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Cover Pic: Pine Rivers' Tim Smits in his new Roar strip

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IT'S BEEN some fifteen years since I kicked a ball in anger. A persistent knee injury and stress fractures in the foot forced me to retire from a glitteringly unspectacular career at a tender age. I could do with the exercise so thoughts of a comeback into some obscure over 40s social league reserve team's shadow squad have been harboured of late, such is the lure of football.

However, despite my absence from the on-field rigours of football, today I am sporting some genuine football injuries and it's all down to that pesky World Cup.

With sleep deprivation already at crisis point, I clambered out of bed yet again at an hour of the day that should be banned by law. Not wanting to startle a slumbering spouse, I advanced wearily but stealthily towards the lounge room to munch on yet another midnight snack of football beamed live from Germany.

But chronic overtiredness doesn't lend itself well to stealth, nocturnal vision or basic abilities, like being able to walk in a straight line, and I'm flailing around like a baby giraffe within seconds of leaving my bed. Then, the knee injury of old was suddenly brought very much back to life when whilst fumbling for the lounge room door I slammed my aging patella into the door frame. Definite cruciate damage and possible six-week lay-off.

This just added to the drama. My objective of switching on the light had still not been achieved so I reached around the doorway and rubbed my free hand (the other one was clasp my throbbing knee) over the wall to try and find the switch. Unfortunately, in the process I'd clipped the plant pot that sits on top of the stereo speaker, prompting it to begin its descent to earth. Schwarzer-like, I throw out a hand but only deflect the pot towards the wall, causing it to smash and disperse its potting mix and pebble contents across several square metres of lounge room floor.

Muted profanity ensued of course, as did room illumination and spouse disturbance, so my thinking was to clean up the mess during the opening minutes of the game. I headed for the now clearly visible coffee table to grab the TV remote and switch on the action, but the potting mix floor was not as easy to walk on as the tiled one beneath it and the sole of my ugg boot sort of aquaplanes, taking what was left of my balance with it.

My shin grinds into the corner of the coffee table, peeling back skin and years at the same time as I instantaneously remember what it was like to feel a foot-full of studs scrape down your leg. Shrieks and swearing have alerted our pooch and she adds to the pandemonium with much scurrying around and unnecessarily loud barking. With a dog now swirling around my feet and a half on, half off ugg boot, I suffered the penultimate injury of the night, rolling an ankle when attempting to sit down. It could be the first time in history that someone has done a fetlock just six inches from a sofa.

I'm feeling like I've just gone 45 minutes with Stuart Pearce so after delighting the neighbourhood (as well as fully awake and not too happy spouse) by firing up the vacuum cleaner at 1.45am to suck up the potting mix and pebbles, I head for the kitchen to make a much-needed cup of tea. With all that had happened before I should have known better and of course a minor scalding takes place. I momentarily forget my injuries and dash fleet-footed to the bathroom sink to soothe the burn, for some reason bypassing completely the much closer kitchen sink. That had to be the sleep deprivation kicking in again.

I decided there and then to formally announce a second retirement from the game, even though I hadn't announced a come-back from the first one. So now I'm officially retired twice, just in case I ever contemplate dusting off the boots and shin pads again. It's safer this way and should guarantee my retirement stays intact.

Anyway, I'm getting a good workout as a spectator, with a first-aid course thrown in. Just as well really because if it wasn't for watching football I'd be getting no exercise at all! ☺

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BRISBANE Premier League

TABLES TO 25th JUNE

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Strikers	14	10	3	1	32	10	33
Taringa Rovers	14	9	1	4	34	23	28
Palm Beach	14	9	0	5	31	23	27
Pine Rivers	14	8	1	5	34	20	25
Rochedale Rovers	13	8	0	5	28	22	24
Souths United	13	6	2	5	28	14	20
Brisbane Wolves	14	5	4	5	26	23	19
Mitchelton	14	6	1	7	19	23	19
Brisbane City	14	6	1	7	15	23	19
Mt Gravatt	14	4	0	10	15	26	12
Toowoomba Raiders	14	1	4	9	20	35	7
Eastern Suburbs	14	2	1	11	17	57	7

Premier League Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochedale Rovers	13	13	0	0	47	9	39
Brisbane City	14	9	1	4	32	18	28
Souths United	13	8	1	4	36	20	25
Pine Rivers	13	8	0	5	32	20	24
Palm Beach	14	7	2	5	27	30	23
Mitchelton	14	7	1	6	34	22	22
Brisbane Wolves	14	5	3	6	33	27	18
Taringa Rovers	14	5	3	6	21	20	18
Mt Gravatt	14	5	2	7	17	29	17
Toowoomba Raiders	14	3	3	8	9	30	12
Brisbane Strikers	13	1	2	10	10	36	5
Eastern Suburbs	14	1	2	11	19	56	5

Premier Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich Knights	14	9	3	2	38	15	30
Peninsula Power	14	8	3	3	26	16	27
Brisbane Olympic	13	8	2	3	24	11	26
Beenleigh	13	6	3	4	25	16	21
University of Qld	13	5	5	3	24	19	20
Brisbane Force	13	4	5	4	20	18	17
Logan City	12	4	4	4	17	19	16
Albany Creek	14	4	4	6	18	24	16
Rocklea United	14	4	4	6	16	26	16
Capalaba	14	4	3	7	17	26	15
Redlands United	14	2	3	9	15	30	9
Western Spirit	12	0	5	7	6	26	5

Division 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Force	13	11	1	1	48	11	34
Redlands United	14	10	1	3	45	16	31
Ipswich Knights	14	9	4	1	37	14	31
Brisbane Olympic	13	6	4	3	26	20	22
Peninsula Power	14	6	4	4	24	20	22
University of Qld	13	6	2	5	33	26	20
Albany Creek	14	6	2	6	25	35	20
Beenleigh	13	4	1	8	14	18	13
Western Spirit	12	3	3	6	14	21	12
Rocklea United	14	2	4	8	10	37	10
Logan City	12	1	4	7	12	28	7
Capalaba	14	1	0	13	8	50	3

Premier Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southside Eagles	13	10	2	1	35	9	32
North Pine	14	10	2	2	42	18	32
Pine Hills	14	9	3	2	35	11	30
Slacks Creek	14	9	2	3	44	26	29
Newmarket	14	7	1	6	23	21	22
Grange Thistle	13	6	2	5	24	21	20
The Gap	14	4	3	7	28	35	15
Annerley	14	4	2	8	24	29	14
Samford Rangers	14	4	2	8	25	46	14
Ipswich City	14	4	1	9	25	41	13
Acacia Ridge	14	4	1	9	26	51	13
Moggill	14	1	1	12	13	36	4

Division 2 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grange Thistle	13	9	2	2	39	19	29
Ipswich City	14	8	4	2	34	12	28
Slacks Creek	14	8	3	3	28	19	27
Annerley	14	8	2	4	35	19	26
Newmarket	14	7	3	4	34	17	24
Southside Eagles	13	7	2	4	19	23	23
North Pine	14	6	4	4	30	22	22
Pine Hills	14	6	2	6	32	25	20
Moggill	14	4	3	7	21	25	15
The Gap	14	1	4	9	18	34	7
Samford Rangers	14	2	1	11	15	49	7
Acacia Ridge	14	2	0	12	18	59	6

Metro 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayside United	14	9	3	2	29	16	30
Souths United	14	8	2	4	31	21	26
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	14	7	3	4	28	19	24
Wilston Athletic	14	7	2	5	25	13	23
Regents Park	14	6	4	4	39	24	22
Oxley United	14	5	7	2	21	21	22
Acacia Ridge	14	5	4	5	23	22	19
Logan City	14	5	1	8	23	35	16
Old Bridge	14	3	5	6	26	33	14
Clairvaux	14	3	4	7	15	27	13
Taringa Rovers	14	3	3	8	23	31	12
University Qld	14	3	2	9	11	32	11

Metro 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Taringa Rovers	14	9	3	2	45	21	30
Clairvaux	14	7	4	3	26	20	25
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	14	7	3	4	32	19	24
Wilston Athletic	14	6	5	3	29	14	23
Souths United	14	6	4	4	34	23	22
Old Bridge	14	5	5	4	26	24	20
University Qld	14	5	4	5	26	24	19
Acacia Ridge	14	5	3	6	16	25	18
Oxley United	14	4	5	5	17	18	17
Bayside United	14	4	5	5	25	28	17
Regents Park	14	2	2	10	14	48	8
Logan City	14	2	1	11	18	44	7

Metro 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Park Ridge	14	12	2	0	60	12	38
Brisbane Strikers	13	10	3	0	45	13	33
Brisbane Wolves	14	8	3	3	45	26	27
Mitchelton	12	8	1	3	34	24	25
Ridge Hills	14	8	0	6	31	22	24
Pine Rivers	13	6	2	5	27	18	20
Annerley	14	4	3	7	21	27	15
Grange Thistle	14	4	2	8	21	25	14
Woodridge	11	3	3	5	20	23	12
Brighton District	14	3	1	10	20	51	10
Newmarket	13	2	3	8	17	36	9
Redcliffe PCYC	14	0	1	13	13	67	1

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Metro 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mooroonda	14	9	1	4	57	25	28
Newmarket	14	9	1	4	46	23	28
Western Spirit	13	8	3	2	37	21	27
The Gap	12	8	2	2	32	9	26
Acacia Ridge	13	8	2	3	30	19	26
Capalaba	13	7	2	4	34	23	23
Eastern Suburbs	13	6	4	3	30	26	22
Ipswich Knights	13	5	1	7	24	38	16
Westside Sports	13	3	4	6	25	35	13
Peninsula Power	14	3	1	10	22	38	10
Moggill	14	3	1	10	29	48	10
North Pine	14	0	0	14	9	70	0

Metro 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slacks Creek	14	13	0	1	58	21	39
Brisbane Olympic	13	9	2	2	60	17	29
Park Ridge	14	8	1	5	26	17	25
Brisbane Strikers	14	7	2	5	35	26	23
University Qld	13	7	1	5	32	24	22
Ridge Hills	14	5	4	5	22	30	19
Ipswich City	13	5	2	6	18	30	17
Albany Creek	12	4	3	5	26	23	15
Newmarket	14	4	1	9	26	46	13
Redlands United	12	3	2	7	20	39	11
Southside Eagles	14	1	5	8	15	35	8
Logan City	13	1	3	9	23	53	6

Metro 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	14	11	2	1	48	15	35
Narangba	13	10	3	0	57	16	33
Logan Village	14	7	5	2	36	25	26
Albany Creek	14	8	2	4	33	23	26
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	13	8	1	4	30	21	25
Jimboomba	14	5	3	6	29	38	18
Clairvaux	14	4	4	6	34	42	16
Grange Thistle	14	3	4	7	22	32	13
Slacks Creek	14	4	1	9	27	39	13
Beenleigh	14	4	1	9	35	50	13
Mooroonda	14	3	1	10	20	33	10
Annerley	14	2	1	11	12	49	7

Metro 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Pine	13	13	0	0	82	11	39
Pine Hills	13	8	1	4	31	16	25
Narangba	14	7	4	3	26	14	25
Ridge Hills	14	8	1	5	33	22	25
Kangaroo Pt Rovers	13	7	2	4	21	13	23
Annerley	14	7	2	5	23	27	23
Moggill	14	6	2	6	30	26	20
Eastern Suburbs	13	6	1	6	19	14	19
Oxley United	13	2	3	8	19	35	9
Regents Park	13	3	0	10	17	51	9
Park Ridge	14	2	2	10	22	53	8
Brisbane Wolves	14	2	2	10	22	53	8

Premier Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Rivers	13	12	1	0	48	10	37
Brisbane City	13	9	2	2	34	15	29
Brisbane Wolves	14	8	3	3	32	20	27
Rochedale Rovers	14	6	4	4	28	20	22
Brisbane Strikers	13	5	5	3	19	14	20
Qld Lions	13	5	4	4	21	19	19
Brisbane Force	12	6	0	6	30	17	18
Palm Beach	13	5	2	6	17	27	17
Toowoomba Raiders	14	3	5	6	13	25	14
Mt Gravatt	14	0	6	8	15	32	6
Souths United	13	1	3	9	8	34	6
Mitchelton	13	1	3	10	9	41	6

Division 1 Youth	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
University Qld	14	12	2	0	46	10	38
Albany Creek	14	9	1	4	40	25	28
Narangba	14	8	0	6	43	29	24
Brisbane Olympic	13	7	3	3	29	23	24
Eastern Suburbs	14	7	2	5	23	21	23
Capalaba	14	5	4	5	25	32	19
Ipswich Knights	14	4	5	5	24	29	17
Taringa Rovers	14	5	1	8	26	27	16
Redlands United	14	4	3	7	23	27	15
Brisbane Strikers	13	4	2	7	21	36	14
Brisbane Wolves	13	4	1	8			

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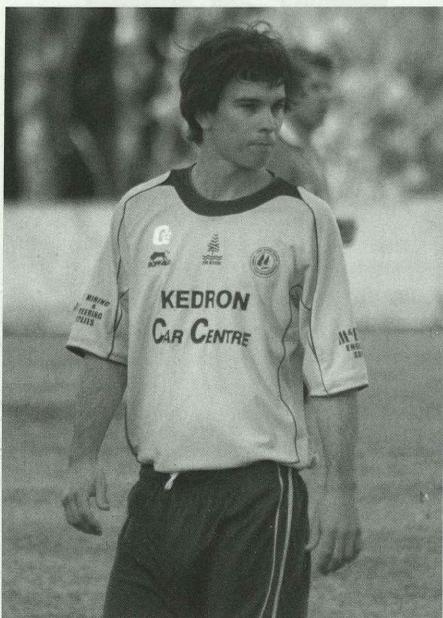
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SMITS GETS CHANCE TO ROAR

With glandular fever sidelining up and coming under-20 star Dario Vidotic, Queensland Roar Coach, Miron Bleiberg, has moved swiftly by signing Pine Rivers striker Tim Smits on a temporary contract.

A product of the QAS, Smits was on the periphery of the Roar squad last season and travelled with the team on the post-season trip to Korea. Although training with the Roar he will continue to turn out for his local club side until early July before switching to Miron Bleiberg's squad for the Pre-Season Cup preparations. Roar Coach Miron Bleiberg sympathised with the unfortunate Vidotic, but said he was pleased to have signed another promising youngster as cover.

"It is disappointing for Dario that he will miss the whole of pre-season training, but he is young and will come back from it," Bleiberg said.



He added: "Obviously though it is very exciting for Tim Smits and represents a great opportunity for him to show what he can do. For a while it may have looked as though there was no light at the end of the tunnel for Tim, but football is a funny game and all of a sudden he has this chance presented to him. Unlike a lot of youngsters who have displayed little in the way of patience, Tim has been very patient and this is his reward."

Smits, who during his career to date has been involved with the Australian Under 17 and Under 20 squads, said he was relishing the opportunity.

"I'm sorry for Dario but really grateful to have this chance ahead of me. It's up to me now to make the most of it and try to set myself up for the future. I've stayed positive when I've been on the fringes of the squad and to finally get the chance to play for my local club is very exciting for me.

"I think it's going to definitely be a step up from the local Premier League - a lot faster and a bit more physical. I've been training with the boys since last season so I've got a bit of an idea what to expect," said Smits.

"It was a good experience to go with the team to Korea because I got to see what it was like to play in a real match situation at that level.

"I didn't get a lot of time on the field over there but it was good. I think I'll go alright though and hopefully I can score some goals because goals are always nice. With the success of the Hyundai A-League, players of local clubs now have the opportunity to gain the attention that will see them play on a national stage. Smits offers his advice.

"Just stay positive, keep playing well and your chance will come along eventually - you have to stay positive." As for now however, Smits will continue to train with Queensland Roar and says he has no fears about fitting in with the squad.

"They're all good guys, I know most of them from last season and so on the field hopefully we should mesh pretty well too."

In other Roar news, former Celtic winger Bobby Petta has arrived at the club to discuss a possible move. Petta is renowned for his tricky wing play and may fit the bill for Coach Miron Bleiberg who is looking to create a quality supply line for new striker Ante Milicic.

Also in at Roar for next season is former Newcastle Jets custodian Liam Reddy who replaces Scott Higgins. Higgins has departed for Scotland where he will link up with former teammate Karl Dodd at Falkirk.

STOP THE RAPS

Recent compliments given to players in this forum have resulted in a complete hex put on the nominated players. Firstly Annerley newcomer Kado Aochi hit a run of outs after being given a rap, closely followed by some of the Slacks Creek boys, Gareth Musson from the Strikers and then the Gap Metro 3 striker, Chris McKenzie. Luckily none of the racing tips are put in writing here.

TILLO MAKES THE FRONT PAGE

Plenty of good natured barbs sent to Craig Tillotson after finding himself on the front page of the Courier Mail following a 'discussion' with AFL personality Jason Akermanis. Tillo had responded to Aker's media article about football and its place in Australia with some comments of his own and then found himself being quoted in various media around the country. A spot on the Channel 9 news followed as the local media scrambled to get the story. No answer yet as to whether Tillo will be heading to the Gabba to take in a Lions home match.

Roar Coach Miron Bleiberg also joined the debate as the football community fought back following Akermanis' claims that football would never take off in Australia. Perhaps Aker should spend less time writing about football and more time watching how the Socceroos have captivated the entire nation.

WELCOME BACK

A big welcome back to the popular Daniel Duke who answered another SOS call from Ken Swan to play in goal for Mt Gravatt after they lost another keeper due to injury. Duke hasn't been seen around Brisbane fields for some time after stints at Brisbane City and Brisbane

Strikers, before being seriously injured while working out in country Queensland.

GROUNDHOG DAY

Taringa Rovers combined Metro Cup team could be excused for wondering what was going on when they drew 3 separate Logan City teams in the first 3 rounds. For the record they defeated Logan City's Metro 4 side 7-1 before knocking out the Metro 1 team 3-1 and then for good measure eliminating the Metro 1 Reserves side 5-1. Relief was audible at Jack Speare Park when they drew Regents Park in the Quarter Finals.

CITY TOUGH DRAW

And on a similar note as above, Brisbane City have managed to draw a Premier League side in every round of the Premier Cup this season including the Qualifying Round. Brisbane Wolves, Eastern Suburbs and Souths United were followed by their drawing of Palm Beach in the Quarter Finals.

SEMI FINAL DATES

Winning sides from the Premier Cup Quarter Finals will qualify for the Semi Finals of the competition to be played on the weekend of 29/30 July, in conjunction with the Metro Cup Final. ☘

✝ Michael Salvador 1979 - 2006

On Sunday, the 18th of June, 2006, whilst playing for Brisbane Olympic FC against Brisbane Force FC at C.J Greenfield Reserve, Michael Salvador passed away, aged 27 years.

Michael was a terrific individual and a great character who gave us so much enjoyment both on and off the football field. He was a popular member of our club whose passion for football was infectious. His tragic loss will never be forgotten by our club. He was a kind, giving, and thoughtful person with a terrific heart. He openly supported all club events and gave freely of his time wherever possible to develop junior football at Olympic.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his brother Mathew, his friends Philippe, Jean and Flavian and to his parents and family in France.

On behalf of myself, our club's officials, players and supporters and indeed the whole of the Brisbane football fraternity, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people.

★ THE officials, staff, players and supporters of Brisbane Force Football Club for their efforts, support and generosity during this difficult time for our club. Your warm thoughts and good wishes will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Jess Nicholl of Brisbane Force and Jason

Egan of Brisbane Olympic.

★ JOE Fenech - Please accept our deepest thanks for all that you tried to do for Michael. You are a terrific ambassador for our game and your efforts are greatly appreciated by Michael's family and friends and by our club. You are a true gentleman of our sport.

★ THE entire Brisbane football fraternity for your generosity and kind words of support. This is greatly appreciated by Michael's family, his friends and our club.

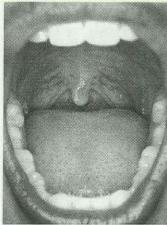
A special trust fund has been set up by the Greek Community to help Michael's family and all donations to this fund can be made by ringing the Greek Community Centre on 3844 3669.

This is a great tragedy for Brisbane football and Michael will be sadly missed by all members of our club.

Thank you Michael for your friendship and for all the fond memories.

Rest in peace.

Peter Ioannidis
President
Brisbane Olympic United Football and Sporting Club



a month of mouth with JOEL GOULD

The coaches have their say in their side's season so far

BRISBANE Strikers may be the slight favourites to win the 2006 Premier League title but the makeup of the top four looks certain to come down to the final few rounds in August.

Four out of the five leading teams of Strikers, Palm Beach, Pine Rivers, Taringa and Rochedale would be favoured to snare semi-final spots with Souths, Brisbane City and Wolves still in the hunt

Although at the time of writing Souths and Wolves were just off the pace, Rochedale coach Kieran Cooper did not discount either playing a major role in the run home.

"Souths certainly...Brisbane Wolves will play a big part but I doubt that they can win it.

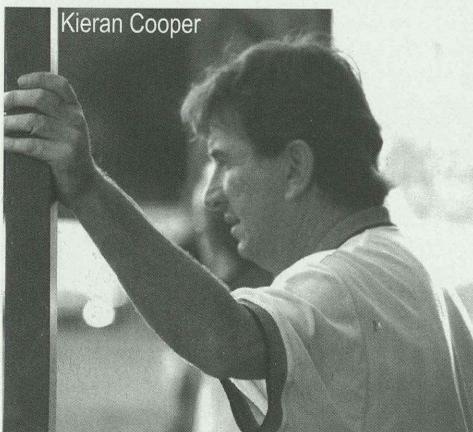
"All the top teams have got to play each other and will continue to take points off each other. Strikers are in the box seat. They have got a fairly good run home. The last three games on paper they should win, so it is going to be very difficult for the chasing sides."

The Rovers play an attractive style of football, one that often pays dividends.

"When we play football we are unbeatable," Cooper said. "We train to play one touch football and when we do that no-one can touch us."

Cooper conceded it was easier to do that against sides with a similar approach and said it would always be a challenge to go to venues like Souths, Taringa and Brisbane City and come away with the points.

"You've got to change your whole style to play against some of those teams. But I don't expect the opposition to change. We've got to learn to play in all conditions."



Kieran Cooper

Rovers focus on the team approach and don't highlight any one player although Cooper did mention the continued strong form of striker Greg Thomas.

"Greg is right up there again; He's probably one of the best players in the league."

The Rochedale Coach said there were areas where his side could improve as the season draws towards the business end.

"We have conceded far too many goals this season and I am probably lacking one out and out quality goal scorer, but I have a great bunch of boys and good depth in the squad. Goals do win matches though."

On how to beat the Strikers, Cooper said it was vital to take a positive approach.

"You've obviously got to play well, but you've also got to play your normal game. There is no point in sitting back because they have got five or six players who can finish you off. You've got to have a go at them."

While some teams have scored more goals than Brisbane Strikers it is the defence of the Bob Hamilton-coached side that has proved superior to the other title contenders in 2006.

Another team with an excellent defensive record this year has been Peter Tokesi's Souths United.

Tokesi leaves for Cairns in early July to start a Swimart pool franchise with his wife and the side will then be in the hands of assistant coach Graham Hayward.

"Graham is an astute coach and will do a good job," Tokesi said.

One of the reasons for Souths superb defensive record has been the form of Josh Evans, a player Tokesi rates highly.

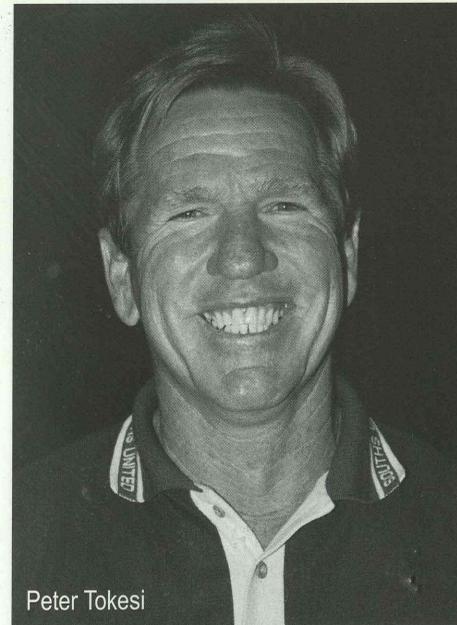
"Josh has been outstanding in defence. He brings a bit of speed to the backline and desperation in tackles."

Tokesi conceded one of Souths worries was a lack of goals, aside from the 8-nil thumping of Easts where former Roar striker Royce Brownlie slotted home four.

"We've got the players but we are struggling to score goals. We're creating chances but not putting them away, but we'll settle down when we get a consistent side on the park.

"I've had to change the squad every week due to injuries, suspensions and players moving. We'll still be working hard to make the top four and I believe that we have the players to do it."

Souths have a rising talent in goal with 17-year-old James Zammit showing plenty of maturity and ability when given the opportunity.



Peter Tokesi

Souths have struggled to play the kind of football Tokesi would like on their home ground which has not been in the best condition of late.

"We have struggled on our field. We like to play football where we can move the ball around and the boys can show off their skills," Tokesi said.

Genuine title contenders Taringa Rovers have one of the best goal scoring records in the competition and coach Allan Waller pointed to the strike force of Reza Aysen and Steven Unsworth as a major reason for that.

Talk to Waller and it becomes quite clear that he wouldn't swap them for anyone.

"As far as a combination goes they have to be very close to the best in the league. Between them they have around 12 goals."

The understanding between the pair has grown in recent weeks and will be a key to Taringa's success in the run home.

Waller said his defensive players had all made valuable contributions. He also has the luxury of two quality goalkeepers in Boyd Kildey and Ryan Pearse. The pair have pushed each other and that has lifted the standard.

"I can count on both of them. It doesn't matter which one I put in there because they will both do the job."

Another player to lift for Waller in recent months is former Papua New Guinea under 19 captain Alex Davani.

"Alex has been with me for four years and always promised a lot. This year he has really picked up and is performing extremely well," Waller said.

Taringa will need to win all their remaining matches to be certain of winning the title and Waller said he was looking for his side to have more of a killer instinct against the

sides placed below them on the ladder. Lifting for the big teams has not proved a problem for the Taringa boys this season. The task ahead is a great one but Waller said his side was up for it.

"We've got to be mentally tougher and prepared to work hard. I've spoken about it to the players and we believe that we can win it. We are as good a chance as the other teams but we are going to have to play well."

The clash with Pine Rivers on July 8 at Taringa loomed as a crunch match. Waller conceded the Predators had been hard to overcome in the past.

"We are always competitive, but at the end of the day they get the goals and we don't," Waller said.

"They are never easy games, and we certainly have never been flogged. They have got a young side like us and Clayton (Koch) is fairly shrewd with his placement of players."

Pine Rivers coach Clayton Koch said games such as the Predators v Rovers fixture would go a long way to deciding the top four and the title.

"They are going to be six point games," Koch said.

"It is always hard to get the points at Taringa. It is a ground where we don't play very well but we don't lose there much either. Allan Waller is quite an astute coach and makes a lot of effort to know who he is up against. His assistant Russell Sommerville was my assistant for three years at Pine Rivers and was the same. They both do their homework well."

Koch said he expected the matches between the top eight sides to be as tight and intense as ever.

"Most of these games are going to be extremely close and could go either way.

"It will often come down to which teams take their chances."

As at the time of writing **Division 1** was shaping as a five team race for the title with a number of variables thrown in. Ipswich Knights, Olympic, Peninsula, Beenleigh and University of Queensland looked likely candidates.

Mid-table clubs Logan City and Albany Creek were within striking distance of the top four with nine rounds remaining, although both would need a string of wins to dislodge the leading teams

Creek have enjoyed a much more successful year than was the case in 2005 when they were constantly looking over their shoulders at possible relegation.

Assistant coach Michael Hornby says opposition teams have learned the hard way to treat the young but always improving Albany Creek club with respect.

"I think a lot of the teams are surprised by Albany Creek. We find that after games they comment that we are one of the better sides that they have played. In recent years they probably saw Albany Creek as a side that struggled down the bottom of the ladder but we have earned their respect.

"We are not just putting long balls forward either. The team is trying to play attractive football by keeping the ball moving."

Hornby said the side started the year with the aim of finishing mid-table, but now that they are in that position

the players perhaps rue some missed opportunities. Hornby reckoned up to 10 competition points might have gone begging through inexperience and a lack of the killer punch.

"When opposition sides push forward we need to control the tempo better, but even the top teams know that they will be in for a tough contest when they play us."

Meanwhile Logan City FC is well on the way to achieving the goals that the new Division 1 club set at the start of the year.

The club is a joint venture of the Logan City Kings and Bethania Rams and is coached by Joe Morris. Morris was player/coach at Bethania in 2005 when the Rams won promotion from Division 2.

Morris said Logan City had made a superb fist of the season so far.

"It is always difficult when you get promoted but I am very happy with the way the club is going," said Morris.

"We got off to a very good start to the year which probably raised other people's expectations but our goal was always to finish mid-table. Mine is for us to finish sixth and we are on track."

Morris has done well to meld his players into a team to be reckoned with.

"We lost three of our best players from last year and replaced them with three or four other good players, but it is virtually the same squad as last year."

Morris has brought the best out of his young players with outstanding defender Jordan Foote a good example.

"Jordan is just turning 18 and played most of last season in reserves. This year he has played every game in the top side and has been our best defender by far. He is having a super season and must be close to our player of the year."

"What we have done well this season is to accept our limitations and adapt to what needs to be done. When we go to Peninsula we accept that we have to play a more defensive style and get more players behind the ball and try and get them on the break.

"Against other sides we can open up and play a more attacking style. I have a good group of lads who listen and are prepared to adapt."

The race for the **Division 2** title looms as a battle between North Pine, Southside Eagles, Pine Hills and Slacks Creek over the coming two months.

North Pine Gorillas coach Trevor Rohdmann conceded it was now a "four horse race with Newmarket just dropping off a bit."

The carrot of promotion to Division 1 has excited everyone at the North Pine club.

"It is important for us in order to retain our junior players. We want to give them something to aspire to. We've worked hard this year and we've brought in some good

"What we have done well this season is to accept our limitations and adapt to what needs to be done" JOE MORRIS

players and we've got Jason Parkes as our football manager. That (promotion) was what we were aiming for at the start and we are still aiming for that.

"We meet Southside Eagles, Slacks Creek and Pine Hills in the second half of the round and they are obviously going to be big games. We are away to Pine Hills but the other two we are at home. What we need is for teams like Newmarket, Grange and The Gap to not lose touch and lose heart because if they are still working hard then there will be more hard games right the way through."

Before the round 14 clash with Grange Thistle the Gorillas had won six in a row.

"We are just taking it one at a time. You put three or four wins together and you move up pretty quick," Rohdmann said.

Rohdmann has plenty of talent at his disposal and there have been several players who have lifted an extra cog.

"There are players who we brought in like Michael Brockwell and Steve Melville who attracted other players. But our home grown players, like Nathan Goldstiver in goal, have really come up to the mark this year. They have been really outstanding.

"And a young guy like Kyle Le Pla, who can play at the back or in the midfield, has been really solid. Mark Wheeler is another who has done well.

"When you go through the team we have something like eight guys with Premier League experience. This year has been a good team performance. We have had a squad of 16 to 18 players and that includes Shane Coffey, Darren Bender and Jeff Mulder who have scored eight or nine goals between them."

In **Metro 1** it's Bayside who have the lead but Kangaroo Point Rovers and Souths Utd are hot on their heels, followed by a chasing pack of four more sides who could well have a say in the make up of the final table.

Park Ridge have the lead in **Metro 2** and it looks as though only the Brisbane Strikers will catch the league leaders if they falter. Ridge's 57 goals after 13 games gives more than a clue as to why they are heading the division. Gloom though for Redcliffe PCYC who have only managed a single point so far.

Metro 3 has to be the tightest of them all at this stage with no less than seven clubs more than capable of taking out the title. It's way too early to call this one, particularly as Mooroondu have the most potent attack and The Gap the most miserly defence. It's set to be a tense last day for this league.

Slacks Creek are threatening to run away with **Metro 4** with little resistance being shown from the teams below them, other than Olympic. Consistent form for the next few rounds should secure the title for creek.

In **Metro 5** Narangba and Mt Gravatt are slugging it out and have opened up some breathing space between themselves and the sides below them. These two look sure to occupy the top two spots with only finals places left for the remainder.

North Pine look certainties to take out **Metro 6** and are still undefeated after 12 rounds. It's been a fine season all round for Pine and the club looks to have guaranteed at least some silverware this year. ☺



Opinion

with kieran cooper

WITH the World Cup in full swing and the resulting lack of sleep, I was finding it hard to make sense of anything else that is happening in the world.

So they painted Wally's statue; big deal! If that's the best they can do to promote their code then they are a sorry sight. In my opinion it should have been painted Green and Gold with Tim Cahill's name underneath. Anyhow, back to the subject at hand.

We have been hearing much talk about the 'new league' format here in Queensland. Like everybody else I only hear bits and pieces so I am certainly no expert. I have also been asked about the State Cup and whether it is working. Another question was 'how to bridge the gap between the local comp and the A-League'? Well, looking at all of the above, I think we can find an opinion piece somewhere and maybe even link one to the other.

Let's start with the State Cup. Last year, my club was lucky enough to earn an invitation into this tournament. I can tell you honestly that the club, the players, the coaches and the officials of Rochedale Rovers were very excited about this. You see, it is a long time since we had the old Queensland Cup. In those days players were wishing they drew a regional team in order to; a) get a trip, & b) a chance to play on a new pitch, in a new environment, against new opposition.

It's hard to explain properly to people who have never been involved, but playing these games in the country areas gives everybody associated with the club a greater sense of professionalism. Travelling by coach or plane, staying in a hotel, dressed for the occasion, TV, radio, etc, etc, it gives everybody a lift. The people in the regions also look forward to the Brisbane team's

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Wally - is that you under there mate?

visit. It's the biggest game they will play all year.

The set-ups in these areas are terrific, the promotion is excellent and they really go out of their way to make you welcome. It also helps that it is a summer comp and very little else happens in these regions over summer. They play on excellent pitches and get good support.

The only downside I can see is the fact that it is at the end of our season. This means that you may not have a full strength squad to select from. Players have booked holidays, some get married, and others need a rest. So if you look at the present situation this is what I can see is happening. The regional areas have a team of rep players. These players are chomping at the bit for selection and they probably train two or three times per week to prepare. The Brisbane teams are scratching for players. They may train one night per week, but really it's just some end of season games in a different environment.

Don't get me wrong, the players want to win, but they may not be as motivated as the country teams. The way it stands, players look forward to the off season. Our Senior Rep program has died in Brisbane. We need to get it back and this is one way of turning it around, but it means players and clubs must be honoured by a selection rather than treating it as a pain in the backside. We must stop players simply not wanting to play. This should be another stepping stone for them, and as I said, they should be honoured to be selected.

This brings me to the talk of the new league in Brisbane. Word is that some regions will be invited. Gold Coast, Sunny Coast, Toowoomba, maybe even NNSW, I don't know for sure. I am all for change if it is for the betterment of the game, but I really need more info on this one. Will Brisbane clubs be selected on geographical location? Will we have a set criteria that clubs need to follow? Will pitches be in A1 condition? Will it be summer or winter? Will it, will it, will it?

I would love to make comment, but until I get more details I will hold off. I will however say this. If clubs are going to be serious, then they really need to make sure the smallest details are in order. This competition has to be better and more professional than what we have already. If it is simply another comp, then really what's the point?

Last but not least; how do we bridge the gap between the local comp and the A-League? This is a difficult one as the A-League is a professional set-up with professional players. We on the other hand are amateurs in comparison. I am sure many players in the local comp could make it in the A-League given the full time training and given the opportunity; however, it is not always the way it works. Success in the top two topics alone will help. This is provided that the top league in Brisbane or the State at our level is played in conjunction with the A-League. I have said it many, many times before. If the top league in Brisbane was played in summer, you would have mild evenings, good

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pitches, and little opposition from other sports. It is also important that the players selected in this league are not playing 12 months of the year.

Of course the benefits for this are easy to see. The local game will piggy-back the A-League therefore supporters may be more inclined to watch. Maybe some curtain raisers, maybe a chance for local players to stick in the mind of the A-League coach. Maybe even a chance for some A-League fringe players to be loaned out to local clubs to keep match fitness up. I don't know the A-League rules on this and perhaps that could be a problem. But really, to bridge the gap the league must be of better quality than the one we have already. Players playing against better opposition will only improve them. At present, the gap is huge.

The important thing for me is to make sure we all get it right. All bodies should sit down and work out what is really best for the game. Once again we have a great opportunity.

Will we get it right this time? ☺

The BMF Chairman takes a trip down memory lane



mikebailey

IT'S THAT time again! Can it be here already? Yes, ExtraTime time is once again upon me and I have to think of something to write. It's not that I have nothing to say but in looking back over my past musings this year, most seem to be about the politics of the game rather than the game itself.

Don't get me wrong, the politics are important, but sometimes it's easy to forget why one becomes a football administrator in the first place. You do it because you think you can make a difference. You believe you can add a little to what is already there and make it easier for more people to play and to appreciate this wonderful game of ours. And yes, ego is involved and it's great to be one of the decision makers, I accept that.

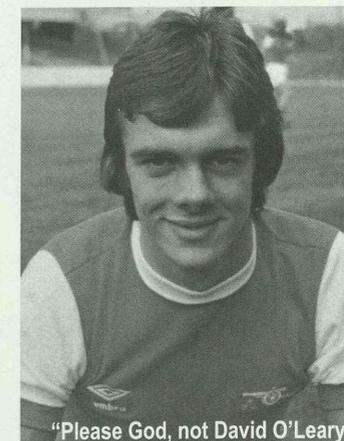
For most of us though it's an opportunity to give something back. To pay back Football for all those wonderful moments when time stood still and we believed nothing could be sweeter or those dark nights of the soul when living seemed to lose all meaning!

And what moments! Hiding behind a couch in London in 1990 praying, "Please God not David O'Leary", as he stepped forward to take the penalty that would put Ireland into the World Cup Quarter Finals. Or the utter despair as Australia lost a two goal lead in the 1998 qualifiers and my trip to the finals in France evaporated into the balmy Melbourne night air. No Ireland, no Australia, what was the point?

The Strikers winning that grand final 2-0 before 40,000 people at Lang Park. Then The Resurrection - in 2005 when The Roar returned football to its rightful place in the nations best football stadium (it's ok, I'm a Catholic, I'm allowed to say that).

That night in Sydney last November and that great 3-1 win against Japan - I know Brazil awaits but who cares who wins? We are there. In the World Cup Finals playing the World Champions (actually I care who wins). I could go on and on about many other priceless memories, but

I think of the Oxley top side of 2005, outclassed in Div 2, and I remember the pride I had in them for turning out week after week and trying their hearts out



"Please God, not David O'Leary"

if I do Favaer will edit them out, so I will stop here.

There are also the great personal memories of games played, of games won and of games lost. Times at the end of a game when you know you had

given your all and there was nothing left to give. Every footballer knows that feeling and the immense self satisfaction you experience at that moment. I think of the Oxley top side of 2005, outclassed in Div 2, and I remember the pride I had in them for turning out week after week and trying their hearts out. I remember playing against Brisbane Force Reserves and getting hammered 8-0 yet I enjoyed that game more than any other for the spirit in which it was played and for the respect shown us by the Force players who could so easily have 'taken the mick'.

To me that was the real beauty of our game. And my eternal gratitude to the Samford Reserves defence who so kindly allowed me to score in the declining twilight of my playing days.

I think of the joy of watching my children play each week. Of watching my son referee his first game; black sheep or prodigal son? Still not sure yet! I think of all the wonderful people I have met through football and the hard work and selfless dedication they have given to the game. I also think of the weird and the whacky and the odd right bast.....s. But you all know what I mean. You have your own moments and memories.

I have really enjoyed writing this article because as I typed so many great memories kept coming back and the best part is in knowing so many are still to come. So Mr Warren, please have a word to the Good Lord for me.

See you at a game. ☺

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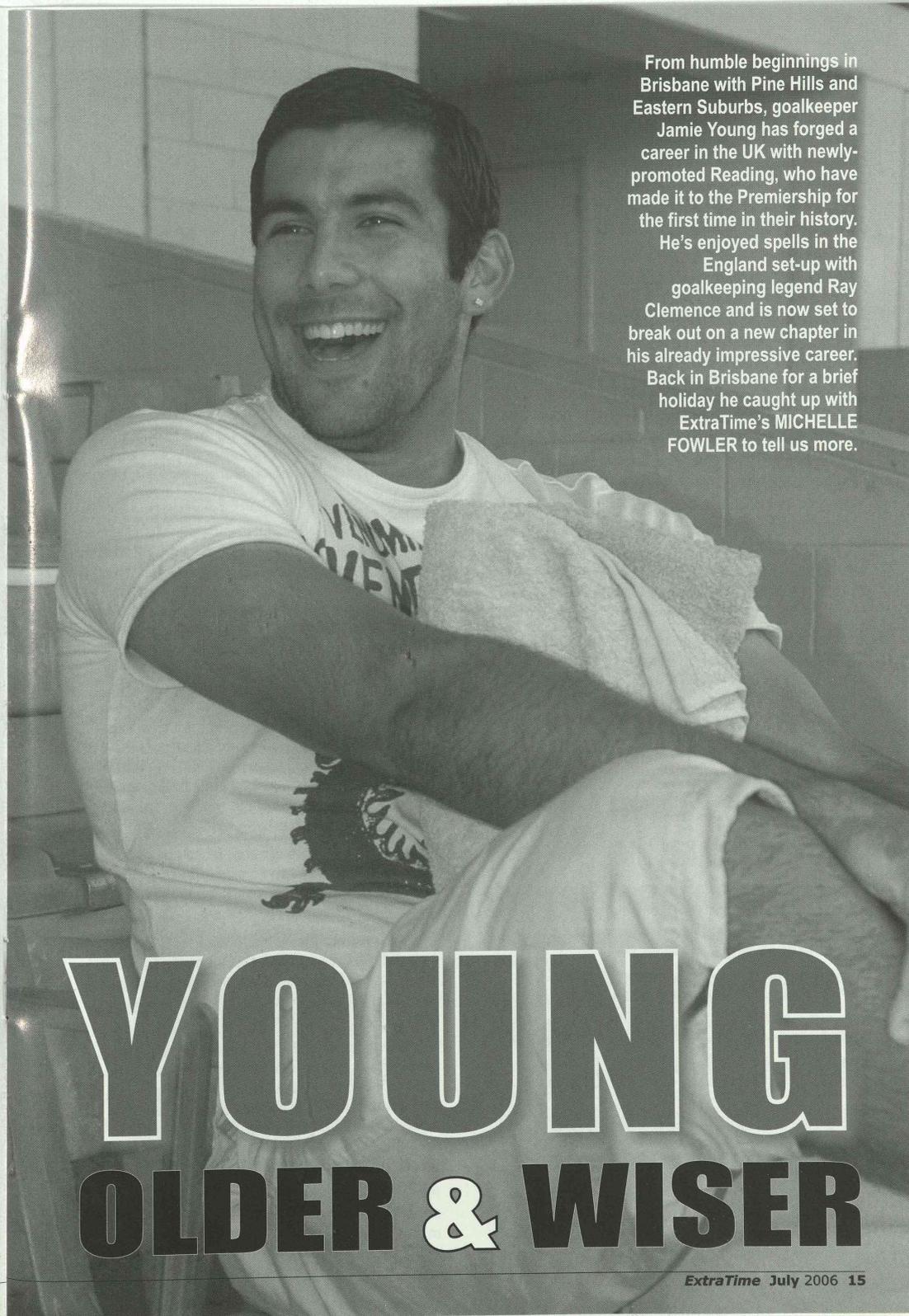
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From humble beginnings in Brisbane with Pine Hills and Eastern Suburbs, goalkeeper Jamie Young has forged a career in the UK with newly-promoted Reading, who have made it to the Premiership for the first time in their history.

He's enjoyed spells in the England set-up with goalkeeping legend Ray Clemence and is now set to break out on a new chapter in his already impressive career.

Back in Brisbane for a brief holiday he caught up with ExtraTime's MICHELLE FOWLER to tell us more.

YOUNG OLDER & WISER

TIM Cahill, Mark Viduka and Harry Kewell - together they can enjoy the ecstasy of scoring goals in their green and gold jerseys and then throwing themselves on each other when they do make that magic strike.

Cut to the other end of the park and a lone figure dressed in bleak grey jumps alone, still cautious of leaving his goal. In any team the world over, there may be more than five strikers signed to their ranks and playing regular first-team football. Yet there can be only one goalkeeper to a team who really claims their title at a club.

Difficult to break into, less money and a delayed career peak and it may make you wonder why anyone would choose to be a goalkeeper. What drives a young football player to aspire to owning golden gloves over golden boots? For Jamie Young it was all very simple.

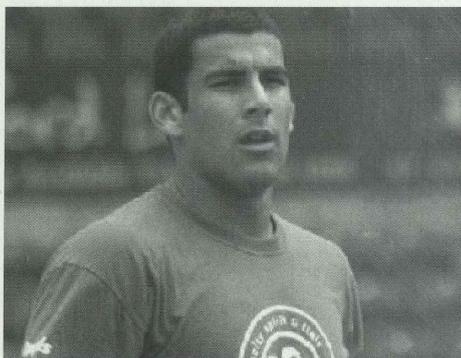
"My dad bought me some goalkeeping gear and I thought, 'If I don't use this he's going to kick my arse,' the 20-year-old shot stopper laughs.

"I'm a bit bulkier than most people so I don't think I'd be able to get as fit as some of the outfield players; you really have to be an athlete these days," he continues now more serious.

"Deciding to become a goalkeeper was probably a result of the combination of sports I had done in the past, sports that involved a lot of hand-eye coordination. It just sort of happened that I liked being a goalkeeper more than any other position."

But what about the lure of instant stardom and

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amazing sponsorship that come with being an outfield player?

"If I knew what I know now I'd love to be a striker; you get more money, peak earlier in your career and the rewards are handed straight to you," Young says.

"I probably wouldn't be any good though," he adds grinning.

Luckily for Young, it appears the young goalkeeper has chosen the right path. Signing up to play for Pine Hills then Eastern Suburbs in the local Brisbane competition as a youngster, it wasn't long before the Queensland Academy of Sport recognised his talent and he was asked to join their ranks.

"I started playing football in Brisbane back in what feels like a millennium ago," explains Young.

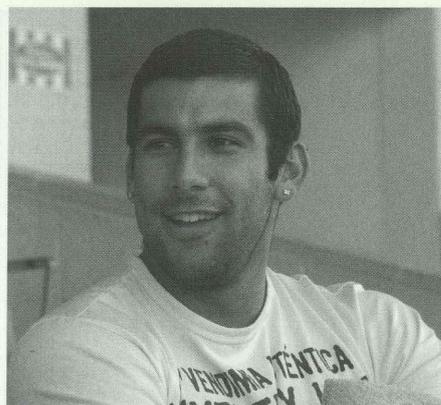
"I was doing that for a while and I got to the age where I could play for the Queensland Academy of Sport and represent Queensland. I stayed with them for about six months and then got a trial at an English club called Reading who I'd never heard of at the time."

Young went to trial at the club he had never heard of and has spent the last five years of his life there - just enough to time see them promoted to the highly respected English Premier League.

"We've just been promoted to the Premiership so the club definitely has an extreme amount of potential - just being in the Premiership is an achievement in itself, it's that hard to get there," he says, clearly proud of the club that he called home for five years.

"It's a wonderful club," he continues. "Not many people from Australia have heard of it and I certainly hadn't, but when I went there it was unbelievable. The training facilities are just amazing and the stadium is just like Suncorp. The whole culture of football in England is just on a completely different level to here."

Playing in such a renowned competition, Young has the opportunity to watch and learn from some of the most famous faces in the world, but explains that he



tends to admire coaches more than fellow goalkeepers.

"I generally tend to look up to coaches more so than players, but if I do take things from another goalkeeper's game, I will be watching players who are my height especially ones who play in the English Premier League. Everyone there is 6'4 and above and I'm only 6 foot, so for a player to be at that level they have to be phenomenal in their own right. I've got a lot of respect for players my height,

and the style of game they play is very impressive to me also."

After recently completing his contract with Reading, Young has returned to his home country to soak up some sun before heading back to England.

"Playing at Reading was such a good learning curve and I have so many friends at the club now, I will go back and see people, definitely. I learnt such a massive amount, not just in terms of playing football but a lot about the political side too. I've left Reading now and I'm looking at a few options but in the meantime I'm enjoying a holiday here. I definitely want to go back to Europe, I know I can do it now and I want to play there for many years to come."

In the meantime, Young is enjoying the luxury of training with Hyundai A-League team Queensland Roar.

"I was lucky enough that my Dad knew a few people at the club who helped me to organise time to train with them," he explains.

"It's been really good because when I train it's like business to me - it's my job. So it's good to train with other people who have the same work ethic and some of the players here are very good and will keep me in good stead for the next European season." ☺

PREMIER CUP ROUND UP

QUALIFYING ROUND

Albany Creek	2	v	3	Beenleigh
Brisbane City	4	v	3	Brisbane Wolves
Taringa Rovers	8	v	0	Logan City

ROUND 1

Ipswich City	0	v	2	Acacia Ridge
Toowoomba	0	v	4	Brisbane Strikers
Taringa Rovers	2	v	1	Mt Gravatt
Slacks Creek	0	v	7	Rochedale Rovers
Brisbane City	4	v	0	Eastern Suburbs
Moggill	0	v	7	Palm Beach
Peninsula Power	4	v	0	Pine Hills
Western Spirit	0	v	1	Capalaba
The Gap	4	v	2	Grange Thistle
Samford Rangers	2	v	3	North Pine
Beenleigh	0	v	1	Annerley
Souths United	3	v	0	Pine Rivers
Ipswich Knights	0	v	1	Brisbane Olympic
Mitchelton	3	v	2	Rocklea United
University Qld	2	v	0	Redlands United
Brisbane Force	6	v	1	Newmarket

ROUND 2

University of Qld	0	v	5	North Pine
Acacia Ridge	2	v	1	Capalaba
Annerley	0	v	4	Brisbane Strikers
Souths United	0	v	0	Brisbane City
<i>(City won 5-4 on penalties)</i>				
Peninsula Power	2	v	1	Taringa Rovers
Rochedale Rovers	5	v	2	Brisbane Olympic
Palm Beach	8	v	0	The Gap
Brisbane Force	2	v	3	Mitchelton

QUARTER FINAL DRAW

Brisbane Strikers	v	Peninsula Power
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Brisbane City	v	Palm Beach
<i>Wed 19/7, 7.30 pm, Spencer Park, Newmarket</i>		
North Pine	v	Acacia Ridge
<i>Tues 11/7, 7.30pm, Bob Brock Park, North Pine</i>		

the full MONTY

"Woke up, got out of bed, dragged a comb across my head. Found my way downstairs and drank a cup, and looking up I noticed I was late"

Yep, the World Cup has arrived and the suffering has started to crank up big time. Outside consuming above norm levels of caffeine (yeah I know, and the other colder liquids!) I re-enacted Lennon/McCartney's lines from 'A Day In The Life' on Tuesday morning following the Queens Birthday weekend and an absolute marathon of 'square boxing'.

Just about to pick up my keys after having a fairly futile attempt to wake up via the shower and a modest breakfast, when I thought maybe the after shave will work .. splash splash ... I don't believe it - I had forgotten one crucial ingredient ...the shave!

The efforts of the Soccerroos against Japan has seen a media frenzy and all sports followers are contributing to the tremendous level of enthusiasm, something never witnessed before in the land of 'Sheila's, Wogs and Poofers'

But we start to see a number of cracks as the other codes writhe under the unrivalled attention that has focused on the beautiful game. 'Akers' implosion was brilliant and only helped fuel what an impact the Soccerroos and the World Cup are having on the 'non-believers'. While everyone loves a winner, this level of frenzy may well be dissipated if the green and gold and England are eliminated.

I understand that there are plenty of passionate Italians, Dutch, Germans, South Americans, etc, who will carry the torch, but for absolute numbers it is the Soccerroos first and England second that keep attracting the glut of support. Just look at the crowd in the Pig & Whistle the night England opened its account against Paraguay and you will understand my perspective.

While I am a sports 'nut' and can enjoy watching a good game of all codes (excluding Basketball - who said 'points maketh the game!'), the introduction of the A-League followed by the World Cup has set us on a platform that is unheralded and I am confident that the coming A-League season will reinforce the current wave of success (NZ still concern me as an entity and they will be under tremendous pressure to win games as

Beatlemania, Footballitis, media frenzy
& five o'clock shadows.

Monty went through it all last month

Aucklanders will simply not support an unsuccessful Kiwi side).

So how is the local game going with all this positive atmosphere? I could play diplomat and say 'going as well as ever; great young talent coming through,' etc, etc but I can't! True there is some great young talent coming through the ranks, but the structure of the game at the local level (Premier League) is woeful at best. I understand that there is a 'team' being put together to look at a restructure, while we have been down this road before, I believe this may be a most positive move for the local game and can only hope that the team (whose undoubted love and passion for the game along with common sense and business skill should be high on their CV) get it right and we see a breath of fresh air on the local scene for 2007.

Most people know my thoughts and they are simply to structure a two tier competition (First team and U/19's with latter having ability to play 'a number' of overage players) and keep the numbers to a maximum of ten or twelve clubs (but NOT the existing 12). The bottom two sides this year should be relegated and two new teams from Gold Coast and NNSW (Lismore) come in as their replacements. I could go on but I won't and who is too say that I am right anyway!

All I do know is that the format that has been in place for a long time does not work and changes need to be made. Let's hope the 'team' is able to make the hard decisions, whatever they may be, to see a better local product.

Still on the local scene, I went to a double header Premier Cup game and was frustrated on the 'lack of' at the game; no program, no ground announcements regarding the teams, no half time entertainment (with the World Cup how hard to organize a mini World Cup involving local juniors?), no ball boys/girls, etc, etc.

I don't expect any more or less than a club at least showing a level of effort - not too hard really.

One bouquet that I must pass on was while watching Girls U/16 game at Ipswich City recently the locals got defeated quite heavily, at the end of the game they still all came together in their huddle and shouted (sang!) their club song as if they had just won the Grand Final. Well done Ipswich City U/16 Div 2. Moments like that are special to all us socc.. sorry, football nuts! ☺

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OVER THE PHONE WITH... JAMIE LOWNDES

CLUB: Brisbane Strikers
POSITION: Midfielder

He knows the colour of his side's strip now but will he be able to remember it on Melbourne Cup day? Probably not!

MICHELLE FOWLER talks to the Striker's midfield lynchpin

Name: Jamie Lowndes

Born: 5/1/1980

Age: 26

Current Club: Brisbane Strikers

Previous clubs: Queensland Lions and Taringa Rovers

Position: Midfielder

Strengths? Aggression to win the ball

Weaknesses? Pace

Hobbies? Motorbike riding and surfing

Career highlight? Getting selected for the Welsh Under-19 squad

Career lowlight? Injuries

Best player played with? Emile Heskey

Toughest opponent? Tony Cottee

Biggest joker in your side? Chris Day

One to watch out for in your team this season? Michael Butters

If you could change one rule in football what would it be? Tackling from behind rule

If you could change one thing in Brisbane football what would it be? That's a tough one, I don't know

Best advice you've ever been given? If you can't pass you can't play

Most embarrassing moment? None

Describe your club in one sentence? Yellow, blue and on top of the league

Did you model your game on anyone? No

Ambitions for the season? To win everything

How will Australia do in the World Cup Finals? They might get to the second round

Who will win the World Cup? Brazil

Any superstitions? No

Any pets? I have two dogs - Rusty and Jarrah

What do you think of the A-League? Rubbish (laughs)

Have you ever been on TV? No



pic courtesy of BSSA

What about radio? Yes, they do a sports section on Triple Z and I was on that

Musical taste? Very broad, I like a bit of everything really

Pre-match munchies? A Mars Bar is always good

Any ambitions to coach once you finish playing? Yes

What's your favourite saying? Get ripped up for the Melbourne Cup

What's your coach's favourite saying? Probably can't put that in a magazine

Funniest thing you have seen on the football field? When I was playing here, somebody took their shirt off to celebrate a goal and because it was his second yellow he got sent off

Best hangover cure? Hair of the dog

How much is 2 litres of milk? \$2.30

What about a loaf of bread? Too much - \$3.00 I think

Who in your squad would you not like to meet down a dark alley? Adam Webber

When did you last get drunk? Last night

When did you last break the law? Never

Who's the loudest player in the dressing room? Chris Day and Craig Slaughter

It's the FA Cup Final... it's 0-0 in the last minute.... You're clean through on goal and have a 50% chance of scoring. A team-mate is in a slightly better position and has roughly a 75% chance of scoring. Do you pass to him or shoot yourself? I'd pass

Chicken, why not go for glory? Because I set him up - I'm a team player. I can't shoot properly really, that's why

What would it take for you to sell your soul to the devil? A lifetime of happiness ☺

METRO CUP ROUND UP

Round 3 of the Metro Cup saw three teams from outside Metro 1 progressing to the Quarter-Finals. Park Ridge Metro 2 toppled last year's winners Acacia Ridge Metro 1, scoring after 2 minutes and holding on to that lead for the remainder of the game. Brisbane Strikers from Metro 2 upset Metro 1 team University of Queensland coming back from a goal down, while in the battle of Metro 3 teams, Eastern Suburbs snuck home over The Gap.

The all Metro 1 match-ups saw Old Bridge defeat Clairvaux in a high scoring affair, while Bayside United beat Oxley United by the only goal of the game. Taringa Rovers Metro 1 survived an early scare from Logan City Metro 1 Reserves, who scored first, to run out comfortable winners, as did Regents Park Metro 1 who eased past Westside Sports from Metro 3. The remaining game was awarded to Wilston Athletic Metro 1 on a forfeit from Pine Rivers Metro 2.

The Quarter-Final draw sees the top of the table teams in Metro 1 & 2, Bayside United and Park Ridge, up against each other. This will be another stern test for the boys from Park Ridge. The only all Metro 1 clash sees Taringa Rovers take on Regents Park. Regents will be looking for revenge after being on the wrong end of a 4-0 scoreline when they met in the league in Round 12.

The Metro 3 flag bearers, Eastern Suburbs, have drawn Metro 1 team Old Bridge. With home ground advantage, they will be entertaining thoughts of an upset here.

Another team who will feel they have a real chance is Brisbane Strikers who are currently running second in Metro 2. They are at home to Wilston Athletic from Metro 1 who will need to be on their game in this encounter.

Round 3 Results

Old Bridge M1	6 v 3	Clairvaux M1
Regents Park M1	6 v 0	Westside Sports M3
Taringa Rovers M1	5 v 1	Logan City M1R
Pine Rivers M2	v	ForWilston Athletic M1
Eastern Suburbs M3	3 v 2	The Gap M3
Acacia Ridge M1	0 v 1	Park Ridge M2
Uni of Qld M1	1 v 3	Brisbane Strikers M2
Bayside Utd M1	1 v 0	Oxley Utd M1

Quarter-Finals draw

Wed 28/06 7.30pm, Don Randall Oval, Lota
Bayside Utd M1 v Park Ridge M2

Wed 28/06 7.30pm, Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly
Taringa Rovers M1 v Regents Park M1

Tue 27/06 7.30pm, Heath Park, East Brisbane
Eastern Suburbs M3 v Old Bridge M1

Tue 20/06 7.00pm, Perry Park, Bowen Hills
Brisbane Strikers M2 v Wilston Athletic M1

The Semi-Finals are set down for mid-week in the week ending 14 July with the Final to be played on 29 or 30 July.



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SHARON JACKSON gives a run-down of daily events in Germany. Lucky bugger!

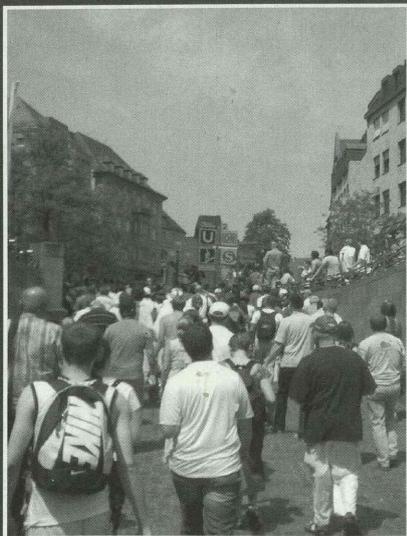
Just Do It!

THIS is it. Twelve months annual leave, thousands of dollars, endless dreaming and we are finally here at the World Cup. To those that question the value of such a trip, my answer is "Go" don't question, it just goes. Here is some qualified support for that view in a snapshot of 'a letter from Germany 2006'.

Monday 12th June

We are here at last, at the World Cup. It's overwhelming and I can't take it in. We are in a small town in Central Germany known as Fulda. It is an engaging mix of medieval building splendour and 21st Century technology. Set in a picture postcard valley, the town is encircled by soaring spires and domes of lead-roofed churches creating a cauldron like effect on the narrow cobbled streets. All date from long before Captain Cook set sail and the local council (known, very aptly, as the rathaus) have put up a big screen in the town square decorated with multi coloured lights, flags of the competing teams, tents selling beers and bratwursts, souvenirs and ice creams.

People are milling about with all sorts of team colours on their clothes and faces and we drink this all in greedily. Having been travelling for 30 hours, we decide to stay here and mingle rather than drive another 2 hours to Kaiserslautern for the first Australia match against Japan. Kicking off, a few Japanese supporters come up and shake hands but we soon work out that we are in a minority of two. 84 minutes in and we have become a silent minority thinking the witch-doctor curse is still with the Socceroos. The



The masses make their way to the game. Wishing you had gone? You're not the only one!

Japanese keeper is having the game of his life until suddenly, the witch-doctor deserts him. He stuffs up and Tim Cahill nips in and puts hope in our hearts. People turn and stare at the sudden commotion coming from the beer tent on the left of the square. Five incredible minutes later, Josh Kennedy's inclusion has turned the game and we are suddenly the people to talk to and celebrate with. A Japanese fan is nearly unconsolable and we can't let him walk away like this so buy him eine steiner bier which he accepts stoically.

Highlight of the day: John Aloisi's face after he scores. Lowlight: Doh! Why didn't we go to Kaiserslautern? The German compere of the big screen steps out on the stage as we're watching the Socceroos supporters go

off and turns the channel to a promotion they are doing for American football. Remind me to ask my mate about some choice German swear words as he clearly doesn't understand 'ignorant bastard'.

Tuesday 13th June:

After celebrations last night, we are very weary and jet lag has caught up with us. The weather is glorious and I walk up on a local mountain as the rest of the crew are sleeping. There have been a few upsets which is a great part of our World Cup tipping comp and I'm looking at the chances of Ecuador, Poland and Sweden.

Perhaps, I'm thinking I'll have a small wager on Argentina. There aren't any TAB's to be found. Odd this. Fulda is a sort of birthplace of Catholicism in Germany with the local St Bonifacious (we can't pronounce it so he instantly becomes St Boneyface) to be found at each church door. There

is also an alarming amount of large stone crucifixes staring down at you on many a street corner. Then, on the opposite corner, there are fully stocked and unvandalised cigarette vending machines and I can't help but feel that it's the accusing face of the statues that would lead me to take up the smokes.

Having a lazy day, we watch the Togo v South Korea game on a big screen with a local who makes us feel at home. A bit later we're basking in the late evening sunshine unbeknownst to us Brisbanites, at a local brewery. We're eating schnitzel and drinking the local brew with kids, dogs and fans singing traditional German drinking songs as the France/Switzerland game drags to a close. Worst game of the tournament so far, I'm thinking. Brazil & Croatia pick up the pace and have us enthralled.

You just can't give the Brazilians an inch of space can you? The look on the Croatian defender's face says it all after Kaka slots the goal neatly away. Highlight of the day: the South Korean fans. Their colours, face paint and drums are an inspiration. Lowlight: the South Korean strip. What is it with men and pink at the moment? Sexist it may be but I like my men to look like men, not like oversized luminous sticks of lipstick they're flogging off in Myers.

Wednesday 14th June - Frankfurt

As we pull away from the train station, we meet four German lads who open up a large bucket that turns out to be an esky with appropriate supplies of beer and ice. The ticketmaster turns up, clicks all of our tickets and says good luck, leaving me open mouthed. I can't imagine sitting smoking and drinking in a carriage on the way to the Sunshine Coast for example.

They share their beer laughing at us. In Frankfurt we go to the river for the big screen viewing where you view the game from either side of the river on temporary terraces. Trying to focus on the game is hard with the colours of the football world parading beneath you with their many antics. Back home in Fulda, we're watching the Germany game with mein hosts and a big party of locals .Deustchland, Deutschland, Deutschland. Ya, Ya, Ya, it's the highlight of the day. Lowlight: the boys we met this morning bought their tickets for thirty Euros!!

The Japanese keeper is having the game of his life until suddenly, the witch-doctor deserts him. He stuffs up and Tim Cahill nips in and puts hope in our hearts

Thursday 15th June - Nuremberg

It's thrilling and your hair stands on end as the spectacle that is the Trinidad & Tobago fans parade a Caribbean carnivale through the main square at Nuremberg. Half of England is here in an overwhelming display of patriotic support singing their hearts out as their heroes make hard work of a Trinidad team playing out of their skins. The noise is awesome and you want each side to win because of the support they have generated. An inspirational atmosphere that you can't imagine until you've experienced it.

Highlight of the day: I'm torn between the atmosphere on the bus full of English and German supporters coming back to the city trying to out sing each other, or meeting Ugo Ehiogu of Middlesbrough, who looks after his fans with pleasure and humility. Lowlight: An over zealous pat me down from a security guard on the gate!

To me, this festival of football is more than just the goals scored or saved and of hopes dashed and realised. Known as the beautiful game, the reason is just as obvious off the pitch. The world is here. Underneath the colours on their faces, their beauty shines from within. Your memories of the global neighbours sharing your holiday will remain with you long after your bill is settled.

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WOLVES at the DOOR



Anthony Roche's side have been looking to shed the 'inconsistent' tag for years and they're getting closer and closer.

WORDS: VITOR SOBRAL

Six years ago Wynnum Wolves were riding a wave of euphoria as the team produced one of its best season's in recent memory. Under Coach Peter Tokesi, the side enjoyed an incredible turnaround after a disappointing 1999 season.

'Toska' transformed the team into title challengers and in 2000 they reached the Grand Final against Brisbane City. It was an emotionally charged affair that ended goalless after 120 minutes of tight, tactical football. But as the game went into the dreaded penalty shoot-out, giant Wynnum goalkeeper Scott Higgins proved the match winner. It was Wynnum's first title in over a decade and the fans could have been forgiven for thinking more great times were ahead.

However, the departure of Tokesi led to a downward spiral for the Wolves. In 2001 they never got out of first gear and the reigning champions missed the finals. Inconsistency was to prove a factor over the coming years as Wynnum would produce great performances against the big teams, then falter against sides further down the table. The renamed Brisbane Wolves continued where the Wynnum team left off and last season again flattered to deceive as they missed another finals campaign.

Wolves coach Anthony Roche reinforced the team in the off-season, bringing in former Queensland Lions players, Daniel Corbett, Damien Volker and Terry Hughes, as well as Baptiste Roos and Cole Stojakovic. The new recruits, coupled with some exciting youngsters already in the team, had the fans thinking of a return to the glory days, but the season began in less than impressive fashion for the Bayside team. A good home draw with Brisbane Strikers was followed up with losses to Rochedale and Taringa Rovers.

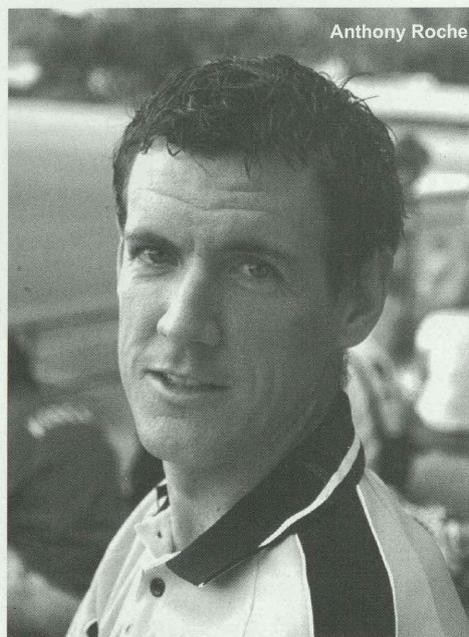
Even at this early stage it looked as though Wolves would be battling against relegation rather than challenging for a finals spot. Anthony Roche concedes the team was under-performing early in the year.

"At the start of the season our goal was always to

make the finals or at least the top six. I always knew with five or six new players the team wasn't going to gel overnight, but I still expected a better start to the season than what we had."

The inconsistency that had plagued so many Wolves campaigns in the past was once again evident.

"We were doing alright against the big teams but we were dropping points against teams that we should have beaten. There were distractions off the field that I don't want to go into in too much detail, but we were affected by it. Apart from that the players just weren't performing," Roche says with an air of regret.



Anthony Roche

Wolves midfielder Daniel Corbett agrees with Roche's assessment and says the team just couldn't finish off their opponents.

"I think we were playing good football at the start of the season, it's just that we'd have a bit of bad luck or a dodgy goal go against us and we couldn't recover."

By round six Wolves had only managed one win against Toowoomba and a home loss to newly promoted Mt Gravatt had fans fearing the worst. But the next round saw an amazing turnaround. Up against title chasers Palm Beach, Brisbane Wolves handed out a 6-2 hammering to the Gold Coast side. The next game away to Souths finally saw Wolves shake off the inconsistency which plagued them for so long.

"The turning point for us was that hard fought draw against Souths," Roche says.

"From there the players just started to believe they could perform week in week out."

Corbett also saw the transformation inside the dressing room after the massive win against Palm Beach.

"The team just grew in confidence after that result. We started to knock the ball around really well in the following weeks and the boys at the back were keeping things really tight as well. We stopped giving away soft goals and I guess that changed everything."

Wolves have since been on a dream run with wins against Taringa, Mitchelton and Easts, as well as credible away draws with Pine Rivers and Brisbane Strikers. The team has climbed to 7th in the table and are now only three points from a finals spot after a seven game unbeaten streak. Roche recognises the turnaround in form has come with the contribution of some influential players.

"Without a doubt Adrian (Ghidella) in goal has been fantastic for us. Then there's Mick (Van Moolenbroek) up front, Seibie (Matt Seib) in the middle and the two youngsters Luke Wakefield and Lee Parker are playing really well."

Roche also reserves praise for the Wolves playmaker Daniel Corbett.

"Daniel has been very important to us. He's got that composure on the ball and excellent distribution; it's something we really lacked last year."

But Corbett isn't ready to take the accolades for the team's recent performances.

"The whole side has just been playing out of their skins lately. It's been really enjoyable the way we're going and hopefully we can keep it up for the remainder of the season."

There are only three points separating 2nd and 7th in the Brisbane Premier League, and Roche realises Wolves are at a crucial part of the season.

"The next few weeks are going to be extremely important for us. It's pretty much make or break with the games we have coming up."

After clashes with the top four contenders Wolves take on unfancied but reinvigorated Toowoomba Raiders. Since the arrival of new Coach Sam Saif the Raiders have taken some big teams by surprise and Wolves cannot afford to slip back into their old habits.

"In this competition anyone can beat anyone, so we have to be playing our very best in every game," Roche says.

If Brisbane Wolves continue to put together a consistent run of results the Premier League may just have another title contender to throw into the mix. ☘



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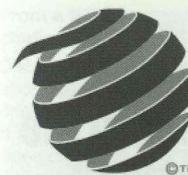
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FOOTBALL QUEENSLAND

Football Queensland President Dennis O'Brien

When the Socceroos overcame Japan 3-1 in the World Cup, an historic event for Australia as it was the first time that we have won a World Cup finals game and the 3 goals are the first scored by Australia in the finals.

Even more exciting to me were the images that we saw on television and in the printed media the following morning, thousands of young and older Australians enjoying Australia's success enthusiastically and with good grace and temperament.

We have been hoping (and saying) that 'this' is our best opportunity for many years to ensure the future of football in Australia. No doubt, Australia's commitment and attention to the World Cup guarantees this opportunity. But before we take up the opportunity that is offered we need to know where we want to take the game and how we want it to be seen.

Do we want to ensure the financial viability of the game into the future? Those who have read this column before will know that Football Queensland has already made this a priority in Queensland and that strong financial progress has been made in the last four years.

We are preparing to use the popularity of the World Cup to make strong representation to corporate Queensland to join us in an exciting future. While we have to remember that the majority of the corporate sponsorship will flow in at the national level, the FQ Board is confident that we can make significant progress in this area, a tangible outcome of the Socceroos' success.

Do we want to make it the most popular game in Australia (it probably already is based on the numbers playing the game)? Do we want to change people's view of the game? I think so, but that begs the question of what is that view and how do we want to change it?

I find the notion of the image of football interesting. We often promote it as the 'World Game' (as it clearly is), but this

seems to connect with people only when we are immersed in an international event such as the World Cup. The community seems to have adopted a concept of football as a family game or even a first game, great for young kids, before they move on to other things. I like that notion, but it hasn't been strong enough to maintain the interest of either players or the community.

Parents choose football for many reasons, and we intend to undertake research to properly quantify what these reasons are. However, popular wisdom suggests that the reasons include that it is (relatively) safe, offers good physical activity for growing youngsters and teaches useful team and personal values that can transfer to life experiences.

Can greater emphasis on promoting these advantages (and particularly the last) be a clue to the growth of the game? How do we encapsulate these advantages within a new image of football?

As an enduring image of the game, I'm most attracted to Pele's description of football as 'The Beautiful Game'. This image has been promoted strongly during World Cup 2006 with great effect. Played at the highest level football is a beautiful game as evidenced by its artistry, its skill, and its athleticism. Yet it is also a beautiful game when played by those of lesser skill or younger years.

Football is a sensational vehicle for teaching people about themselves and others, for acquiring skills and values, and learning many of the lessons of life. It's a game that is (relatively) easy to play at the simplest level but challenges one as we play on. However it's not a beautiful game when we preach winning at all cost, when we don't value our opponents or when we don't respect officials.

It can only be the Beautiful Game if the people who govern, manage and play the game display, promote and teach the values and virtues that make it beautiful.

So my lasting impression of the World Cup is not that we need to teach others about football, or preach to them about the 'World Game', or start another competition. Instead we need to look at ourselves and ask how we are each making football a more Beautiful Game. ☺

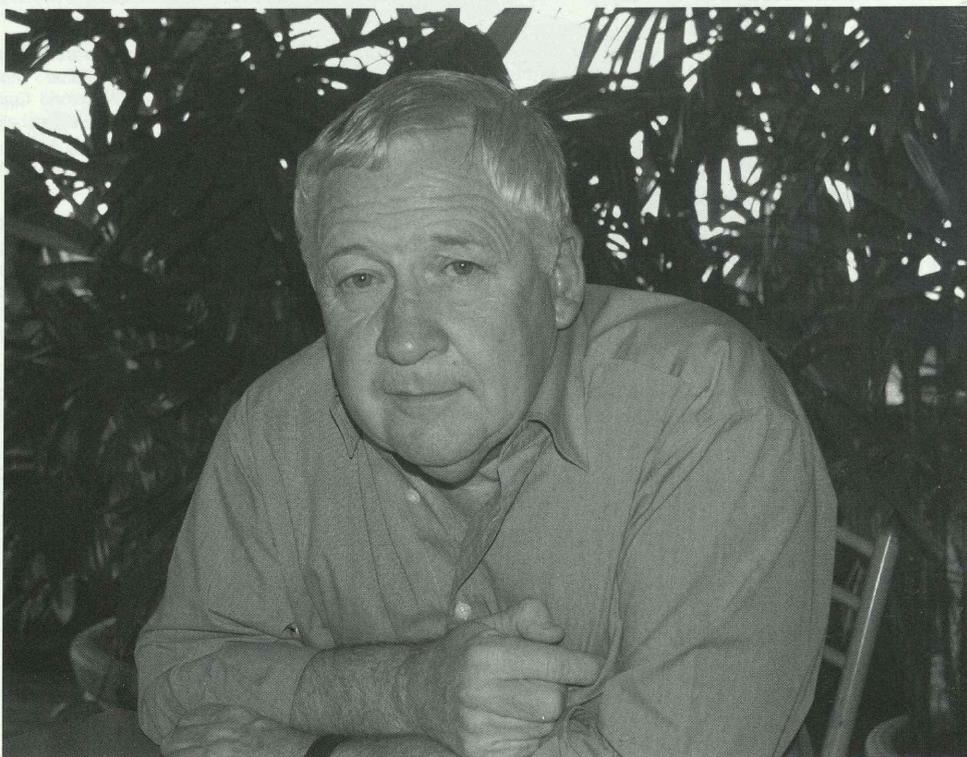


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“One of our major responsibilities at BMF is to look at the needs of football, rather than to look at the needs of football clubs

MIKE BAILEY

Football is heading for another period of change as the sporting landscape shifts in Australia. BMF President Mike Bailey says we must act now to keep up



From a BMF perspective, what are the major challenges we are facing?

One of the problems we have at the moment is the uncertainty surrounding what is going to happen to Brisbane as a whole and I think this is holding us back. If for instance I knew that BMF was going to be a stand alone organisation for the next five to ten years, then I'd be going ahead full steam with a number of ideas that I have about restructuring of BMF, about the new competition the game needs and trying to promote the understanding among our clubs about all our respective places in the football hierarchy. I think this uncertainty is not having a good effect on us and I'm hoping that it can be resolved very soon so we know whether we are operating in a Brisbane-wide environment or operating as a stand-alone organisation. I don't think we can afford to mark time for another year or two to see what happens. Football has a great opportunity at the moment to improve its standing in the community at large, to become more accepted and it would be a great shame if we were to miss this opportunity.

Regardless of whether Football Brisbane goes ahead or not, will there be major changes to the structure of the Premier League?

I think there has to be because I think we have to differentiate between the different sections of football. At the moment, even though I would say that BMF is extremely well run from an administrative point of view and even though our competition is very close and attracting a great deal of interest, the reality is that it is very much a 'mix and match' competition with a whole variety of clubs literally all involved in the same competitions and those clubs all have different aims. If I go back a couple of years before the A-League started, nothing much has changed.

My club at Oxley is an example. When we were in the 2nd Division there was one division between us and Queensland Lions and really in terms of what football is trying to do that is a nonsense because Oxley's aims were vastly different to Queensland Lions' aims at that stage, our needs were quite different and to think that one structure could respond to the needs of both of those clubs is a mistake.

One of the things I think we need to do, whether it's on a Brisbane-wide basis or on a BMF basis, is to separate our clubs and run them, in administration and promotion terms, according to their aims. I think we also need to encourage clubs to realise what their place is in the football world. That's difficult because clubs have ambitions and see themselves as climbing up a ladder to get to the top. At the moment, because of the way we are structured, by and large that is possible. But, I think the waste of resources, both playing and capital works, etc., is not good for football as a whole. One of our major responsibilities at BMF is to look at the needs of football, rather than to look at the needs of football clubs. The two can be quite different and at times clubs have to accept and understand, and dare I say, make sacrifices for the good of the game as a whole. Clubs need to rationalise what their aims are, what they're about, what they can realistically hope to achieve and balance that against what football needs.

“Our clubs have to try and understand where their place in football is and make sure that they are good at that. Being half good at something else just won't work

Is changing that mind-set within the clubs going to be the biggest obstacle?

I think that is going to be difficult to do because there is a great attachment for people to individual clubs and obviously they compete to win. So persuading certain clubs to adopt the attitude that their role is different to what they currently perceive is going to be hard. However, in reality you only have to look at the Premier Competitions, where there are 36 clubs, to understand that this is a daydream. If you add three or four Metro 1 clubs, who also have the same ideas and ambitions, the idea that we have the football resources in Brisbane where 40 clubs can compete on a level playing field to be the elite is just a nonsense. It doesn't happen in any other code in Australia and, for example, if you look at the rationale for the spread of AFL outside of Melbourne there was that whole notion that they couldn't sustain the competition at the level they needed to in order to keep it as a major sport throughout Australia if they didn't diversify. Our clubs have to try and understand where their place in football is and make sure that they are good at that. Being half good at something else just won't work.

If your place or role is to develop juniors that then move on to a higher level then why not become very, very good at that. If your place is simply to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to play the game irrespective of their standard, then be good at that and work at improving your social facilities to attract people to the club. But, don't waste money trying to bring players down a division or two just to help you get promoted.

At the moment, even though I think the standard of play in the Premier League is reasonable, there is no doubt that there are players in Division 1 or Division 2 that should be playing at a higher level, and players currently playing in the Premier League who shouldn't be. The problem of course is that if you have 12 Premier League clubs then the talent is going to be spread fairly thinly and I think we need fewer clubs so that we can condense our better players into those clubs and produce a better standard of football.

Another issue is money. I think that essentially, outside of our top league we should not be paying players. I don't have an issue with paying coaches, but I think there are far too many clubs wasting money on players when that

finance could be spent in a far more productive way. We should encourage our top players who have talent and ability, and who want to make some money out of playing the game, to play for our top clubs. One way to do that is to limit the number of top clubs and limit payment beyond expenses for the rest of the clubs.

Do you think this will help to close the gap on the A-League?

Most A-League teams have some local players and also a range of imported players. At the moment that is necessary to raise the standard of the A-League, but if we are to aspire to a situation where 90% of the players in the A-League are going to come from our local competitions, then the reality is that we have to raise the standard of those players so that they are good enough to play in the national competition. I think the only way to do that is to have all our best local talent playing in the one local competition. We certainly have to condense the best players into fewer teams. I find it hard to believe that Brisbane has 180 Premier League standard players. We need this new competition and we may even need some new clubs.

New clubs?

Well, we may need a rationalisation of the clubs, or a situation where some clubs pool and combine their talents and resources. We have to set up something that is attractive to people and makes them want to be a part of it, even if that means that their part is only 25% as opposed to 100%.

The new competition will need to be based not just in Brisbane, but the south-east region. We have the second biggest city in the state just an hour away (the Gold Coast). The Gold Coast wants to be part of top competitions and ultimately they are looking to have an A-League club based there I believe and would see them being involved in our new competition.

How many teams?

I think 10 maximum to begin with, but I wouldn't like to put a glass ceiling on the number of teams. We need to set the criteria and invite clubs to submit applications. If we only begin with 8 because there are only 8 who meet the requirements then I don't think we should dilute the requirements of the competition just to admit two more teams.

BMF have a poor record with sponsorship will the new league improve this?

We do have a poor record in attracting sponsorship and I think this is largely due to the game not having a high enough profile locally. We have to be honest and look at what we can offer a sponsor. At the moment I'm not sure we can offer a great deal and that is one of the reasons I'm so keen on Football Brisbane becoming one competition management centre (CMC). If we get Football Brisbane up and running with the women, men and juniors all run by the one body, then we can offer the complete football package. This would be far more attractive to a sponsor. ☺

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Premier League

17	15-07-06	5.30 pm	Mitchelton	v	Rochedale	20	13-08-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Wolves	v	Brisbane City
17	15-07-06	6.00 pm	Easts	v	Brisbane Strikers	20	12-08-06	7.00 pm	Souths Utd	v	Pine Rivers
17	15-07-06	5.00 pm	Palm Beach	v	Brisbane Wolves	20	13-08-06	3.00 pm	Toowoomba	v	Easts
17	15-07-06	7.00 pm	Souths Utd	v	Mt Gravatt	20	12-08-06	7.00 pm	Mt Gravatt	v	Mitchelton
17	15-07-06	7.00 pm	Pine Rivers	v	Toowoomba	20	12-08-06	7.00 pm	Rochedale	v	Palm Beach
17	16-07-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane City	v	Taringa Rovers	20	12-08-06	7.00 pm	Taringa Rovers	v	Brisbane Strikers
18	23-07-06	3.00 pm	Toowoomba	v	Brisbane City	21	19-08-06	7.00 pm	Rochedale	v	Taringa Rovers
18	22-07-06	7.00 pm	Mt Gravatt	v	Pine Rivers	21	19-08-06	5.00 pm	Palm Beach	v	Pine Rivers
18	23-07-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Wolves	v	Souths Utd	21	19-08-06	6.30 pm	Mitchelton	v	Brisbane Wolves
18	22-07-06	7.00 pm	Rochedale	v	Easts	21	19-08-06	6.00 pm	Easts	v	Mt Gravatt
18	22-07-06	7.00 pm	Brisbane Strikers	v	Palm Beach	21	19-08-06	7.00 pm	Brisbane Strikers	v	Toowoomba
18	22-07-06	7.00 pm	Taringa Rovers	v	Mitchelton	21	20-08-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane City	v	Souths Utd
19	05-08-06	6.00 pm	Easts	v	Taringa Rovers	22	26-08-06	7.00 pm	Pine Rivers	v	Brisbane City
19	05-08-06	7.00 pm	Brisbane Strikers	v	Rochedale	22	26-08-06	6.00 pm	Toowoomba	v	Rochedale
19	05-08-06	5.00 pm	Palm Beach	v	Souths Utd	22	26-08-06	7.00 pm	Mt Gravatt	v	Brisbane Strikers
19	05-08-06	7.00 pm	Pine Rivers	v	Brisbane Wolves	22	27-08-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Wolves	v	Easts
19	05-08-06	6.30 pm	Mitchelton	v	Toowoomba	22	26-08-06	7.00 pm	Souths Utd	v	Mitchelton
19	06-08-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane City	v	Mt Gravatt	22	26-08-06	7.00 pm	Taringa Rovers	v	Palm Beach

Premier Division 1

17	15-07-06	7.00 pm	Rocklea Utd	v	Logan City	20	12-08-06	5.00 pm	Peninsula	v	Redlands Utd
17	15-07-06	7.00 pm	Capalaba	v	Brisbane Olympic	20	12-08-06	6.00 pm	Albany Creek	v	Rocklea
17	15-07-06	7.00 pm	Beenleigh	v	Ipswich Knights	20	12-08-06	7.00 pm	Logan City	v	Western Spirit
17	15-07-06	3.00 pm	Western Spirit	v	Peninsula Power	20	13-08-06	3.00 pm	Ipswich Knights	v	Capalaba
17	16-07-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane Force	v	Albany Creek	20	13-08-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane Force	v	Beenleigh
17	16-07-06	5.00 pm	Redlands Utd	v	Uni of Qld	20	13-08-06	3.00 pm	Uni of Qld	v	Brisbane Olympic
18	22-07-06	6.00 pm	Albany Creek	v	Beenleigh	21	18-08-06	8.30 pm	Western Spirit	v	Beenleigh
18	23-07-00	3.00 pm	Brisbane Force	v	Peninsula Power	21	19-08-06	7.00 pm	Logan City	v	Uni of Qld
18	22-07-06	7.00 pm	Logan City	v	Capalaba	21	19-08-06	7.00 pm	Rocklea Utd	v	Peninsula Power
18	23-07-06	3.00 pm	Ipswich Knights	v	Redlands Utd	21	19-08-06	7.00 pm	Capalaba	v	Albany Creek
18	23-07-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Olympic	v	Western Spirit	21	20-08-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Olympic	v	Ipswich Knights
18	23-07-06	3.00 pm	Uni of Qld	v	Rocklea	21	20-08-06	5.00 pm	Redlands Utd	v	Brisbane Force
19	04-08-06	8.30 pm	Western Spirit	v	Brisbane Force	22	26-08-06	7.00 pm	Beenleigh	v	Redlands Utd
19	05-08-06	7.00 pm	Capalaba	v	Uni of Qld	22	26-08-06	6.00 pm	Albany Creek	v	Brisbane Olympic
19	05-08-06	7.00 pm	Beenleigh	v	Peninsula Power	22	26-08-06	5.00 pm	Peninsula	v	Capalaba
19	05-08-06	7.00 pm	Rocklea Utd	v	Ipswich Knights	22	27-08-06	3.00 pm	Ipswich Knights	v	Logan City
19	06-08-06	5.00 pm	Brisbane Olympic	v	Logan City	22	27-08-06	3.00 pm	Brisbane Force	v	Rocklea
19	06-08-06	5.00 pm	Redlands Utd	v	Albany Creek	22	27-08-06	3.00 pm	Uni of Qld	v	Western Spirit

Premier Division 2

17	15-Jul-06	6.00 pm	Samford	v	North Pine	20	11-Aug-06	8.30 pm	Newmarket	v	Annerley
17	15-Jul-06	7.00 pm	Southside Eagles	v	Pine Hills	20	12-Aug-06	07.00 pm	The Gap	v	Samford
17	15-Jul-06	6.00 pm	Acacia Ridge	v	Ipswich City	20	13-Aug-06	3.00 pm	North Pine	v	Moggill Utd
17	15-Jul-06	6.00 pm	Moggill Utd	v	Newmarket	20	12-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Ipswich City	v	Southside Eagles
17	14-Jul-06	8.30 pm	Grange Thistle	v	The Gap	20	12-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Grange Thistle	v	Acacia Ridge
17	14-Jul-06	8.30 pm	Annerley	v	Slacks Creek	20	12-Aug-06	07.00 pm	Slacks Creek	v	Pine Hills
18	21-Jul-06	8.30 pm	Pine Hills	v	Moggill Utd	21	18-Aug-06	8.30 pm	Pine Hills	v	Ipswich City
18	22-Jul-06	7.00 pm	The Gap	v	Acacia Ridge	21	19-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Moggill Utd	v	Acacia Ridge
18	21-Jul-06	8.30 pm	Newmarket	v	Grange Thistle	21	19-Aug-06	07.00 pm	North Pine	v	Slacks Creek
18	22-Jul-06	7.00 pm	North Pine	v	Southside Eagles	21	19-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Samford	v	Newmarket
18	22-Jul-06	6.00 pm	Ipswich City	v	Annerley	21	19-Aug-06	07.00 pm	Southside Eagles	v	The Gap
18	22-Jul-06	7.00 pm	Slacks Creek	v	Samford	21	19-Aug-06	06.45 pm	Annerley	v	Grange Thistle
19	04-Aug-06	8.30 pm	Pine Hills	v	North Pine	22	26-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Acacia Ridge	v	Annerley
19	05-Aug-06	6.00 pm	Moggill Utd	v	Grange Thistle	22	26-Aug-06	07.00 pm	The Gap	v	Pine Hills
19	05-Aug-06	7.00 pm	Southside Eagles	v	Slacks Creek	22	25-Aug-06	08.30 pm	Newmarket	v	Southside Eagles
19	05-Aug-06	6.00 pm	Acacia Ridge	v	Newmarket	22	26-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Ipswich City	v	North Pine
19	05-Aug-06	6.00 pm	Samford	v	Ipswich City	22	26-Aug-06	06.00 pm	Grange Thistle	v	Samford
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