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**O**NCE in a while we all get gripped by a sense of nostalgia, or an urge to think back over times past. I was afflicted recently, and for reasons I am yet to discover, I spent some considerable time reflecting over football's governance at both local and national level over the last 15 years or so.

In mid-ponder I checked myself and snapped out of this deepening, morose trance. What the? Was it that pesky pessimism again? Something that is apparently dubbed upon anyone who makes the near-fatal decision to enter the murky world of football administration?

Or perhaps it was a reluctance to get too carried away? The type of feeling you get when your bottom-of-the-league strugglers take on the slick, free-scoring, won-the-premiership-with-10-games-to-go, table-toppers and take the lead in the first minute. You want to enjoy the moment for all it's worth and you're full of this strange and alien feeling called optimism, but you know the likelihood is that at full-time you will have lost 5-1.

Why do we do this to ourselves? The fact is that we, the lovers of the beautiful game, have never had a future as bright as the one that awaits us now. Can we finally believe that those dark days are behind us? Someone tell me it's true.

Certainly the ingredients are there. The successful launch of the Hyundai A-League, admission to the Asian Confederation, and of course the big daddy of them all, World Cup qualification.

This largely takes care of the upper echelons of the game in Australia, but it is up to us now to make sure that we make the right decisions for the game at local level; the all-important and much vaunted, grass-roots.

There is no doubt (surely?) in the minds of our state, local and club administrators that we need to make sure we keep pace with the revolution and evolution of the game currently underway at national level. Our product has more stock value and we have opportunities to capitalise, but at the very least we must make sure that the local game is not cut adrift.

This is the best chance we have had to move the game on and change is utterly inevitable. It's time to think about the big picture and not let petty-politics or delusions of grandeur interfere with the progress we can make from here.

There has never been a better or more appropriate time to wholeheartedly adopt FIFA's rallying motto of 'For the Good of the Game'.

Don't look back; it's too ugly. ☺

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# BRISBANE PremierLeague

## 2005 FINAL TABLES

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palm Beach Sharks	22	15	4	3	60	15	49
Rochdale Rovers	22	15	2	5	63	26	47
Pine Rivers United	22	13	5	4	56	28	44
Brisbane Strikers	22	13	5	4	39	15	44
Souths United	22	13	2	7	54	39	41
Taringa Rovers	22	11	3	8	31	25	36
Brisbane Wolves	22	7	3	12	38	53	24
Mitchelton	22	7	2	13	27	47	23
Brisbane City	22	6	4	12	29	45	22
Eastern Suburbs	22	5	2	15	25	67	17
Toowoomba Raiders	22	4	4	14	24	59	16
Uni of Qld	22	5	0	17	27	54	15

Premier League Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palm Beach Sharks	22	20	0	2	78	30	60
Rochdale Rovers	22	19	1	2	67	19	58
Souths United	22	14	3	5	62	28	45
Pine Rivers United	22	12	4	6	63	34	40
Uni of Qld	22	8	6	8	35	31	30
Brisbane City	22	7	5	10	43	54	26
Taringa Rovers	22	8	1	13	34	61	25
Mitchelton	22	7	3	12	36	51	24
Brisbane Strikers	22	6	3	13	30	43	21
Eastern Suburbs	22	6	2	14	31	64	20
Brisbane Wolves	22	5	3	14	20	43	18
Toowoomba Raiders	22	3	3	16	32	73	12

Premier Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	22	16	5	1	48	9	53
Beenleigh	22	17	1	4	58	17	52
Peninsula Power	22	16	2	4	59	27	50
Ipswich Knights	22	13	8	1	45	15	47
Brisbane Olympic	22	9	6	7	47	31	33
Redlands United	22	9	5	8	34	36	32
Western Spirit	22	7	5	10	32	43	26
Capalaba	22	8	1	13	40	50	25
Rocklea United	22	6	3	13	31	45	21
Albany Creek	22	4	2	16	25	57	14
The Gap	22	3	3	16	26	63	12
Ipswich City	22	3	1	18	18	70	10

Division 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Knights	22	16	4	2	43	17	52
Mt Gravatt	22	15	4	3	60	26	49
Brisbane Olympic	22	14	2	6	65	30	44
Peninsula Power	22	14	1	7	51	31	43
Albany Creek	22	10	4	8	39	36	34
Beenleigh	22	8	7	7	43	34	31
Western Spirit	22	8	5	9	39	40	29
Redlands United	22	6	7	9	34	37	25
Capalaba	22	7	4	11	33	41	25
Ipswich City	22	5	1	16	22	51	16
Rocklea United	21	5	1	15	27	59	16
The Gap	21	1	4	16	12	66	7

Premier Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	22	19	1	2	69	17	58
Bethania Rams	22	16	3	3	66	32	51
Newmarket	22	15	1	6	45	36	46
Southside Eagles	22	12	2	8	36	27	38
Grange Thistle	22	12	1	9	48	39	37
Annerley	22	12	1	9	43	36	37
North Pine	22	11	1	10	57	42	34
Acacia Ridge	22	8	2	12	44	52	26
Moggill United	22	8	1	13	48	49	25
Samford Rangers	22	5	4	13	38	42	19
Slacks Creek	22	4	2	16	27	63	14
Oxley United	22	0	1	21	16	102	1

Division 2 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	22	20	2	0	120	13	62
Grange Thistle	22	15	4	3	61	20	49
Bethania Rams	22	15	2	5	63	25	47
Moggill United	22	13	3	6	58	36	42
Annerley	22	10	4	8	56	31	34
Newmarket	22	10	4	8	43	29	34
North Pine	22	9	6	7	59	35	33
Southside Eagles	22	10	3	9	44	27	33
Samford Rangers	22	6	3	13	45	74	21
Slacks Creek	22	3	2	17	29	77	11
Oxley United	22	2	1	19	14	105	7
Acacia Ridge	22	2	0	20	12	132	6

Metro 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Hills	22	17	2	3	58	21	53
Souths United	22	13	6	3	57	21	45
Brisbane Toro	22	13	4	5	38	27	43
Bayside United	22	11	6	5	50	21	39
Acacia Ridge	22	11	4	7	49	34	37
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	22	10	7	5	37	23	37
Clairvaux	22	8	5	9	56	48	29
Uni of Qld	22	8	4	10	27	31	28
Wilston Athletic	22	7	6	9	32	41	27
Logan City Kings	22	4	4	14	30	48	16
Taringa Rovers	22	1	5	16	15	54	8
Park Ridge	22	2	1	19	18	98	7

Metro 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Bridge	22	20	2	0	90	18	62
Regents Park	22	19	1	2	110	25	58
The Gap	22	15	2	5	55	29	47
Pine Rivers United	22	13	1	8	62	31	40
Brisbane Wolves	22	11	4	7	52	47	37
Ridge Hills	22	12	1	9	42	43	37
Grange Thistle	22	9	1	12	47	47	28
Redcliffe PCYC	22	9	1	12	44	57	28
Newmarket	22	4	4	14	26	64	16
Brighton District	22	5	0	17	26	77	15
Eastern Suburbs	22	4	1	17	28	93	13
Mooroону	22	2	0	20	22	73	6

Metro 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Souths United	22	15	5	2	71	27	50
Taringa Rovers	22	16	1	5	72	31	49
Brisbane Toro	22	14	3	5	66	42	45
Uni of Qld	22	13	3	6	63	40	42
Clairvaux	22	11	4	7	44	36	37
Acacia Ridge	22	11	2	9	51	39	35
Wilston Athletic	22	9	5	8	42	54	32
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	22	8	4	10	49	34	28
Pine Hills	22	6	3	13	37	65	21
Bayside United	22	5	3	14	42	57	18
Logan City Kings	22	5	2	15	46	76	17
Park Ridge	22	1	1	20	17	99	4

## 2005 FINAL TABLES

Metro 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	22	20	1	1	104	22	61
Newmarket	22	18	1	3	85	18	55
The Gap	22	18	1	3	60	32	55
Brisbane Strikers	22	12	3	7	50	33	39
Peninsula Power	22	13	0	9	56	44	39
Bethania Rams	22	11	2	9	58	48	35
Grange Thistle	22	8	1	13	70	70	25
Annerley	22	6	4	12	32	39	22
Western Spirit	22	6	1	15	34	78	19
Regents Park	22	5	2	15	37	103	17
North Pine	22	4	0	18	23	73	12
Eastern Suburbs	22	2	2	18	23	72	8

Metro 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slacks Creek	22	16	4	2	79	28	52
Woodridge	22	15	3	4	90	29	48
Old Bridge	22	13	5	4	67	35	44
Newmarket	22	13	5	4	58	29	44
Albany Creek	22	12	5	5	50	31	41
Ridge Hills	22	9	5	8	46	35	32
Ipswich City	22	8	3	11	49	51	27
Beenleigh	22	8	3	11	53	78	27
Redlands United	22	6	5	11	37	52	23
Mt Gravatt	22	4	6	12	32	50	18
Southside Eagles	22	3	1	18	19	70	10
Ipswich Knights	22	2	1	19	31	123	7

Metro 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rocklea United	22	20	0	2	120	12	60
Beenleigh	22	16	3	3	66	29	51
Grange Thistle	22	15	2	5	84	33	47
Clairvaux	22	14	3	5	62	30	45
Albany Creek	22	9	5	8	69	48	32
Slacks Creek	22	9	2	11	42	63	29
Western Spirit	22	8	2	12	38	53	26
Mooroону	22	6	6	10	48	49	24
Capalaba	22	7	1	14	27	66	22
Oxley United	21	5	2	14	36	61	17
Brisbane Wolves	22	4	3	15	24	71	15
Eastern Suburbs	21	3	1	17	28	129	10

Metro 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moggill United	22	15	4	3	83	38	49
Mooroону	22	15	3	4	67	28	48
Ridge Hills	22	12	1	9	66	34	37
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	22	11	3	8	57	33	36
Regents Park	22	3	2	17	25	91	11
Brisbane Toro	22	2	3	17	20	94	9

Premier Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Qld Lions	18	13	2	3	60	13	41
Brisbane City	18	13	2	3	51	23	41
Palm Beach	18	11	1	6	56	31	34
Rochdale Rovers	18	9	4	5	40	29	31
Pine Rivers United	18	9	1	8	47	35	28
Mitchelton	18	8	2	8	38	35	26
Souths United	18	7	5	6	32	29	26
Brisbane Wolves	18	8	2	8	45	45	26
Taringa Rovers	18	1	2	15	16	63	5
Brisbane Strikers	18	0	1	17	13	95	1

Division 1 Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	18	15	3	0	53	13	48
Uni of Qld	18	11	2	5	34	20	35
Ipswich Knights	18	9	5	4	36	26	32
Toowoomba Raiders	18	9	4	5	30	27	31
Redlands United	18	7	3	8	29	29	24
Brisbane Olympic	18	7	2	9	42	34	23
Peninsula Power	18	7	1	10	26	45	22
Eastern Suburbs	18	6	2	10	22	48	20
Albany Creek	18	4	4	10	32	37	16
Mt Gravatt	18	1	2	15	18	43	5

Division 2 Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Rivers United	18	16	0	2	62	14	48
Beenleigh	18	15	0	3	86	15	45
Capalaba	18	13	1	4	61	21	40
Pine Hills	18	13	1	4	62	26	4

# 2005 honour roll

<b>Premier League</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners Referee Of The Year Gold Medal Winner Golden Boot Winners	Palm Beach Pine Rivers Jim Bellos Aaron Thiesfield (Pine Rivers) Greg Thomas (Rochedale Rovers) & Russell Miner (Palm Beach)
<b>Premier League Res</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Palm Beach Rochedale Rovers
<b>Premier League</b>	Club Champions	Palm Beach
<b>Premier Division 1</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners Player of the Year Golden Boot Winner	Mt Gravatt Mt Gravatt Mark Cruse (Beenleigh) Mark Cruse (Beenleigh)
<b>Premier Division 1 Res</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Ipswich Knights Ipswich Knights
<b>Premier Division 1</b>	Club Champions	Mt Gravatt
<b>Premier Division 2</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners Player of the Year Golden Boot Winner	Brisbane Force Brisbane Force Jeremy Tarr (Bethania Rams) Richie Neville (Bethania Rams)
<b>Premier Division 2 Res</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Brisbane Force Brisbane Force
<b>Premier Division 2</b>	Club Champions	Brisbane Force
<b>Youth Leagues</b>		
<b>Premier Youth League</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Queensland Lions Queensland Lions
<b>Division 1 Youth</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Brisbane Force Ipswich Knights
<b>Division 2 Youth</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Pine Rivers Pine Rivers
<b>Metropolitan Leagues</b>		
<b>Metro 1</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Pine Hills Souths United
<b>Metro 2</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Old Bridge Old Bridge
<b>Metro 3</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Souths United Brisbane Toro
<b>Metro 4</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Brisbane Force Brisbane Force
<b>Metro 5</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Slacks Creek Slacks Creek
<b>Metro 6</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Rocklea United Beenleigh
<b>Metro 7</b>	League Champions Grand Final Winners	Moggill United Moggill United
<b>Cup Competitions</b>		
<b>Silver Boot</b>	Winner Runner Up	Queensland Lions Rochedale Rovers
<b>Premier Cup</b>	Winner Runner Up	Palm Beach Pine Rivers
<b>Metro Cup</b>	Winner Runner Up	Acacia Ridge Old Bridge



### Brisbane Select Team of the Year 2005

Antony Hall, Adam Webber, Matt Bell (Brisbane Strikers), Josh Evans (Taringa Rovers), Joel Hale, Aaron Thiesfield (Pine Rivers), Craig Slaughter (Souths United), Greg Thomas (Rochedale Rovers), Brad Ditton, Daniel Fung, Russell Miner (Palm Beach). Coach: Karl Herdle (Palm Beach)

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BIRDS AND FAST CARS -  
THE REST I JUST SQUANDERED



**Pele called me the  
greatest footballer  
in the world.  
That is the ultimate  
salute  
to my life**

**That thing about being an icon, the Fifth Beatle, I just found it so  
freaky. I was just a kid from the Cregagh Estate in Belfast trying  
to make sense of my life as a footballer and as a person**

**THEY SAY I SLEPT WITH  
SEVEN  
MISS WORLDS. I DIDN'T -  
IT WAS ONLY  
FOUR. I DIDN'T TURN UP FOR  
THE OTHER THREE**

In 1969, I gave up women  
and alcohol  
and it was the worst  
20 minutes of my life

I was born with a great gift and  
sometimes with that comes a  
destructive streak. Just as I  
wanted to outdo everyone when I  
played, I had to outdo everyone when  
we were out on the town

**George Best 1946 - 2005**



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### GREEN ADDED TO FIFA INTERNATIONAL PANEL

■ **Queensland referee, Peter Green, has been added to the FIFA international panel of match officials for 2006.**

Green, along with fellow Hyundai A-League whistle-blowers Angelo Nardi (WA), Simon Przydacz (NSW) and Craig Zetter (SA), joins Matthew Breeze, Mark Shield and Ben Williams on the panel and bring to seven the number of Australian referees eligible to officiate men's internationals.

Shield and Breeze are amongst a total of 44 that have been short-listed for the final group of 30 referees that will officiate at the FIFA World Cup Germany 2006.

In women's football Amelia Morris and Allyson Flynn have been added to the FIFA panel for the first time as a referee and assistant referee respectively.

The full list of Australian FIFA match officials is:

#### Men's Referees:

Matthew Breeze, Peter Green, Angelo Nardi, Simon Przydacz, Mark Shield, Ben Williams, Craig Zetter

#### Men's Assistant Referees:

Hakan Anaz, Matthew Cream, Paul Eldridge, Nathan Gibson, Jim Ouliaris, Jason Power, Jonathan Streater, Ben Wilson

#### Women's Referees:

Jacqui Melksham, Amelia Morris, Tammy Ogston, Krystyna Szokolai

#### Women's Assistant Referees:

Allyson Flynn, Sarah Ho, Airlie Keen, Jacqueline Leleu

#### Futsal Referees:

Lyle Hudson

### PENINSULA BOLSTER RANKS FOR 2006 PROMOTION PUSH

■ **Australian shadow and Queensland Under 19 Representative, Chris Newman, has put pen to paper with Peninsula Power for the 2006 season**

The talented midfielder played for Brisbane City in the Premier League over the last two seasons and has

joined the success-hungry Peninsula side's push for promotion.

Newman won the National School Soccer Championship with the Queensland side and was named as an Australian shadow player for the Great Britain tour in January 2006.

Another exciting addition to Peninsula Power, this time in the coaching ranks, is former National League and Power player Ian Roodhouse.

After a distinguished playing career in the National League and Victorian State League, Roodhouse moved to Peninsula Power in 2002 and was part of the successful team that was promoted to Division 1.

He will take charge of the Under 19 Youth side and assist Senior Coach Steve Faulkner in shaping Power's defensive formation.

Senior Coach Steve Faulkner commented: "I am very pleased with the signing of Chris Newman, he is an exciting young prospect and I think he will be an instant hit with Power fans given his attacking style of play. I am also very much looking forward to working with the well-respected Ian Roodhouse."

"Also returning to the club is tough defender Nathan Kelly who will be back to terrorise opposition attackers in 2006," Faulkner added.



Right to left: Steve Faulkner, Chris Newman & Ian Roodhouse

### ROAR PROS GO TO LOCAL CLUBS

■ **Queensland Roar players will make their way into the Brisbane Premier League at the conclusion of the Hyundai A-League season.**

In the interests of fairness, Roar will restrict each club to one player from their ranks in a move that is sure to inject added interest into the upcoming local season.

Goalkeepers Tom Willis and Scott Higgins are sure to be on most club's wanted list, as will midfield dynamo Matt McKay and defender Josh McCloughan.

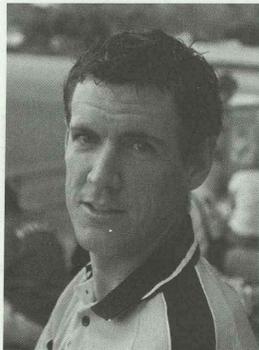
With several of the Roar squad low on game time this season, it will be a welcome return to regular competitive action.

## ROCHE GIVES WOLVES MORE TOOTH

■ Brisbane Wolves coach, Anthony Roche (below), has made some handy additions to his squad as the bayside club looks to build on their 2005 performances.

Wolves finished 7th last year with inconsistency proving to be their undoing over the 22 rounds, but Roche is hoping to better that this time out and thinks his transfer dealings so far will stand the club in good stead.

"So far we've signed Daniel Corbett, Damien Volker, Terry Hughes and Michael Van Moolenbroek is back at the club. Most of my signings to this point have been young players so hopefully we can work with them over a period of time and start to build something here.



Michael (Van Moolenbroek) is raring to go again and I think this year he wants to push himself and see how far he can take his game. At this stage he is looking very sharp," said Roche.

Also on board is hot young prospect Cole Stojakovic who joins the club from Rochedale Rovers. Stojakovic is highly

rated and all eyes will be on the youngster as Wolves look to hit the ground running this season.

His ace in the pack though is Swiss player Baptiste Roos who was snared from Swiss 2nd Division side SR Delemont. The 22 year-old is in Brisbane studying English and is friends with Queensland Roar's Remo Buess who recommended the attacking midfielder to Roche.

"He is a quality player with a great football brain. He's only been in the country a short while and we are delighted to have him. With him living in Tingalpa the club is very handy for him and we're glad to have his services."

The Wolves boss was short on numbers last year and thinks his new recruits will add some much-needed steel to the squad.

"We really needed to have a few more players in to give us more attacking options and depth. With Hughes, Volker, Michael and Cole we have a lot more punch up front. With a few adjustments in defence we will have the makings of a good side."

Roche is hoping for a top four finish this season but knows that several clubs have been recruiting madly in the off-season.

"Obviously, we would love to make the finals, but if we finish in the top half of the table I will be happy. We have to try and build a side here and make good progress over a few seasons. There are a number of good sides in this league and it's going to be tight again." ☺

# Opinion

with kieran cooper

**WELL here we go again; back for more punishment! With the new season just about upon us, I thought I would simply run my opinion on a few items of interest to me. I hope some of them are also of interest to you.**

Let's start with the new A-League. In general it has been a huge success as far as I am concerned. All teams have been very competitive (yes even New Zealand) and the football has been very good.

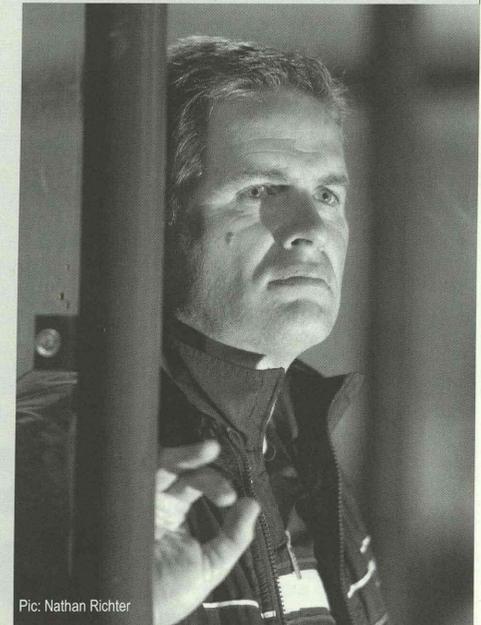
Sure, we will all have opinions on some players and sure we all know somebody in our team who could probably play at this level. But first of all let's just say that the League has kicked off well and we are on the right track.

Now let's have a look at our own Queensland Roar. At the time of writing, the Roar are sitting in sixth place with an outside chance of the finals. I know everybody has an opinion on them as I read the local forums every day. To most people they have been disappointing and yes, I am disappointed as well.

It's easy for us to sit and point the finger. 'Sack Miron' seems to be the general opinion! I know at the end of the day Miron is responsible for the team as he was the one who selected the players in the first place, but I can't help feel a little bit of sympathy for him.

Let's go back a bit and remember a few things before we make final judgement. From the beginning you had the Lions-haters. Most of us hated the way they went about winning the local comp for the past few years with all the best players. Most of us hated the fact that Miron had the finances to basically buy the local comp. Most of us understood that Lions' goal was to be part

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Pic: Nathan Richter

Bleiberg: Luck was out in first A-League season

of the new league and therefore used the carrot of this to attract players.

History will show that most of these players did not make the cut so from the very start Miron was under pressure. Then we must look at the history of Lions and why so many other clubs didn't like them. I have heard the words arrogant and cocky. Jealous is another one. I can only say I didn't like them because they were always so bloody hard to beat! So everything was against Miron and his crew in the first place. I know for a fact that people were simply waiting for him to fail. Some people didn't like him, full stop. But is it fair to point all the blame his way?

I have watched most of the games this season and I must say in general I have been impressed. I honestly feel that the luck required has not been there. I know people will say you make your own luck in this game,

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but we all know that whatever is the case it plays a huge part in success. I'm sure Miron will admit he has made mistakes. I'm also sure that if you spoke to every coach in the A-League they would tell you the same thing. They have all made mistakes.

Remember, this is the first year and errors are bound to happen. My opinion on the Roar games are probably well documented by others. They were missing an out-and-out goal-scorer and this one player could have made all the difference to them.

We have all read the statistics so we all know that the Roar have the most shots on goal of any team in the league, but being realistic I think these statistics are misleading. My belief is that the Roar shoot from too far out. This is why the statistics are high.

In closing this topic I offer this opinion - stop the bagging. Give the team a go and get behind them next year. Give Miron the time he deserves to get it right. I will leave you with this point to ponder. Would you prefer John Kosmina as head coach? Everybody bagged him as well and wanted him sacked. Where is he now? And how is his team doing? I rest my case.

And finally, the silly season is upon us; signing players. I will leave most of my views on this topic for a later article, but what I will say is this. If we are going to be serious about rebuilding the local league to a standard of professionalism that we all so desperately want, then

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I don't care what other clubs say, I know what is going on. I know what some clubs are paying and it really annoys me when clubs lie about these matters. These same clubs have poor facilities or maybe poor pitches. Maybe they don't have four dressing rooms? This really gets up my nose.

Anyway, enough said. Like all of us I will look after my own back yard and try and do the right thing by my club. Sadly, I suppose that's the way it will always be.

Good luck to all in the season ahead. ☺

The new BMS chief pens his first piece to the masses



**mikebailey**

**A** S I BEGIN my first season as President of BMS I am aware of the opportunities that the success of the inaugural A-League and qualification for the World Cup offers football.

The higher media profile and unprecedented community interest in our game is a tribute to Johnny Warren and all the other true believers who have kept the faith all these years. There is, however, still much to be done if we are to consolidate and build on these gains. I am confident that at the national level the game is in good hands.

Likewise, Queensland Roar have done football a tremendous service with their professional and imaginative approach to their first season. We now have 'real football' being played before large and enthusiastic crowds in the best football stadium in Australia. Thanks to Roar we can all hold our heads a little higher.

So what does all this mean for local football? What does it mean for the BMS Premier League? How can we persuade those new fans of the game weaned on a diet of A-League cuisine to come and sample the local fare?

How can we narrow the gap in standard between our competition and the A-League? Because if we want to give our players the chance to play at that level rather than always rely on imports then we have to narrow the gap.

We need to do better at the coaching and

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technical level. We need to give aspiring coaches a career path, particularly in the real world of club football. We need to provide better support for coaches. We need to get some structure and cohesion into 'Youth Development' whatever that means in a Brisbane context. At the moment we have a mish-mash of unregulated academies, official academies, junior development programmes and a variety of club bits and pieces, some excellent and some not so excellent.

Above all though we need to take a realistic look at our competition structure. At present we have some 36 clubs in our Premier Competition and four or five Metro clubs who would like to be there. Who are we kidding? How can we improve the standard, both of facilities and playing when we spread our resources so thinly? The answer is, of course, we cannot!

We need to rationalise and our clubs need to be realistic and to consider the good of the game as a whole rather than the false ambitions of a few individuals. We need to set up a genuine Amateur Competition that carries enough prestige that clubs such as my own, Oxley United, are happy to compete in without wanting to move on to some other league that is 'Premier' in nothing but name.

In short, we should be reducing the number of clubs at the top level to a more realistic 16 to 20 at most and even that's too many. Perhaps we should be thinking about zones or districts with one Premier club per area. I believe it is a debate that we need to have so what do you think?

I have to say that these are my private thoughts and do not represent in any way BMS Board policy. Anyway, even with our current structure we had a cracking season last year in nearly all divisions and I am looking forward to an even closer comp in 2006. Best of Luck to all clubs this year and I hope to get out and visit as many clubs as I can to say hello and hear your views. ☺

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## FIXTURES

### Premier League

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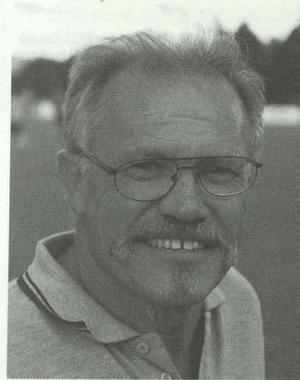
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### HERDLE NOT FAZED BY DEPARTURES

■ **Palm Beach Coach, Karl Herdle (pictured), is facing up to life without a number of key players who helped to make 2005 such a monster year for the Gold Coast club.**



Herdle is likely to be a victim of his own success, with marksman Russel Miner trying his luck in England and David Dodd following in his footsteps. The Sharks boss took it on the chin though, saying that he didn't mind if his players left the club to improve themselves.

"You don't want to lose players but if they are going overseas to a better league then I don't have a problem with that. These things happen and we just have to reorganise and keep going," Herdle said.

"Russell (Miner) is in England and then he goes to

Germany to see what is happening there. It may be his last chance as he is 25 now and that is getting old in footballing terms. I think he is good enough to get a contract over in Europe. He is very skilful and scores goals; an all round good footballer and he wouldn't go astray with Queensland Roar in my view. He's got the goods," he added.

The Sharks have plunged into their youthful stocks to plug the holes left by player departures and Herdle says the club is now reaping the rewards of an active development program over the last few years.

"We will rely on our own young players mainly, but we have added a few to the squad. Wayne Goode has joined us from Rochedale and a 22 year-old central midfielder from Sydney called Steve Milligan who has played Premier League and Super League down there. He looks like a quality player from what I have seen of him so far. We have also acquired the services of a new goalkeeper by the name of Craig Dutton, but the rest will be from our under 16's and 17's," he explained.

Herdle knows a repeat of last year's silverware haul will prove difficult and has set his sights on a top four finish this season.

"I'm happy with what I've got and the younger players are a little bit wiser now. We have lost a few key players and we have to play a bit smarter this season. Our goal as always is to make the finals and I think we have the players to get us there," he said. ☺

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# UP FOR IT?

How do you get that extra bead of sweat from your team? What makes a player want to bleed for the cause? **Michelle Fowler** meddles with the murky myths surrounding motivation

**Take a player with the combined talent of Ronaldinho, Rooney and Lampard. Now take away his motivation and you've realised that he doesn't exist.**

Motivation is the psychological foil to achieving success in any sport and without it, the potential to excel physically is dramatically dampened. Players can be motivated by many football counterparts from coaches and spectators to family and even unwittingly, the opposition, and the right words and actions from these groups can be the difference between a 1-0 victory and a 5-0 loss.

"Motivation is all about making players want to play," says Souths United coach Peter Tokesi. "Some players can solely self-motivate but it's very rare and most players need external motivation. It could be talking to them, pressing the right buttons, or maybe asking them to achieve goals."

The experienced coach and ex-player is also a firm believer in the mainstream rise of sports psychology.

"They are starting to introduce psychology now into coaching courses but I still don't believe there is enough. I think it's important and that there needs to

be a lot of man management because everyone is an individual."

Sports psychology is becoming prevalent in many a coaches approach, and the days of screaming and flailing from the sidelines is for the smart ones at least, dissipating. Sports psychologist John Crampton is adamant that this form of so-called encouragement or motivation should be banished to the dark ages.

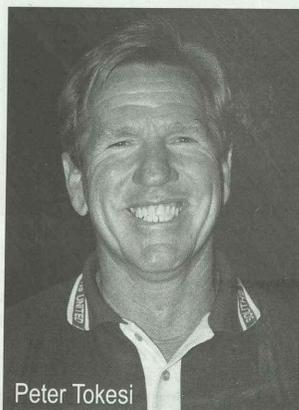
"A coach yelling, ranting and raving on the sideline or at training or half time is something that we are thankfully seeing less and less of," he says.

"This form of motivation is completely useless and it will only get the players either scared or flustered. It might get them charged up for maybe five minutes or so but it won't last."

So what makes a good coach?

"A coach needs to make a player want to prioritise their lives to justify effort at a particular time or for a game," says Crampton.

"Motivation doesn't happen just before the game, it's built up. They don't need to be motivated at that time, they just need to be reminded how to play well. Take the World Cup qualifier. Guus



Peter Tokesi

Hiddink's job of motivating the players was done well before the opening whistle and then he just sat back and let them play. That technique is what makes Hiddink such a good coach."

While Hiddink may have taken the Socceroos to World Cup Finals contention, Crampton believes that even with different levels of professionalism, the underlying principles of motivation remain the same.

"Take two C-grade teams for example," he says. "If they are both out of contention for the finals and their last meeting had resulted in a 0-0 draw, then there isn't a lot there to motivate the players. This is where a coach has to look at introducing a motivation, a goal."

However as South's United coach Peter Tokesi is aware, attempts to motivate a player can sometimes do more harm than good.

"You do get players that think they

know it all. However you also have other players that have heard your spiel before, so to keep it interesting for them you've got to sort of deliver the same spiel but in a different way."

"It's the same as training, you still need to be doing mandatory things but if it's the same every night, it doesn't take long to get bored. You need to make things interesting and be conscious of that and try to change as a coach."

"I had one coach that just didn't motivate me. No matter how hard we tried before a game I just couldn't get up to play, and he was a technically quite a good coach."

"But then I had someone who wasn't such a good coach, but he made me want to play. See, my ability hadn't changed but it was just before the game, I don't know what it was, but he made me want to play. So whether it was the speech that he gave or the way he delivered it, he made me want to play."

The most intriguing and mysterious moment for football fans is what their teams coach says at half time. At the half time whistle many feel relief, perhaps frustration at the score line and of course, hope.

"That's when I believe coaches earn their money," says Tokesi. "The hardest thing as a coach is how can you change things at half time and I believe a lot of coaches can. Sometimes you just wish half time would come so you can get behind them and get them to play slightly different. Basically you just need to change their thinking and sometimes a few positional changes."

"Motivation is important. When

**"Shouting might get them charged up for maybe five minutes or so but it won't last."** John Crampton

you're playing well and you're confident, your football is attractive and things come off for you. And I think a clubs mentality can be turned around on this. It's all about changing the mentality around."

Gold Medal winner, Aaron Thiesfield, starts to think about the next game pretty much after the last one has finished.

"I think about the upcoming game all week - it's always on my mind. I try to think about getting out of my comfort zone so that when you think you can't do more you have to tell yourself that you can."

"I try to remember back to when I was a junior and how much I used to look forward to a game. In those days as a kid you play without worries or fears and that is how I try to play now."

Prior to a match some players play music or go through their own rituals in order to get into 'the zone', but Thiesfield prefers to just try and relax.

"I don't listen to music or anything like some players do, but I always try to take the pressure off myself and go out there as if I'm playing for fun."

"Our Coach Clayton Koch is very casual before a game and gets the best out of his players by making you want to play for him."

"He gets into your head enough to make you know that you need to work hard to get anything from the match and to stay in the team."

"He manages to get us to play with intensity from start to finish and that is why we do well and fight hard in our games." ☺

## WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH...

"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."  
**Beverly Sills**

"If you don't have confidence, you'll always find a way not to win."  
**Carl Lewis**

"You only ever grow as a human being if you're outside your comfort zone."  
**Percy Cerutti**

"Spirit...has fifty times the strength and staying power of brawn and muscle."  
**Unknown**

"If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat."  
**Herschel Walker**

"Continuous effort -- not strength or intelligence -- is the key to unlocking our potential."  
**Liane Cardes**

"The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit; but the greatest of these is spirit."  
**Ken Doherty**

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."  
**Archie Griffen**

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."  
**Vidal Sassoon**

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."  
**John Wooden**

# PUBLICITY

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**Publicity. We all want it, but quite often don't get it. In fact, you invariably hear moans and groans to that effect.**

So is there a reason as to why the local game does not always get column space in the newspapers? In short, yes there is.

Let's get one thing out of the way right from the beginning. Forget the Courier Mail. The level of coverage the local game gets is not likely to increase any time soon. We get a couple of paragraphs in the 'six pack' section or tagged onto an international or A-league story and that is where it is likely to stay.

However, there are other avenues to explore that will bear far more fruit. The Quest Newspaper Group is where our clubs should look for their publicity. Quest publications are regional, suburban newspapers with a strong emphasis on local stories and there are opportunities there to capitalise upon. They already provide decent coverage and some areas do better than others, but there are still ways you can try to increase your local profile through these publications. If you are one of the clubs that currently receive plenty of coverage through your local Quest paper, then maybe you can start to deliver precise messages through your publicity?

The key to effective publicity is reach and frequency. In other words, you need to get to as many people as possible with specific messages, as often as possible. And, you need to be consistent to build up the culture of expectation amongst the readers. Missing a week just won't work, you must be in the paper all the time.

So how should you go about it and what type of stories are they interested in?

## RELATIONSHIPS

As is the case with all business interaction you must build a relationship with the key people at your local newspaper. Firstly, you need to appoint an individual at

your club to be responsible for publicity - a press officer. That person should then find out who the Sports Editor and Sports Journalists are and go and meet with them. Once you have that face-to-face contact doing business becomes so much easier.

## DEADLINES

You must find out what the copy deadlines are for the newspaper you intend to work with and by default you must always respect them. Basically, the sooner you can get your copy to them, the better. Try to work out a time and day to send in your copy and stay consistent. If they are confident that it's coming then you have more chance of having column space reserved. If the story will require follow-up by the journalist then allow them enough time to do it.

Remember, in all Quest offices the journalists are very busy so if you can help them to do their jobs and make it easy for them you have a greater chance of success.... more on that later.

## FINDING AN ANGLE - Keep it local

During the season this should be fairly easy as you can send in match reports. Don't try to be too 'wordy' and don't make the piece too long; 300 - 400 words are more than enough.

Make sure you include:

- The result, goal-scorers and goal times.
- A detailed description of any goals.
- The team line-up.
- The referee's name.
- Any controversial incidents in the game.
- Any spectacular moments or close shaves.
- A quote from the coach or captain about the game.
- A mention about the next fixture (where and when, etc).
- The consequence of the result (position on the ladder, etc).

"The key  
to effective publicity  
is reach and frequency"

At the end of the match report always include contact details of the coach, captain or club press officer in case the journalist wants to follow up on anything.

In pre or post season, or even during the season if the story is strong enough, make sure you send press releases to your local paper every week, all the time being mindful of deadlines.

If you present it properly you can find a story in just about everything that goes on at your club. Kids making a rep team, new players or coaches, functions, events, milestones, improvements to facilities, new sponsors, the list goes on. If the story is colourful enough then you increase your chances of getting a picture in the paper as well.

It's how you put it together that counts though. All stories need five crucial elements - who, what, when, where and why. If the story has a consequence as well, then all the better.

When you start your press release try to include the 'who, what, when and where' in the first paragraph or two. The remaining paragraphs should make up the 'why'. Again, don't forget to include contact details for the relevant people so that the journalist can do follow up or arrange photographs.

Press releases should be written with the same structure as a journalist will use when compiling an article, so it's worthwhile studying the journalist's style in your target publication.

If it's a good story and well presented in a concise press release you stand a good chance of it getting a run. If it does you have helped the journalist, the journalist has helped your club and therein lies the golden rule with media - if you give them what they want they will generally give you what you want.

## FORMAT

If you are sending your press release by email then ensure that it is grammatically correct and is well structured on the page. A well-presented press release indicates high professional standards and is more likely to attract the attention of the journalist or news editor.

A poorly written release or rough presentation implies the opposite and is likely to be discarded.

## YOUR GOALS

The primary objective you are trying to achieve is to gain free publicity, but within that framework you need to determine what your club's communication aims are. That is, what messages do you want to project about your club and who do you want to reach.

Your publicity goals should include, but not be restricted to, the following:

- To ensure that media coverage concerning your club is accurate.
- That a positive public profile is built and maintained.
- That the club's management is perceived as strong and competent.
- That your club attracts high quality staff and players.
- To stimulate interest in your club.

The sectors of the community (communication targets) you should aim for with your publicity messages could be your current members or supporters, potential players or coaches, sponsors (current and potential), competitors or local schools, etc.

In short, if you approach it the right way and be proactive, you can effectively manage the flow of information between your club and the local media so that the club's image is represented in the best possible light.

A couple of final tips when dealing with the media.

If you are interviewed by a journalist then make sure it is a two-way interaction and try to stay in an orbit around your main message. It's good to be colourful in an interview but if you don't want to see it in print then don't say it!

Finally, never lie to a journalist. If you do they will never trust you again.

Good luck. ☺

# SEASON 2005/06 gala awards evening



it's an awards evening...but not as you know it

Join the Queensland Roar in an evening to remember at the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre, Saturday March 11, for the announcement of the 2005/06 player of the year.

An evening of fine food, wine and entertainment awaits as the Queensland Roar celebrates its historic first season in the Hyundai A-League.

## Tickets

On sale through Ticketek from February 2 - \$150.00pp / \$1350.00 table of 10, call 132 849. Sales close midnight March 9.

## Includes

3 course meal, beverages, entertainment and a chance to win a catered Corporate Box, a family season pass or a signed ball

## Venue

Brisbane Convention & Entertainment Centre, Merivale St, South Bank. 6.30pm arrival for 7.00pm start



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## OVER THE PHONE WITH... DANIEL FUNG

CLUB: Palm Beach POSITION: Striker

Michelle Fowler gives the lolly-munching Palm Beach hit-man a grilling over 5 agonising minutes

**Born:** 28/12/1978

**Age:** 27

**Previous Clubs:** Bobcats (Lismore League), Grafton Gunners

**Strengths?** Being a team player

**Weaknesses?** Holding up the ball

**Hobbies?** Surfing and playing poker

**Career Highlight?** Winning the league this year

**Career Lowlight?** Losing the grand final last year

**Best player played with?** Adem Poric

**Toughest opponent?** Karl Dodd

**Biggest joker in your side?** John Costello

**One to watch out for in your team next season?** Neil Munro

**If you could change one rule in football what would it be?** I'd have two referees on the field

**Best advice you've ever been given?** Stay true to yourself

**Most embarrassing moment?** Trying to chest the ball into the goal

**Describe your club in one sentence:** A very tight family

**Did you model your game on anyone?** Not really

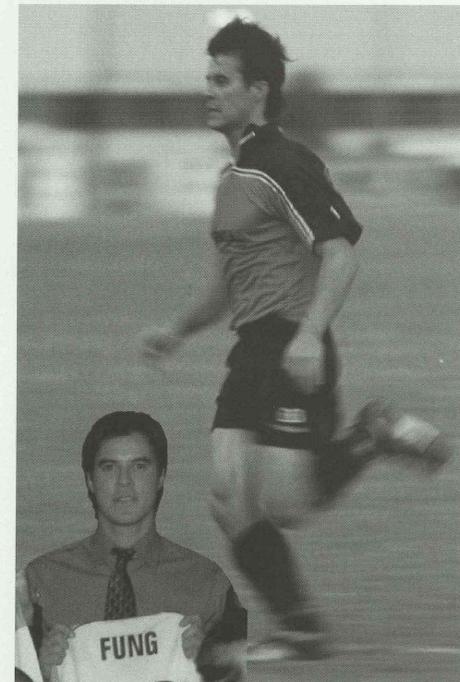
**Ambitions for the season?** To try and win the treble and crack into the A-League

**How will Australia do in the World Cup finals?** After the World Cup draw, I think they'll go through the group stage but that's about it

**Who will win the World Cup?** Brazil

**Dislikes?** Aggressive people

**Best hangover cure?** Greasy food



**Any superstitions?** I like to eat lollies before a game

**Any pets?** No

**What do you think of the A-League?** It's better than the NSL but it's still got a bit to go

**Have you ever been on TV?** Just for soccer highlights

**What about radio?** No

**Musical taste?** I have a wide range. Probably R&B most and not so much classical and country

**Any ambitions to coach once you finish playing?** Yes, further down the track

**What's your favorite saying?** I don't really have one

**What's your coach's favourite saying?** That's diabolical!

**Favourite food?** Chicken

**How much is 2 litres of milk?** \$2.80

**What about a loaf of bread?** \$1.50

**Describe yourself in 3 words:** A team player

It's been a year to remember for the beautiful game after decades of relative misery. Sharon Jackson looks at football's remarkable reversal of fortune in 2005

# Fantasy Football

## What a fantastic year for football in Australia.

And that's the point, football and not soccer. John O'Neill, I've decided, must be a sports astrologer as well as administrative genius.

Moving from soccer to football could not have been done at a better time and look where we are; going to the World Cup for the first time in 30 years. The mid-week celebrations in our street were a new high and even our grumpy old neighbourhood watch bloke was spotted smiling. My source in the casino tells me of long lasting celebrations beyond his understanding.

Much congratulations and back slapping are due to the O'Neill-Lowy team for their hard work, taking the hard decisions and much more simply, their belief. It has created many milestones for us in 2005 and I really hope they are enjoying their success and our pleasure.

We saw the launch of the A-league in the hallowed Suncorp stadium and gained the support of a record crowd. Queensland Roar were the first A-league team to reach 100,000 spectators although it can't be to see the colour clash of the strip.

What a turnaround from the old NSL and it was a real treat to see all the juniors parade through the ground in their club colours. Our future looks bright. Sydney FC snagged Dwight Yorke to add even more glamour and it was John

Kosmina's Adelaide heading the table as the season draws to a close.

Becoming football at the beginning of the year brought out much controversy. It made people sit up and take notice. The argy-bargy served to just focus people's thoughts on the code rather than detract. Critics were fierce and vocal, understandably from other football codes who are all vying for the same support base. But also because, this is the world game and the tide cannot be withstood.

Think this year of Liverpool and Australia's Harry Kewell. Liverpool's incredible Champions League win was bittersweet for Harry who had to come off injured after 20 minutes. To finish the year qualifying for the World Cup at the last kick of the ball, was a seminal moment in his career.

David Beckham is a household name and also a pin up boy starring in many women's magazines. You wouldn't put our Harry in that league a year ago, yet here he is this week adorning the pages of Women's Day right next to the horoscopes with his big smile and bigger World Cup hopes. Football has come a long way in twelve short months and with the World Cup just around the corner, our star is rising.

It is fabulous to me that people are talking about a Group of Death and they mean Australia and not England. I have the view that we must get behind the boys with all the vocal support we can



O'Neill - nice one fella

muster. If, in reality, our chances are slim, wouldn't you want to go out losing to Brazil?

The immediate oversubscription of the miserly 8500 ticket allocation for the Australians tells you of the support for the team now light years away from the Confederations Cup.

The celebrations following the match and the ensuing media attention means to me we are firmly on the mainstream media radar. It wasn't so long ago that football was only mentioned in the same breath as hooligans and came ninety-fifth on the list behind Olympics woes. I had to fondly but determinedly put a young bloke in the picture having been convinced that we'd actually won the cup and not just qualified. You couldn't blame him, stung from the Ashes loss, Australia are playing in some foreign country somewhere and the crowd are screaming like we had won it.

Naturally I sense some bandwagonitis happening and that's fine by me. Mate, get on this bandwagon that's called football and understand the passion that sweeps the world before it. Looking back over 2005, football seemingly has captured the hearts of many erstwhile ignoramuses and they are regaling me with their new found wisdom. "Did you hear about...." "I bet you didn't know.... when it's all 3 weeks old! Sound familiar?

Well, it's great. It's just what we want isn't it, wishy-washy cricket tragics getting all hot and bothered about football is a good thing I say. Although, I have my doubts about Little Johnny having made his comment about Uruguay, "the sporting highlight of the year" he says. I reckon he's got more chance of knowing where

## "Looking back over 2005, football seemingly has captured the hearts of many erstwhile ignoramuses"

Uruguay is than finding a penalty spot. Having said that though, when the highest office in our sporting mad land has recognized this achievement what more can you ask for?

Football had a stellar year overseas too, providing riveting viewing. Liverpool's win was as much about the romance of the underdog making it as it was the most entertaining Champions league final since Man Utd over Bayern Munich in 1999. Man Utd are having real problems at the moment having been bought by an American billionaire who was bankrupt and saddled the club with debt-how can that be, I ask? And if I can find out I'm going to use the same trick with my bank manager. Chelsea, having been bought by a Russian billionaire are having no such problems winning the English Premier League for the first time in 50 years. CSKA Moscow are celebrating becoming the first ever Russian Club to win the UEFA cup this year. Football is a mix of heady fairytales and financial nightmares that none can resist.

The blend of the successful start of the A-league and World Cup hopes is providing an intensity unknown to the footballing community at large and we are reveling in this.

Here's to 2006, may our dreams be realised, let's play well against Brazil and become firmly the Code to follow. ♣

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# FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND

Football Queensland President, Dennis O'Brien, calls for preaching to the unconverted in 2006

**T**HE 2006 season beckons, with football looking at a resurgence of interest and strength. Australia's entrance into the World Cup and the success of the first A-League season suggest that this year should be the beginning of a bright future. But, haven't we heard all that before!

In fact, there is much to be done before football can rightly say that it is truly successful. The recent television deal completed by the AFL emphasizes how far we still have to go.

Even a strong, perhaps amazing, performance by Australia in the World Cup, will only be a small part of the solution. Capturing the imagination of those who are not true believers is necessary for the success of football and that requires a long time and much work.

Yes, we need the Socceroos and the Matildas to grace the world stage, along with an exciting A-League (and the Roar performing well for Queensland), but there are other crucial elements of success.

The first is efficient and effective governance and management of the game and I believe that the signs are bright both nationally and in Queensland in this regard. However, Football Queensland understands that the gains made in the last few years need to be continued and accelerated.

2006 sees the first year when new Zones and Competition Management Centres have been established



**Queensland Government**  
Getting more people active through sport and recreation

prior to the season beginning, so we can look forward to a more streamlined season administratively. Football Queensland will be working hard to promote coaching excellence through introducing a State Accreditation program for coaches with enhanced development opportunities.

We also believe that the 2005 State Cup has offered opportunities for the regional Zones to test their skills against the best from the cities.

However, the season will not be successful without the continuing support of the thousands of volunteers that support the game. Just before Christmas, I attended the funeral of Harry Linning, an outstanding volunteer for many years, with a great commitment not only to football, but also to education and to those with hearing disability.

What struck me mostly in reading and listening to the stories about Harry's life and work, was the humility with which he approached all that he did. Harry's commitment in football was to the players and the game, well before himself.

That's a characteristic that I see in most of our volunteers. Yes, there are some who are more concerned about their own position in the game and who have a belief that the only way to do things is their way, but fortunately they're in the minority and are gradually moving on.

I was delighted that the Board of Football Queensland was able to announce its on-going commitment to the conduct of the Harry Linning Cup series to the Linning family. I know that Harry would see that commitment as recognition of all volunteers.

Enjoy the 2006 season and get well rested before the World Cup, as 7pm in Germany is about 4am in Brisbane!! ☺



## man&boy

With 25-year-old Aaron Philp celebrating his 20th year with Peninsula Power, is he the youngest 'veteran' in the league?

**MANY** things are said and written about loyalty these days, most of it bad, but over at Peninsula Power there's the story of a player that will warm the hearts of those who remember the seemingly bygone era of 'one club players'.

Peninsula Power/Redcliffe Leagues' Aaron Philp plans to make 2006 a year to remember as he laces the boots up for his 20th consecutive year playing the world game.

It all began back in 1987 when as a short-trousered six-year-old, Aaron was gripped with the urge to lash the round ball about and signed up play Rooball at Margate Soccer Club.

From the age of two, Aaron had been the mascot of a junior Redcliffe Dolphins Rugby League team coached by his father Terry. Despite this spell on the dark side, Philp continued to develop his love for football; the real football that is.

Now 25, he made his senior playing debut at 17 years of age for the Margate club, and as a qualified referee, could even be seen tooting on the pea at Saturday morning junior matches before toveling down and playing senior football later that day.

Although armed with a generation's worth of memories, listed at the top in his diary of unforgettable moments with the club is the 2002 Division One Grand Final against Beenleigh.

Played at AJ Kelly Field, Power snatched victory with just two minutes on the clock courtesy of a Robert Carty goal, sending the home fans into a state of delirium.

"He (Carty) was a reserve player who had come on and was only playing his second senior game of the season. For him to score the winning goal in a Grand Final was amazing. We ended up writing a song about him."

Naturally, Philp has seen his fare share of changes in the last 19 years, but he is delighted with the giant strides the club has made and hopes that this is the year his beloved Power make the step up into the Premier League.

"We now have great club facilities here on the Peninsula and I really enjoy playing in front of the home supporters at A.J. Kelly Park. I just want to help to take Power into the Premier League. We have been so close the last two seasons and just missed out. Maybe this will be our year," he said.

With the annual merry-go-round of players shifting from club to club in full swing, Philp balks at the lack of loyalty shown by some players as they chase medals or dollars.

"It's hard when a player who has been to a lot of clubs arrives at your club. Some players look around to see where they are most likely to win a premiership or something. There just isn't the same loyalty any more and I don't even think it's a money thing. At Power we are all good mates and we want to stick together and play for each other," he said.

"When you stay at a club for a long time you make a lot of good, close mates. You see a lot of each other and you almost become like family. I've played in the same side as people I watched as a kid and now they come and watch me play. It's pretty good when you look at it like that," he added.

For the past four years Philp has taken to coaching one of Peninsula Power's competitive junior sides and he sees that as one of the ways a senior player can put something back into a club.

Although he has no aspirations to move onto the club's committee in the future, he does harbour ambitions of cementing a long-term role on the club's coaching staff.

"I'm enjoying coaching the younger players and watching the skills and technique that the boys have in the modern game. One day though I would like to become a senior coach and then I can watch the whole generational thing happen all over again."

As clubs around the region assemble their 2006 squads, any coaches out there who may have had Philp on their list of transfer targets might as well reach for the liquid paper; he's staying put! ☺

## FOOTBALL'S ULTIMATE AUSTRALIAN PRIZE UNVEILED



**Football Federation Australia and Hyundai last month announced the winning design for the Hyundai A-League Champions's Trophy.**

With so many iconic football trophies in existence around the world, from the FA Cup to the World Cup, it was decided that design agency D3 broke the mould with their concept and best captured the 'New Football' spirit of the sport in Australia.

FFA tells us the winning design was chosen based on the votes of thousands of fans across the country, as well as an exclusive panel of expert judges.

John O'Neill, FFA CEO, commented: "All the designs we received were of the highest standard and thanks must go out to each of the five agencies for the time, effort and creativity they put into their submissions. In the end, the panel of judges felt the D3 design would best reflect the brand values of 'New Football' and could easily become intrinsically and enduringly linked with the Hyundai A-League.

"The aim has always been to develop a trophy that is both prestigious and enduring, but also differentiates the Hyundai A-league competition from the other sports. We have a new national league and we feel it is important to re-define the conventional view of a trophy to reflect this."

**D3 DESIGN**

Clive Solari of D3 design explained: "We wanted our trophy concept to embody the historical significance of sport in a contemporary design. So we looked to history to see how great achievements have been rewarded across all types of games for thousands of years.

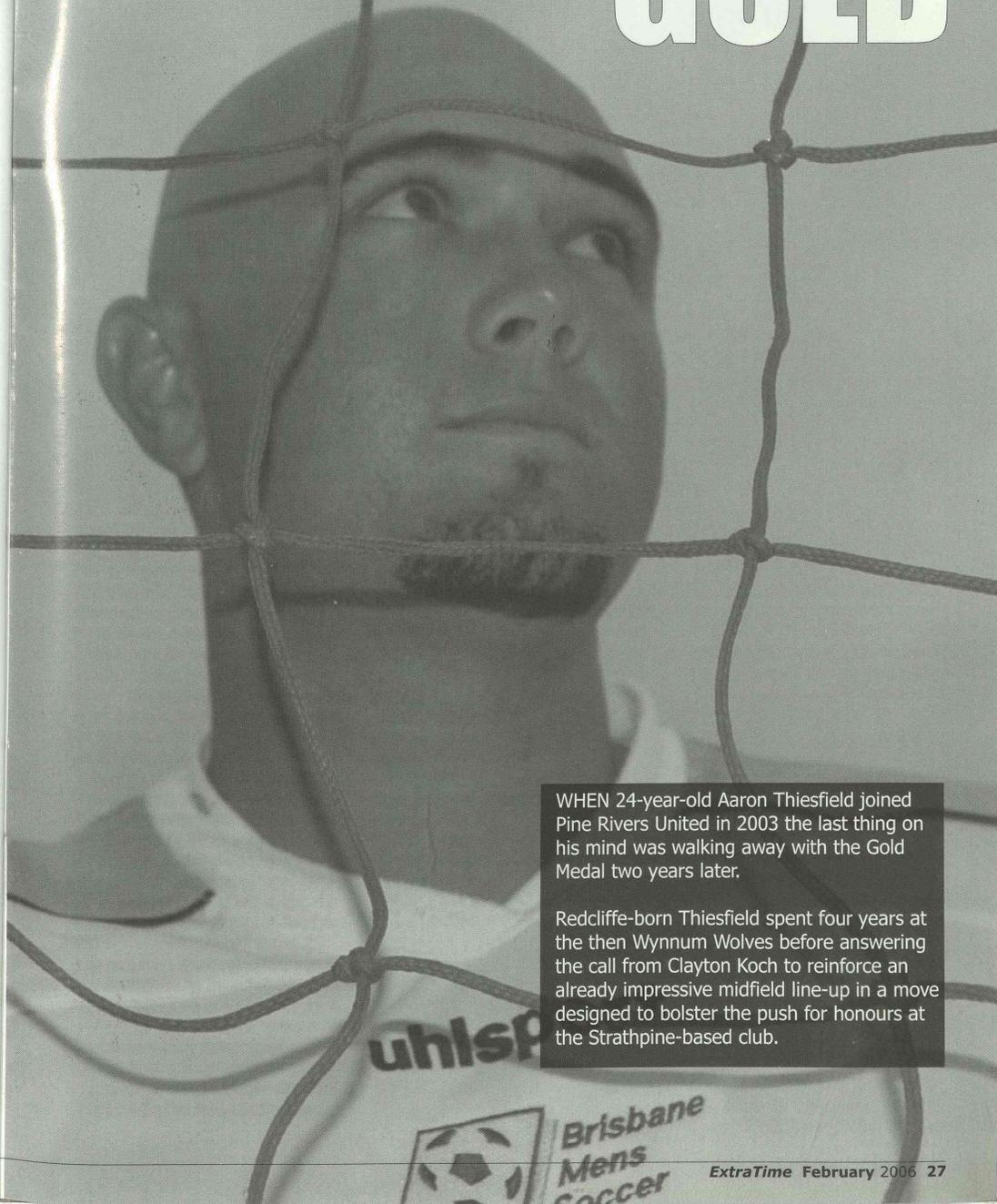
"The winners of the world's original sporting competition, the Olympic Games, were presented with a laurel wreath on their heads. We used this model as a basis for a unique, cutting-edge design. Our trophy is a modern and versatile translation of the wreath. The winners can hold it above their heads as a symbol of success and the design means it can easily be passed from player to player."

The Hyundai A-League trophy will be awarded to the winning team at the Grand Final (who will be referred to as the Champions).

D3 will now take their winning design into the production process, with the real-life trophy expected to be unveiled next month.

All very lovely and cutting edge, but ET still thinks it looks like a silver-plated haemorrhoid cushion. What was wrong with just having a cup? We can't wait to hear the nicknames for it. In fact, if you have one, send it in. ☺

# THIESFIELD STRIKES GOLD



WHEN 24-year-old Aaron Thiesfield joined Pine Rivers United in 2003 the last thing on his mind was walking away with the Gold Medal two years later.

Redcliffe-born Thiesfield spent four years at the then Wynnum Wolves before answering the call from Clayton Koch to reinforce an already impressive midfield line-up in a move designed to bolster the push for honours at the Strathpine-based club.



The move paid off all round with Rivers securing a Grand Final win, making the final of the Premier Cup and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Premier League last season. Thiesfield of course walked away from the BMS end of season Gala Dinner with the prized Gold Medal that places him firmly in the history books of the local game.

"It was a bit of a surprise I have to say. When I was invited to go to the dinner I thought that maybe I was in with a chance of getting into the BMS Select XI. I'd never thought about being in the running for the Gold Medal. Joel Hale came second last year and I thought that if anyone from our club was in with a chance then it would be him," Thiesfield said.

"When we were sitting there and the points were coming up on the big screen I couldn't believe my eyes! I led from the start and it was just an amazing feeling. I was

very, very surprised but I'll take it all the same!"

The Rivers' midfielder is modest about his achievement but knows his form was good throughout the season despite falling short of his own expectations in front of goal.

"I was happy with my season and I know that I had a pretty solid start to the year. I didn't miss too many games through injury or anything and I was playing pretty well, but you never expect to win awards or anything."

"I would have liked to have scored more goals than I did as I think I only scored 5 in the league and 5 in the cup. My target every year is to get 10 goals in the league and that's what I'll be looking for this year."

By default awards are recognition and reward for glories past or only recently achieved, and Thiesfield

knows that eyes will be on him to reproduce the form that earned him his biggest personal prize to date. He rightly points out that being the Gold Medal holder will make him look more closely at his game, wary of giving ammunition to the usual waiting posse of detractors.

"There are always people out there that think the Gold Medal winner doesn't deserve it so I aim to go out in 2006 and prove that I was a worthy winner by performing well again. I'm not aiming to win the thing again, just to try and reproduce the same form and be consistent," he said.

Those sentiments will be music to the ears of Rivers' coach Clayton Koch who can clearly look forward to another stellar year from the driving force of his midfield.

Indeed it would be fair to say that the early 2005 performances of

Koch's side looked for all money like they were going to pay Premiership dividends, but the loss of some key players, and key matches, allowed Palm Beach to pull away and hold aloft the Premiership trophy.

"It would have been good to have kept the team together that we started the season with. We had the likes of Josh Rose and Tim Smits and the team that played in the Grand Final had 5 or 6 players missing from the side that we originally began at the start of the season," Thiesfield explained.

"All things considered, for us to get as far as we did was excellent, but had we managed to keep the side as it was in the beginning then I think we could have taken out the Premiership and the Premier Cup too. Having said that, we were pretty happy with the season and what we achieved."

The loss of such goal-scoring prowess would have caused lesser teams to crumble, but Koch had depth to call upon to soften the blow and plug the considerable gaps left by arguably the best attacking duo in the league.

"We were strong everywhere and had good depth in the squad. When Koji (Kanagawa) came back he helped to stabilise us a bit and it was good for him to get involved again. For him to score the winning goal in the Grand Final was a fitting end to a frustrating couple of years for Koji after all his injury problems.

"Neil Reed was another who came from the reserves and stepped up well to eventually play at the back for us in the Grand Final and he did tremendously well."

Thiesfield can look back on 2005 and sight a plethora of memorable moments in an unforgettable year, but what does he think were the most outstanding games?

"Probably the two semi-finals against Rochdale Rovers because they were such intense games. There isn't a lot between the two

teams and there is plenty of rivalry between the players. Those are the games that you want to play in and of course it is always good to win them."

The Gold Medal holder expects that rivalry to extend into the 2006 season as both clubs have their eyes on the Premiership.

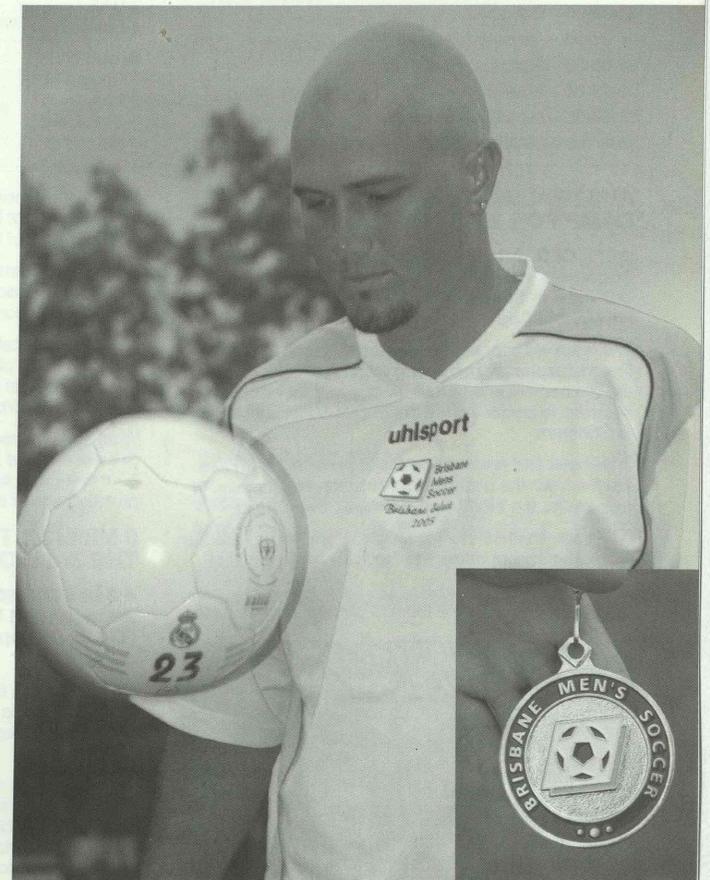
"It's definitely one of the games that you look for when the fixtures come out and I can't wait to play them again. I'm expecting them to be even tougher to beat this year."

During Koch's reign Pine Rivers have forged a reputation for being one of the most consistent sides in the league. Formidable at home and always competitive away, is this coming year the one where they go all out for the Premiership?

"I hope so. Kochy is good at recruiting players and he identifies who he needs to fill particular spots. He's excellent at signing key players so I'm expecting us to be even stronger next season. If the other clubs have similar squads to last season then I'd be putting my money on us to give it a good shake this time."

The good news for Rivers fans, and for fans of the Premier League, is that they may well have at least half of last season's deadly striking duo with Tim Smits back from Holland and pen has already been put to paper.

Thiesfield said: It's looking like Smitty will be playing with us if he doesn't get an A-League deal so he will be a big asset to the side again." ☺



**FFA ACCEPTS AFC OFFER TO POSTPONE MATCH**

■ **Football Federation Australia has accepted the Asian Football Confederation's offer to postpone the 1 March 2006 - AFC Asian Cup 2007 qualifier until September in order to organise an international match to assist in 2006 FIFA World Cup preparations.**

The Qantas Socceroos were scheduled to play Lebanon in Australia but will now look to play an international match instead.

The match against Lebanon will now be played on 1 September.

"We'd like to thank the AFC for their foresight in offering the option to postpone the 1 March matches to their nations that are competing at the World Cup," said FFA CEO Mr John O'Neill.

"We now have the ability to look for a match which will assist us in preparing for the World Cup."

Australia will now play their three home AFC Asian Cup 2007 qualifying matches after the World Cup.

**AUSTRALIA'S AFC ASIAN CUP 2007 QUALIFIERS**

- 22-02-06 – Bahrain v Australia
- 16-08-06 – Australia v Kuwait
- 01-09-06 – Australia v Lebanon
- 06-09-06 – Kuwait v Australia
- 11-10-06 – Australia v Bahrain
- 15-11-06 – Lebanon v Australia

**AUSTRALIAN TEAM DECIDES ON BASE CAMP FOR 2006 FIFA WORLD CUP**

■ **FFA CEO, John O'Neill, has announced that the Socceroos will base themselves in the town of Öhringen in Southern Germany during the 2006 FIFA World Cup.**

The team will stay at the Wald and Schloss hotel Freidrichsruhe (*below*) during the entire first round of the tournament and potentially beyond, with training sessions to be conducted at the Otto-Meister Stadium in Öhringen.

"The hotel and area was selected because it provides the team with the best possible location and facilities to prepare for the World Cup matches," said O'Neill.

"We have an ideal training facility which will provide the team with the opportunity to focus on achieving best results possible."

"The location allows the team to conveniently travel to



Seeded 24th (48th in FIFA World Rankings) due to its new status in the Asian Football Confederation, Australia were ranked in the lowest pot and will have to face Bahrain (seeded 4th - 52nd in FIFA World Rankings), Kuwait (seeded 10th - 72nd in FIFA World Rankings) and Lebanon (seeded 16th - 125th in FIFA World Rankings) for a place in the finals of the AFC Asian Cup 2007.

The Qualification Round will run from February to November 2006 with teams in each group meeting each other on a home and away basis.

The top two from each of the six groups will qualify for the finals, which is being held across four countries from 7-29 July 2007. Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam all qualify for the finals automatically as co-hosts.

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
1 Japan	1 IR Iran
2 Saudi Arabia	2 Korea Republic
3 Yemen	3 Syria
4 India	4 Chinese Taipei
<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>
1 Jordan	1 Bahrain
2 Oman	2 Kuwait
3 UAE	3 Lebanon
4 Pakistan	4 Australia
<b>Group E</b>	<b>Group F</b>
1 China PR	1 Uzbekistan
2 Iraq	2 Qatar
3 Singapore	3 Hong Kong
4 Palestine	4 Bangladesh

all of our first round match venues by coach meaning the team will not be inconvenienced by flights during the first round of the competition."

"It's a very private area and we have had some excellent feedback from the town who are looking forward to welcoming the team."

The Hotel is located approximately 75km from Stuttgart and it is ideally placed for the Socceroos first-round matches against Japan (Kaiserslautern), Brazil (Munich) and Croatia (Stuttgart).

Wald and Schloss Hotel Managing Director Heinz Schiebenedes and hotel manager Lothar Eiermann said: "Our first-class service and the stunning location will provide optimal conditions for the Australian team."

**6 MILLION TICKETS ORDERED DURING THE 3rd WORLD CUP SALES PERIOD**

■ **Some 677,900 orders for 6 million tickets - these are the figures for the third sales period for 2006 FIFA World Cup tickets, which came to an end in January.**

Compared with the two previous sales periods, interest from abroad has risen incredibly: 89% of orders have come from Europe, with barely half of them, 52%, from Germany.

250,000 tickets are available for the 3rd sales period. As with the 1st sales period, a ballot was carried out and in early February, ticket allocations will be made known and written order confirmations sent out listing the ticket category and number of tickets ordered. ☺



Queensland's premier pre-season comp, the Luxury Paints Silver Boot is on again and it's expanding. This year 19 teams will contest the tournament, 7 more than in 2004. All games are held at Luxury Paints Stadium, 133 Pine Rd, Richlands.

<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP C</b>
MT GRAVATT	UNIVERSITY OF QLD	EASTS
ROCHEDALE ROVERS	MITCHELTON	CAPALABA
WESTERN SPIRIT	BRISBANE WOLVES	BRISBANE STRIKERS
<b>GROUP D</b>	<b>GROUP E</b>	<b>GROUP F</b>
PINE RIVERS	TOOWOOMBA	BRISBANE CITY
BRISBANE OLYMPIC	PALM BEACH	IPSWICH KNIGHTS
BETHANIA RAMS	BRISBANE FORCE	TARINGA ROVERS
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**GROUP STAGE**

<b>Wednesday 25/1/06</b>			
Mt Gravatt	v	Rochdale Rovers	7.00pm
<b>Friday 27/1/06</b>			
Brisbane Wolves	v	Mitchelton	6.30pm
Eastern Suburbs	v	Brisbane Strikers	8.30pm
<b>Saturday 28/1/06</b>			
Brisbane Olympic	v	Pine Rivers	5.00pm
Toowoomba	v	Palm Beach	7.00pm
<b>Sunday 29/1/06</b>			
Ipswich Knights	v	Brisbane City	4.30pm
Peninsula Power	v	Taringa Rovers	6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 1/2/06</b>			
Mt Gravatt	v	Western Spirit	6.30pm
Brisbane Wolves	v	University of Qld	8.30pm
<b>Friday 3/2/06</b>			
Eastern Suburbs	v	Capalaba	6.30pm
Brisbane Olympic	v	Bethania Rams	8.30pm
<b>Sunday 5/2/06</b>			
Toowoomba	v	Brisbane Force	4.30pm
Ipswich Knights	v	Taringa Rovers	6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 8/2/06</b>			
Peninsula Power	v	Brisbane City	6.30pm
Rochdale Rovers	v	Western Spirit	8.30pm
<b>Friday 10/2/06</b>			
Mitchelton	v	University of Qld	6.30pm
Brisbane Strikers	v	Capalaba	8.30pm
<b>Saturday 11/2/06</b>			
Pine Rivers	v	Bethania Rams	5.00pm
Palm Beach	v	Brisbane Force	7.00pm
<b>Sunday 12/2/06</b>			
Brisbane City	v	Taringa Rovers	4.30pm
Ipswich Knights	v	Peninsula Power	6.30pm

**QUARTER FINALS**

<b>Friday 17/2/06</b>			
QF1	Winner Group A	v	Winner Group B 6.30pm
QF2	Winner Group C	v	Winner Group D 8.30pm
<b>Saturday 18/2/06</b>			
QF3	Winner Group E	v	Runner Up Group F 5.00pm
QF4	Winner Group F	v	Best 2nd placed team 7.00pm

**SEMI FINALS**

<b>Wednesday 22/2/06</b>			
SF1	Winner QF1	v	Winner QF2 6.30pm
SF2	Winner QF3	v	Winner QF4 8.30pm

**3rd/4th PLACE PLAYOFF**

<b>Saturday 25/2/06</b>			
Loser SF1	v	Loser SF2	5.00pm

**SILVER BOOT FINAL**

<b>Saturday 25/2/06</b>			
Winner SF1	v	Winner SF2	7.00pm

**PRIZE MONEY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$4,000 plus Silver Boot trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$2,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$1,000

ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00, Pensioners \$2.00, Students (15+) \$2.00, Children under 15 FREE



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