's weaknesses.

"I was impressed by the positive manner in which we played in the first two games. Offensively it was very good," he said.

"The way we kept coming back against Germany and the way we fought back from three down against Argentina showed great character."

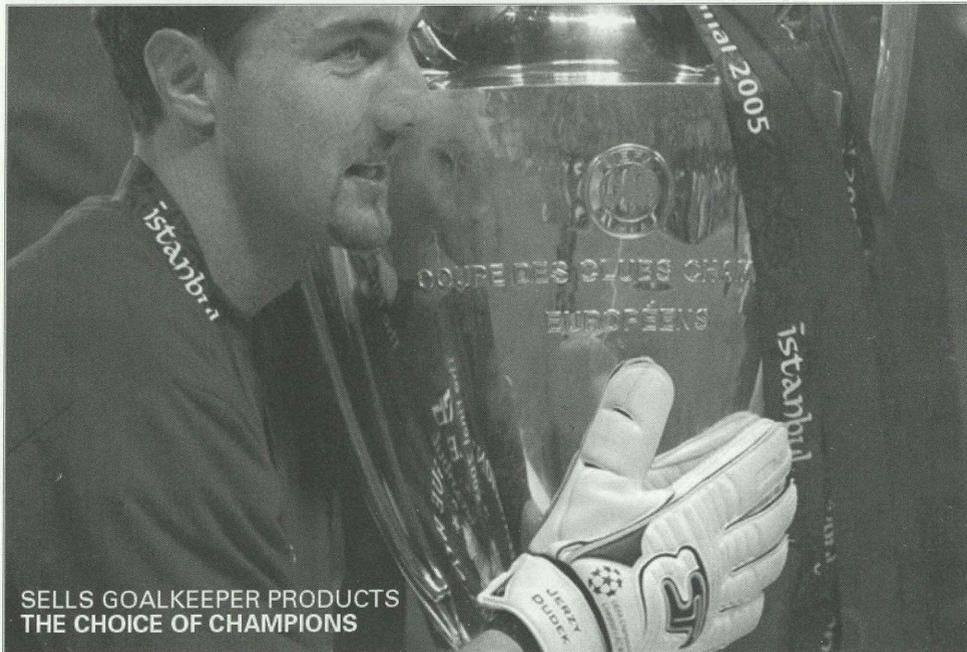
Next up for the Socceroos is a World Cup play-off with the Solomon Islands in September, before the make or break two-legged clash against the fifth-placed South American side just weeks later.

It's a crucial time for the domestic game as the code kick-starts the football revolution with the inaugural Hyundai A-League, but one thing is for sure - World Cup qualification is critical to the immediate future and profile of football in Australia.

Keep everything crossed. ☺

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1. Jason CULINA	FC Twente Enschede (Netherlands)	16
2. Archie THOMPSON	Lierse (Belgium)	16
3. Scott McDONALD	Motherwell (Scotland)	15
4. Joel PORTER	Hartlepool (England)	14
5. Daniel McBREEN	Falkirk (Scotland)	13
6. Brett HOLMAN	Excelsior (Netherlands)	13
7. Tim CAHILL	Everton (England)	12
8. Luke WILKSHIRE	Bristol City (England)	10
9. Danny INVINCIBILE	Kilmarnock (Scotland)	9
10. Joshua KENNEDY	Dynamo Dresden (Germany)	9
11. Paul AGOSTINO	1860 Munich (Germany)	8
12. Danny ALLSOPP	Hull City (England)	7
13. Mark VIDUKA	Middlesbrough (England)	7
14. John ALOISI	Osasuna (Spain)	7
15. Richard GARCIA	Colchester (England)	6
16. John MAISANO	Morton (Scotland)	6
17. Jon ANGELUCCI	Woodlands Wellington (Singapore)	5
18. Scott CHIPPERFIELD	FC Basel (Switzerland)	5
19. Chris COYNE	Luton Town (England)	5
20. Alex DURIC	Singapore Armed Forces (Singapore)	5
21. Gareth EDDS	Milton Keynes Dons (England)	5
22. Brett EMERTON	Blackburn Rovers (England)	5
23. Adrian CACERES	Yeovil Town (England)	4
24. Scott TUNBRIDGE	Hamilton Academicals (Scotland)	4
25. Max VIERI	Terzana (Italy)	4
26. Jon BRADY	Stevenage Borough (England)	4
27. Mile STERJOVSKI	FC Basel (Switzerland)	3

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FootballFamily

by Sharon Jackson

It's that mid season slump again as the nights draw colder and time seems to slow in the progression of matches until it magically rushes up to finals time.

I'm wondering what's happening around the patch when suddenly I became inspired by this incredible story of success unfolding up at Acacia Ridge. More precisely, the Acacia Ridge Metro 1 side who are mainly made up of Serbians from the former Yugoslavia.

The story starts about 7-8 years ago when the now Metro players were refugees escaping the carnage splintering their homeland. Football being the international language of assimilation, they began to settle in various parts of Brisbane and to create a future in a safe and tolerant society. No culture survives long without its games and these guys are no different.

They soon got together and founded the 'White Eagles' in 2000 and today the majority of the supporters and player base are from the former Yugoslavia. With no resources to join the BMS as an entity in their own right, they are in continuous negotiations with their local council to gain some grounds and facilities.

Due to their now established circle and the wider football family in Brisbane, they were able to start in the competition as North Star's Metro 5 team in 2004. They were a runaway success, becoming league champions and making it to the Final of the Metro Cup. They were only beaten by THE team of 2004, Darra Lions.

This season has seen them promoted to Metro 1 and backed by Acacia Ridge where at the time of writing they are lying 4th. But again, the Eagles have got their talons into something else.

Seven of their players decided to enter into the Vodafone five-a-side competition held in May this year. After preliminary matches, they found themselves the winners of the state title and were asked to represent Qld in Sydney in late May.

In a knock out competition featuring teams from all around the nation, they played off against Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. They won. Against all of them. Not dropping a single match, they swept the board to become Australian champions and win a trip to Hong Kong in July.

It's inspirational, heady stuff and you can see by their faces they are ecstatic. An unforeseen extra in this trip is that teams will be meeting Ruud Van Nistelroy and other members of the Manchester United team who are heroes for many of them.

The driver with the passion behind this is Vojislav Mirkovic and he cannot give praise enough for the support from Acacia Ridge and would like to use this forum to say a public thank you. "Without their support we could not be where we are and we will always be very grateful for the grounds to train, to play, to enter, just simple kindnesses shown to us. We are very proud to be a part of it," he said.

The fairy tale doesn't end here. This season, they are again playing in the semi final of the Metro Cup competition against Brisbane Toro which promises to be a fine contest between two deserving teams.

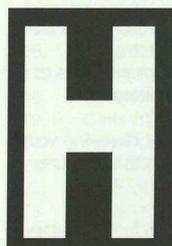
This to me is a wonderful success story renewing your faith in human nature that found strength to endure and to emerge victorious.

But as well, it shows that our extended football family Brisbane deserves commendation for their understanding & humanity in giving their fellow footballers a helping hand. ☺



From Left to Right:
Back Row (standing): Igor DJURDJEVIC, Dalibor DJURDJEVIC, Neldin MRSO, Dejan CECEZ
Front Row: Vojislav MIRKOVIC, Danko CECEZ, Vladimir MANDIC

the full MONTY



HAVING heard and tried to ignore that call on many an occasion over the years, my first poser today is in respect to the timing of the Premier League games.

The reason that I concentrate on the PL is that this is the flagship competition of

Queensland football and as such I see it as important that games are played to maximize attendances. We all understand that there are any number of issues that impact on attendances like football quality, facilities, etc., but let's concentrate on when the main games should be played.

When I first arrived in Brissy in 1990, the majority of XXXX League games seemed to kick off at 2:45pm on a Sunday, with one or two games played on the Saturday evening. My recollection is that games seemed to be better patronised than they are today, and yes, I consider that the standard of the game was a lot higher in '91 than it is today.

However, we all knew that there was any number of games to be chosen from on a Sunday. So how does Sunday afternoon sit for the local community? From a player's perspective I think that the majority would give it the thumbs down. Why? Basically it stuffs up a good Saturday night out on the town!

So where should our priorities lie? As with everything in life I think it is all about reaching a compromise. Personally, I would rather watch Saturday night football every week of the season, due to the extra adrenalin rush that night games inject into all players, however it

Monty calls time on bad timing

may not be attractive for the family as the winter months make an impact. Mitchy have taken the lead by scheduling their games for a 5pm kick off in winter.

So what is the answer you say? Well, my opinion is that for a start no club should be part of the PL unless their floodlighting is able to pass the requirements to stage night games. Each Club at the moment has 11 homes games; all clubs must play a minimum of five home games on a Saturday evening. Brisbane clubs can play their games as early as 6pm, but Palm Beach and Toowoomba no earlier than 7pm. The last round of the season should see all games being played on a Sunday afternoon with a 3pm kick off.

The other stipulation is that games cannot be changed unless there is an extraordinary reason, and this does not include somebody's 21st birthday, or due to commitments for a schoolboy's competition! The latter has received a lot of airing recently and while I do not want to be negative towards the various school competitions, at no stage should it interrupt the staging of PL games. This is not the case with the Youth competition as the majority of players are involved with schools.

The other gripe I have is with the timing of some of the games on the Gold Coast. If they are to play games on a Sunday then the games should not be scheduled for any later than a 3pm kick off and the reasons are fairly obvious with respect to traffic movements from the Coast to Brisbane on a Sunday evening.

My feelings are fairly well documented on the abundance of tiers we have in the competition and once again a two-tier grading (First and U/19's) will help 'tighten' the day and help consolidate crowds. How many people attending

a Youth game stay thru to the finish of the First team? Whereas if we had only two grades then surely it would help 'band' the crowd for two games and make a far more entertaining package.

Now as accustomed as I am to hard work, the life of a professional punter had a lot of appeal. However, my short comings in this field didn't take long to surface! It is now past the half way mark in the season and time to assess my bookies licence from my pre-season market. Let's run a quick scorecard on my prices and any adjustments.

Palm Beach 9/4 pre-season favourites

Setting the pace with a few lapses but probably need tightening to 7/4 as full strength Sharks still look the goods.

Rochedale Rovers 4/1 Despite a stumbling start are looking as the major contender to the Coasties with some excellent form of late, if anything needs winding in to 3/1.

Pine Rivers Utd 9/2 As with Rochedale are starting to hit their straps with Rose and Smits cutting into the jugular of many an opposition defence, as with Rovers their odds have tightened in to 7/2.

South's United 8/1 While they are capable on their day to beat most teams still think that depth will be the telling factor, happy enough to give a couple of points to 10/1.

Brisbane Strikers 12/1 Received a wad of notes from supporters at the juicy odds on offer but consider that I can already start the spend! While capable on their day their inability to convert chances created will be their Achilles heel, 15/1 on offer!

Mitchelton 16/1 Another side that has performed below expectations, but look safe enough to be able to end up just below mid-table. Injuries and lack of experience has been costly, out to 25/1

Brisbane Wolves 25/1 As predicted the most unpredictable side in Brisbane. Anthony Roche has got them back on track but too much room to make up. Happy to leave the odds as are.

Brisbane City 33/1 Well while not giving

Personally, I would rather watch Saturday night football every week of the season, due to the extra adrenalin rush that night games inject into all players

them a chance pre-season I must admit surprise at seeing them looking up at all others. The question here is whether they can stave off automatic relegation. Odds for Premiership is immaterial so write your own ticket!

Taringa Rovers 33/1 I still look at Rovers as I looked at the Toffees all season (expecting them to relinquish 4th spot to the better half of Merseyside!!) but, still they keep defying all odds, so well done to all involved at JSP. While I think that I can start spending my pre-season takings, out of pure respect must wind their odds back to 12/1!!

Toowoomba Raiders 50/1 While the 'Tractor Boys' have had their moments, these have been brief. I sincerely hope that they can stay in the top flight and rebuild. I think they will, but once again I have spent the takings and write your own!

Eastern Suburbs 100/1 One outstanding result against the Strikers is the highlight of their season and I think little else will change. The fight will be keen to maintain PL status.

University of Queensland 500/1 What a difference an Unsy makes! Since Big Steve returned Uni have really sent a message to the PL that they do not fancy doing a 'Northampton'! So the egg has well and truly been scrubbed off and we all watch their progress with interest which will make the relegation battle more interesting than first expected. Well done the Uni Lads.

Well that is it. I think my pre-season 'form' was pretty good and should provide a feed for the family as long as the Gold Coast 'Sharks' don't come down heavy with too much of their Casino winnings!!

Cheers,

'Monty'

BRISBANE WOMEN'S SOCCER

BWSA President Tony Buckley on the Women's Rep season

Under 14: The women's regional representative season for 2005 has now been completed and has been an outstanding success for the Brisbane teams. Firstly three Under 14 teams participated in Gladstone over Easter with the final comprising of Brisbane Red who were undefeated against Brisbane Blue in what turned out to be a great display by both teams. Brisbane Red was victorious 1-0 over the blues and the subsequent state selections bore out the dominance of all the Brisbane teams. Well done to all players, coaches, managers and support staff for a successful weekend. The following players were selected to represent Queensland in Canberra at the Kanga Cup being played in July:

Monique Nelson, Nathalie Browne, Amanda Bear, Laura Lidicky, Katrina-Lee Gorry, Jacinda Walker, Emily Gielnik, Casey Jenkins, Seble Hughes, Emily Simms.

Under 12: The next teams to play were the Under 12's in the Ketter Cup which was held in Brisbane at Carmichael Park for South East Queensland Regions. This Cup had never been won by a Brisbane Women's team since its inception in 2002. The previous holders had been the BSDJSA in 2002 and 2004 and the Gold Coast in 2003. Standards of play in women's football have been growing steadily as was shown at this carnival. There are no finals in the Ketter Cup and the winner is decided on points. This weekend finished with an undefeated Brisbane Blue on top and a fast finishing Brisbane Red third. Congratulations to all players, coaches, managers and support staff on a great tournament.

Players from this competition are selected for a 6 day development camp run by the Queensland Women's Standing Committee. There are 11 players selected from the Cochrane Cup (Northern Regions) and 11 from the Ketter Cup.

Under 16: In May the Under 16 girls traveled to Mackay for the State Titles. Once again the level of football displayed by the teams was a credit to themselves and the many coaches who have been involved in their development. Brisbane Blue was dominant in this competition but was not given an easy time by any of the other teams. Brisbane Red fought all the way but had no luck and missed out on the finals despite their good performances. The Blue team went on to win the final and some would say that they were unlucky not to have more girls selected in the Queensland squad. This age group has some very talented players and obviously made the selector's job very difficult, this bodes well for the future of women's football not only in Brisbane and Queensland but also for the game nationally. Once again a great effort by the players, coaches, managers and support staff in a magnificent State Titles.

The following players were selected for the Under 16 State Team and will travel to Parklea in Sydney for the Under 16

National Titles at the beginning of July:

Monique Kofoed, Kelly Horsford, Talia Godfrey, Rebecca Green, Laura Harris, Genevieve Kennedy.

Under 18: Also in May the Under 18 representative teams competed in Mackay at the same time and venue as the 16's in their bid for selection in the State under 18 team. This again was a great display of women's football with both Brisbane Blue and Brisbane Red making the final. The final was an arm wrestle and was decided by a penalty late in extra time to the Reds. It was an open game with scrambling defence and counter attack the order of the day. The time and effort put in by all players, coaches, managers and trainers was a significant part of Brisbane dominating the Queensland selections. Well done to all. The following players from Brisbane were named in the Queensland Under 18 Team and will compete at Parklea in Sydney in the Under 18 National Titles and hopefully progress to Young Matildas and Matildas selection:

Krystina Walker, Hayley Newberry, Leah Curtis, Stephanie Randolph, Joelle Harley, Melissa Feuerriegel, Clare Polkinghorne, Anne-Elise Whalley, Kate Castelaneli, Elise Neumann.

Opens: Finally and by no means least the Open Women competed at the Gold Coast on the Queens Birthday long weekend in their bid for State selection. It was always going to be a hard road for both teams and to their credit both teams made the semi finals but unfortunately were drawn against each other. Brisbane Blue won 2-0 in the semi final and took on Sunshine Coast in the Final. Blue held their nerve and won 2-0 in the final to complete the representative season for BWSA. Thanks to the players, coaches and managers for a great tournament. Players from the Open titles are selected in a Queensland train on squad vying for a chance to represent the state in New Zealand in September. The players selected from Brisbane are:

Kara Reading, Kara Mowbray, Sara Thomas, Tashina Roma, Zoe Nolan, Aleise Hoffmann, Sarah Garven, Debbie McPherson, Lia Barlow, Stephanie Latham, Corinne Currey, Melissa Andreatta.

There was also a masters tournament held in conjunction with the opens and this was won by a team known as the Geebung Hasbeens. The team was made up of a very talented group of players who in their younger days represented either Brisbane, Queensland or Australia. Well done to all the masters' teams that competed.

The Brisbane Women's Standing Committee in conjunction with BWSA will be conducting representative selection trials for Under 12, 14, 16 & 18 players in October for the 2006 season. Dates and times are to be confirmed but will be published on www.brisbanewomenssoccer.org.

BRISBANE WOMEN'S SOCCER

TABLES TO 20th JUNE

Premier	P	W	D	L	Pts	Div 4	P	W	D	L	Pts	U13 White	P	W	D	L	Pts
Mt Gravatt	13	11	1	1	34	Virginia	6	5	0	1	15	Annerley	12	9	2	1	29
East	12	8	2	2	26	Redlands	6	4	1	1	13	Peninsula	11	9	1	1	28
Qld Lions	12	6	3	3	21	Kangaroo Pt	6	4	0	2	12	Pine Hills	12	8	1	3	25
The Gap	12	6	3	3	21	Annerley	6	4	0	2	9	Narangba	11	6	0	5	18
Uni of Qld	13	4	2	7	14	Park Ridge	6	2	1	3	7	Redlands	11	5	2	4	17
Toowoomba	12	3	3	6	12	Newmarket	6	1	0	5	3	Mt Gravatt	11	5	2	4	17
Souths	13	4	0	9	12	Bne Wolves	6	0	0	6	0	Samford	11	2	1	8	7
Ips Knights	13	0	2	11	2							The Gap	12	1	1	10	4
												Ips City	11	1	0	10	3
Reserves	P	W	D	L	Pts	Div 5	P	W	D	L	Pts	U14 Div 1	P	W	D	L	Pts
Mt Gravatt	13	13	0	0	39	Brighton	7	7	0	0	21	Mt Gravatt	7	7	0	0	21
Uni of Qld	13	8	1	4	25	Redlands	7	5	1	1	16	The Gap	7	5	0	2	15
The Gap	14	7	2	5	23	Souths	6	2	3	1	9	Redlands	7	4	1	2	13
Qld Lions	13	7	1	5	22	Ips City	7	2	2	3	8	Park Ridge	7	3	2	2	11
Souths	13	7	1	5	22	Bne Olympic	7	2	1	4	7	Qld Lions	7	2	2	3	8
East	14	5	1	8	16	Slacks Creek	5	2	0	3	6	Peninsula	7	2	2	3	8
Ips Knights	14	2	2	10	8	Bethania	6	1	1	4	4	Pine Rivers	7	0	2	5	2
Toowoomba	14	1	0	13	3	Western Spirit	7	1	0	6	3	Bne Wolves	7	0	1	6	1
Prem Youth	P	W	D	L	Pts	Div 6	P	W	D	L	Pts	U14 Div 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
Souths	14	10	1	3	31	John Paul	7	7	0	0	21	Mt Gravatt	7	6	0	1	18
The Gap	13	9	2	2	29	Uni of Qld	6	3	1	2	10	Virginia	7	5	1	1	16
Mt Gravatt	14	9	2	3	29	Clairvaux	5	3	1	1	10	Ips City	7	3	1	3	10
Peninsula	14	8	3	3	27	Park Ridge	6	3	1	2	10	Oxley	7	3	1	3	10
Toowoomba	14	7	1	6	22	Pine Hills	6	3	1	2	10	Ips Knights	7	3	1	3	10
Ips Knights	14	5	1	8	16	Peninsula	7	2	0	5	6	Pine Hills	7	3	0	4	9
Qld Lions	13	1	0	12	3	Logan City	6	1	1	4	4	Souths	7	2	0	5	6
East	14	1	0	13	3	The Gap	7	0	1	6	1	Newmarket	7	1	0	6	3
Div 1	P	W	D	L	Pts	Div 7	P	W	D	L	Pts	U14 Div 3	P	W	D	L	Pts
Peninsula	14	14	0	0	42	Mooroonda	7	5	2	0	17	Albany Creek	7	5	2	0	17
Westside	14	7	1	6	22	Uni of Qld	7	4	2	1	14	Samford	7	5	1	1	16
Samford	14	6	3	5	21	East	6	3	1	2	10	Westside	7	4	2	1	14
Pine Rivers	14	6	3	5	21	Newmarket	7	2	3	2	9	North Pine	7	3	3	1	12
Newmarket	13	5	3	5	18	Narangba	7	2	2	3	8	East	7	1	3	3	6
Taringa	13	5	2	6	17	North Star	7	2	1	4	7	Bayside	6	2	0	4	6
Park Ridge	14	3	2	9	11	Westside	7	2	0	5	6	Sheldon	7	1	1	5	4
Narangba	14	1	2	11	5	North Pine	6	1	1	4	4	Pine Rivers	6	0	0	6	0
Div 1 Res	P	W	D	L	Pts	Div 8	P	W	D	L	Pts	U16 Div 1	P	W	D	L	Pts
Peninsula	14	12	2	0	38	Colleges	7	6	1	0	19	Souths	6	6	0	0	18
Newmarket	14	12	1	1	37	Toowong	6	4	2	0	14	Narangba	6	4	0	2	12
Westside	14	8	1	5	25	Annerley	6	3	1	2	10	Park Ridge	5	3	0	2	9
Samford	14	6	2	6	20	Mitchelton	6	2	2	2	8	Redlands	6	3	0	3	9
Narangba	14	6	2	6	20	Virginia	7	2	2	3	8	Mt Gravatt	6	1	2	3	5
Pine Rivers	14	2	2	10	8	Kangaroo Pt	7	1	3	3	5	Newmarket	6	1	1	4	4
Park Ridge	14	2	2	10	8	Park Ridge	6	1	1	4	4	Bne Wolves	5	0	1	4	1
Taringa	14	2	0	12	6	Logan Village	7	1	0	6	3	U16 Div 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
Div 2	P	W	D	L	Pts	U12 Red	P	W	D	L	Pts	Brighton	7	5	1	1	16
Bardon	6	6	0	0	18	New Farm	13	13	0	0	39	Bardon	7	5	0	2	15
Souths	7	3	3	1	12	East	13	10	2	1	32	Ips City	7	4	1	2	13
Mt Gravatt	6	3	1	2	10	Narangba	13	8	2	3	26	Pine Hills	7	3	2	2	11
Bayside	7	3	1	3	10	Peninsula	13	7	1	5	22	St James	7	1	1	5	4
Bne Force	7	3	0	4	9	Brighton	13	7	1	5	22	Pine Hills	7	0	1	6	1
Uni of Qld	7	2	2	3	8	Pine Hills	13	5	1	7	16	U16 Div 3	P	W	D	L	Pts
Newmarket	7	2	0	5	6	Redlands	13	4	1	8	13	North Pine	6	5	1	0	16
Slacks Creek	7	1	1	5	4	Samford	13	3	0	10	9	Samford	6	5	1	0	16
Div 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	Annerley	13	2	2	9	8	Westside	6	4	0	2	12
Bardon	6	5	1	0	16	Newmarket	13	1	0	12	3	John Paul	6	2	1	3	7
Mitchelton	5	4	1	0	13	U12 Blue	P	W	D	L	Pts	Logan Village	5	1	1	3	4
East	6	3	0	3	9	Annerley	10	10	0	0	30	Deception Bay	6	1	0	5	3
St James	5	2	0	3	6	Qld Lions	11	9	1	1	28	Western Spirit	5	0	0	5	0
Ips City	6	2	0	4	6	Park Ridge	12	8	1	3	25						
Ridge Hills	4	1	1	2	4	Mooroonda	11	7	1	3	22						
Oxley	6	0	1	5	1	Samford	11	5	3	3	18						
						Redlands	12	4	1	7	13						
						Kenmore	11	2	2	7	8						
						East	12	0	2	10	2						
						Sheldon	12	0	1	11	1						

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