# Rovers Review



**ROUND 2** 

Rochedale Rovers vs

Underwood Park Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Kick Off 7.00 PM

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#### **Editorial**

Well here we go again! Another season of Football and many an opinion expressed of how it is going to pan out. No doubt a few tough matches to be tackled on and off the pitch.

Rochedale Rovers' lads will be working hard with Tim Brown to ensure we retain the Premiership as will the Reserves who will be keeping fit looking for that opportunity to play for the First's and the Youth Squad preparing to fill some boots next year ......

Whilst we kick off with our first home game, Roar play in the Grand Final tomorrow! Who would have thought that they would go unbeaten for 27 games, take the Premiership and perhaps even the Grand Final! Ange and his team have proved the critics wrong. As was said in the first Rovers Review of 2010; "Give the coach some time before you pass judgment and get out and support the Roar." Crowd attendance has not been great this season for the Roar, but which will hopefully improve after their remarkable season. Tomorrow afternoon should provide plenty of entertainment at Suncorp with a sellout crowd and some quality football.

Oh...and incase you had not noticed, we are back to "Black & White" for our Rovers Review as our contribution to save costs during these trying times! We will however strive to pen our mag with colourful writing....

The Ed



#### <u>NEXT GAME - PREMIER LEAGUE</u>



Peninsula vs Rochedale Rovers

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March AJ Kelly Field



Kick Off 5.00pm Reserves 2:30pm

www.rochedalerovers.com.au

#### **Presidents Message**



Welcome to Underwood Park for tonight's first home fixture against Olympic. These games are always tough and tonight will be no different. Olympic have

shown good form in the pre-season and will be looking to improve on last year, what better way to show how far they've come than to knock off the reigning Champions. I'm expecting a great end-to-end game.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our players and coaches for standing by the club in the difficult situation we're in at the moment. I could not be prouder of the boys for standing firm and remaining at the club when I'm sure they could get a run anywhere they chose. Thanks also to all the people who have put their hands up to help out. I must make special mention of the Junior Sub-Committee who have worked tirelessly with fundraising and assistance to the club, from the canteen to off site BBQ's. They are a fantastic group who deserve our thanks.

Many people have come forward to help out and I thank you all. You've made me realise how many good people we have here at Rochedale.

Thank you for attending tonight's games. On behalf of the Board of Directors I'd like to thank our sponsors, our volunteers, coaching staff and everyone here who helps in some way. You should all be very proud of your efforts in helping to make this community club very much a part of the local community and allowing us to give the opportunities to both children and their parents to enjoy healthy outdoor activity as a family.

Everyone is welcome back into the club house after the game to mingle with the players and supporters of both sides and enjoy the clubs hospitality. Good luck to both teams.

Míck MacArthur







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#### The Ed's Joke

A woman takes a lover home during the day while her husband is at work.

Her 9 year old son comes home unexpectedly, sees them, and hides in the bedroom cupboard to watch. Just after getting into bed the woman's husband also comes home unexpectedly, she tells her lover to hide in the cupboard, not realising that the little boy is in there.

After a little while the little boy says, 'Dark in here'.

The man, who obviously got a real fright not expecting to hear anything, let alone from a little boy says, 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have a football.'

Man - 'That's nice.'

Boy - 'Want to buy it?'

Man - 'No, thanks.'

Boy - 'My dad's outside.'

Man - 'OK, how much?'

Boy - '\$ 250'

In the next few weeks, it happens again that the boy and the lover are in the cupboard together.

Boy - 'Dark in here.'

Man - 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have football boots.'

The lover, remembering the last time, asks the boy, 'OK How much this time?'

Boy - '\$ 750'

Man - 'Sold.'

A few days later, the boys' father says to the boy, 'Grab your boots and football, let's go outside and have a game of soccer.'

The boy says, 'I can't, I sold my ball and boots.'

The father asks, 'How much did you sell them for and to who?'

The boy says, 'To a friend of mine for a \$ 1,000..'

The father says, 'That's a terrible thing to do, overcharging your friend like that'. 'That's four times what they cost when they were new, I'm going to take you to church and make you confess your terrible sins.'

They go to the church and the father makes the little boy sit in the confession booth and he closes the door.

The boy says, 'Dark in here' ...

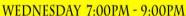
The priest says, 'Don't start that shit again you little prick, you're in my cupboard now'!!



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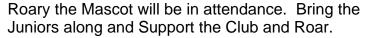
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#### The Origin of Soccer

The Romans played a game named 'harpastum' which can be said to be the origin of the soccer game of the modern era. In the early days of the game, the referees used to wave a handker-chief to control the players.

The whistles were introduced in the game in the year 1878. Undoubtedly, the sport is most popular in Europe and South America, but its origins could be found in China, more than 2000 years ago. In 14th century England, the game was banned for being too violent, but ironically, the first ever soccer match was played in Derby, in England itself. Soccer became an Olympic sport in the year 1908.

Ref: Buzzle.com

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#### THE PHANTOM

The phantom welcomes everyone back to Underwood Park for season 2011!

This season sees a bit of a tweak to the coaching ranks, with **Coach Brown** returning. The coaches have also been given a new training strip, straight from the Wolverhamton Wonderers lost and found bin. This strip can also double as a high viz safety outfit if the bosses wanted to do some night work after training. (This might become a reality with the budget getting a trim in the off-season).

Browny is back to his usual antics, impersonating the players running styles to a tee and getting good laughs along the way. It's also nice to see he hasn't changed any of his team talks with this week's inspirational address to the squad the same as all that has gone before, "Now boys this is a big game, we need the three points, and you all know I hate this opponent!"



It was a busy off season with the lads heading to Byron bay for the annual end of season trip. This year it was a lovely romantic getaway...... **Kyle Blackadder** brought his lovely girlfriend on the trip, this little stunt costing him many weeks in the famous yellow jersey.

The squad has been bolstered this year with a couple of new additions. **Pat Cronin** is a new recruit from the Gold Coast who came into the side with a bang in the preseason with a couple sof mart goals in the Silver Boot. The solarium visiting pommie speaking midfielder is a good asset to the team. Anyone down the Gold Coast pop in and say hello to Pat, when he is not practising juggling tricks, he works on the Sling shot.

This week Rovers will hand **Satoru Okubo** his debut, the young 23yr old J league star is fitting right into the squad and really enjoying his time so far. The phantom interviewed him during the week:

Phantom: "Satoru, how are you liking Brisbane?"

Satoru: "Yes" \*while nodding head\*

Phantom: "What is the best thing about Rochedale?"

Satoru: "Yes" \*while nodding head\*

Phatom: "Who is your favourite player?"

Satoru: "Yes" \*while nodding head\*





Ray White

#### **Premier Youth Report**

This year sees us in a rebuilding situation. After last year's success, 9 of our 14 Premier Youth players have progressed on to better things with 7 now playing in the Reserves, one gone to another club and 1 having gone overseas. This opens the door to all the other players that have joined the Youth Development Program. It's wide open and all players will have to impress to retain their spot. It is a healthy position that keeps everyone fresh all season.

This week sees us hosting Lions. They are an unknown and we have to take this game very seriously. Last season saw us lose our first game against Redlands and we cannot afford a slow start.

We will be giving many boys their debut, including **Joe Field, Alex Schiavo, Robbie Armstrong**, all Queensland Representatives from last season. **Shane Brabbin** and **Jason Robinson** also makes their league debut.



Shane Brabbin

Good Luck Lads!

#### **Youth Div 1 Report**

This season is also going to be a tough year with the loss of 7 players from last season.

Again we will be calling upon younger players to step up, but I am confident that they will all do well. They are a good mix of 16 year to 18 year old boys that are already learning quickly. They play our system well and will get better with time and will be knocking on the door to Premier Youth very soon.

Toowoomba will be a very tough start to the season. As I did last year, I rated them as the dark horse of the league. They are always competitive and I am sure this year will be no different. It will be interesting to see who shines on the day.

Best of luck boys,

Brian Hastings



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## **TODAY'S SQUADS**

#### **Rochedale Rovers**

#### **Olympic**

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GK	Mario Aparicio	GK	Shannon Lancini
GK	Mitch Thorn	2	Blake Charity
2	Kyle Blackadder	3	Keiran Rudduck
3	Pablo Aviles	4	Ilke Kurbush
4	Satoru Okubo	5	Michael Butters
5	Jason Launchbury	6	John Simons
6	Reuben Way	7	Daniel Crack
7	Carl Tabulo	8	Matty Heath
8	Tim Smits	9	Brad Lacy
9	Steve Unsworth	10	Alex Panic
10	Mark Cruse	11	Daniel Byrne
11	Cody Lovell	12	Chris Hagell
12	Chris Burley	13	Sunny Park
13	Darren Gray	14	Bo Chun
14	Rhys Hastings	15	Frank Chung
15	Josh Harding	16	Hyuk Su Seo
16	Keenan Duimpies	17	Lucas Domalis
17	Johnathon Stirling	18	Evan Papadopoulas
18	Jordan Seeto	19	Luke Howell
19	John Thompson	20	Conrad Cassaniti (Res KP)
20	Adnan Jakupovic		Reserves
21	Sam Henny	GK	Conrad Cassaniti
22	Terry Hughes	2	Manoli Antanorakis
23	Pat Cronin	4	Anthony Polichrinis
24	Ryan Love	5	Matt Ce Ce
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#### PREMIER LEAGUE 2011

Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Points
Wolves FC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Rochedale Rovers	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
North Pine	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Peninsula Power	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Pine Hills	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Brisbane City	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Olympic FC	0				0	0	0
Eastern Suburbs	0				0	0	0
Mount Gravatt	0				0	0	0
Redlands United	0				0	0	0
Souths United	0				0	0	0
University of QLD	0				0	0	0
Taringa Rovers	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Capalaba	1	0	0	1	1	4	0



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Peninsula Power	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
Pine Hills	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Wolves FC	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
<b>Rochedale Rovers</b>	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Souths United	0				0	0	0
Olympic FC	0				0	0	0
University of QLD	0				0	0	0
Eastern Suburbs	0				0	0	0
Mount Gravatt	0				0	0	0
Redlands United	0				0	0	0
Capalaba	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Taringa Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Brisbane City	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
North Pine	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

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Bayside United	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Loganholme	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Mount Gravatt	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Annerley	0				0	0	0
Wolves FC	0				0	0	0
Ipswich Knights	0				0	0	0
Rochedale Rovers	0				0	0	0
Taringa Rovers	0				0	0	0
Toowoomba Raiders	0				0	0	0
Albany Creek	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Pine Hills	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
North Pine	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

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Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Points
Redlands United	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Rochedale Rovers	0				0	0	0
Souths United	0				0	0	0
North Star	0				0	0	0
Peninsula Power	0				0	0	0
Queensland Lions	0				0	0	0
Albany Creek	0				0	0	0
Capalaba	0				0	0	0
Loganholme	0				0	0	0
Brisbane City	0				0	0	0
Brisbane Force	0				0	0	0
Olympic FC	0				0	0	0
Eastern Suburbs	0				0	0	0
Mitchelton	0				0	0	0
Moggill	0				0	0	0
North Pine	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

## **Metro 2 2011**

Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Pine Hills	1	1	0	0	7	0	3
Grange Thistle	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
North Pine	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Moggill	0				0	0	0
Mount Gravatt	0				0	0	0
Acacia Ridge All Stars	0				0	0	0
Albany Creek	0				0	0	0
Annerley	0				0	0	0
Redlands United	0				0	0	0
Rochedale Rovers	0				0	0	0
University of Queensland	0				0	0	0
Virginia United	1	0	0	1	0	7	0

#### "The Clubman"



After an elongated pre season we kicked off the 2011 BPL in satisfactory fashion with a nerve jangling 4-3 win away at Taringa Rovers. I am sure any team in the league will settle for 3 points out of their first game of the season by whatever score.

Our win was satisfying when you consider we were away against a team who were the big improvers of the second half of last season and a team tipped by many to feature strongly this year, and also the fact that we were reduced to 10 men for the last half hour.

Taringa played passing football with the emphasis on attack and really did cause us problems, but as our team has shown many times, we really do have what it takes to get a win whatever the circumstances.

The fact that we conceded 3 times, and on another day may have conceded more, obviously means that there is room for improvement and I'm sure there will be.

On the day our outstanding performers were **Carl Tabulo** starting the season the way he played last year when he was the league's top scorer in bagging a hat-trick and at the other end goalkeeper **Mario Apparicio** who can go for weeks on end with very little to do pulled of a string of important and outstanding saves.

This week we have the first of our home fixtures for the season and we come up against a team in Olympic who we played twice in the pre-season fixtures. The second of those games was a classic attacking encounter in the silver boot which featured plenty of great passing, superb skills and of course loads of goals.

Olympic with their controlled passing game are a great team to watch and a very dangerous team to play against and it has to be said if we are as charitable in our defensive duties as we were last week we could find ourselves embarrassed.

Olympic have built a very impressive squad for the season ahead and are rightly competition favourites with a lot of those in the know. I am an admirer of their style of play ,but I am confident if our team produces it's best we can counter them.

I mentioned that Olympic have assembled a talented squad and that is true, but it would be remise of me not to mention the solidarity and strength shown by our "Band of Brothers" during this time of well documented problems for Club Rochedale.

The commitment shown by this group has been incredible and I confidently say would not be seen anywhere else. The guys have gone about their business with a minimum of fuss and shown amazing professionalism in their approach, preparation and execution.

Hopefully today's encounter lives up to expectations, and if it does, then the entertainment will be superb.

Olympic supporters always bring plenty of noise and fun to the proceedings but I know our own fantastic fans can match them.

**LETS HAVE GREAT DAY!** 

### **Reserve Team Report**

 ${f A}$  hard fought 3-2 win against Taringa last week meant a vital 3 points to kick start our season.

Despite clearly not being at our best, we managed to get the result, which was something that deserted us in the run in last season.



A brace of classy finishes from **Greg Cheshire** in the first half were not enough as Taringa pegged us back as a result of some sloppy defending. **Adnan Jakupovic** got our third which turned out to be the clincher.



Finishing has been an issue and is something we have worked on this week at training as well as a bit of hard work after we were overrun at times

against a very fit Taringa side.

Such is the nature of the Reserves competition, it is likely that the side will be chopped and changed, but we have confidence that whoever is available will do the side, and the club proud.

Olympic will pose a very different threat given they had last week's game postponed, so expect another helter skelter game against one of the leagues big players.

Nigel McClure



#### KEEPER TIPS KEEPER TIPS KEEPER TIPS

Every year when the season gets underway I have a look back over the last 12 months or so and determine what areas of my programme I have to do a little more work on. This year ' playing out from the back ' will be a major focus from juniors through to seniors. You might think this involves only the goalkeeper but the back four play a huge part in this process.

Once the keeper gets the ball, whether it be in their hands or a goal kick (we now ask for goal kicks to be taken from the middle of the six yard box as it opens up the space for all players) the back four find a start position; corner of the penalty area for centrebacks and high and wide for fullbacks. Movement from these positions determine whether you keep possession, so working closely with the players and senior coach will achieve good results.

This is nothing new of course as it's part of the FFA 1433 curriculum so with time practising in training you should see more composure from your keepers under pressure. The key word being "time" so you need to be patient. I ask my keepers to use both feet in training as it is an ideal opportunity to do so and there will be a need at some stage in a game when you have to use your non dominant foot. We are asking for ball to feet early if it's on, otherwise in to space for players to run onto. Remember to 'Keep working hard 'and I will see you next time.

Regards, Mark Askew



#### 2011 Season Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Venue	Kick Off
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Taringa	Away	Won 4—3
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Olympic	Home	7.00pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Peninsula	Away	5.00pm
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Redlands	Home	7.00pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	North Pine	Away	7.00pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Mt Gravatt	Home	7.00pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Souths	Away	7.00pm
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easts	Away	6.00pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Pine Hills	Home	7.00pm
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Capalaba	Away	5.00pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bris Wolves	Home	7.00pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Brisbane City	Home	4.00pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Brisbane City	Away	3.00pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Uni of Qld	Away	3.00pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Taringa	Home	7.00pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Olympic	Away	6.00pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Peninsula	Home	7.00pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Redlands	Away	7.00pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	North Pine	Home	7.00pm
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Mt Gravatt	Away	3.15pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Souths	Home	4.00pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Easts	Home	7.00pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Uni	Home	
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Pine Hills	Away	5.30pm
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Capalaba	Home	7.00pm
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Bris Wolves	Away	5.00pm

#### **BROWNY'S BOOT ROOM**



Last week's match was a fantastic advert for the

Veto Premier League. Some great goals including a typical **Hughes** to **Tabulo** finish and a thundering free kick from **Tabulo** to win the match. Taringa will be a difficult side to beat with their movement going forward so to win with ten men for thirty minutes shows we can graft out a win when half of the side were below their best was a good effort. Young **Zac Brattan** came on late in the game to make his debut for Rochedale Rovers and lets hope he can go on and develop into a player capable of playing at a higher level. **Mario** also showed

what a fantastic keeper he is, with a string of fine saves. **Mark Askew** our goalkeeping coach has done a fine job preparing our squad of keepers.

Today will be different match to last week; Olympic play a slower more structured passing game and its about concentration and discipline in defence and staying with your runners off the ball. We will be trying to limit the space to the Korean winger **Park** and the big striker **Papadopolous**.

We to signed an Asian player last week in Japanese midfielder **Sato Okubo**. He may not have his clearance as yet, but he looks a good prospect. He is a central midfielder who looks like he can defend and get stuck in as well. He also looks like a lad who won't dive and scream everytime he is tackled which is pleasing. On the subject of new signings coming to the club, in the next two or three weeks you will see a few more additions arrive. We have signed **Pat Cronin** a midfielder/striker from the Gold Coast who looks to have an eye for goal. **Matt Byrne** is a fullback from the Roar Youth with a nice touch and a good passing game. **Matt Noble** is a central defender from the UK who will be arriving today so we will have a look at him over the next week or so.

We hope to have a few players back and available for selection today in **Rhys Hastings**, **Pat Cronin**, **Keenan Duimpies** and maybe **Sato Okubo**. It is a long season and you need a good squad of players to call on as was shown last week with **Rueben** getting sent off for a silly tackle. (He will also cop a small fine as any of my players that get booked for dissent will be this year.)

Just a quick word on Olympic, they are a club we need in our league as they bring good crowds, cheeky banter and I believe they are the team to beat this year with a multi national squad the size of Real Madrid. Every State in Australia has a good Greek side. Sth Melbourne, Sydney Olympic, Adelaide Olympic and now to Qld in Brisbane Olympic.

Tim Brown



### **Player Profile**

Players Name: <u>Kyle Blackadder</u>

Age: 21

Position: Right Back

Nickname: Blacky

Year Joined Rovers: 2006

Favourite Food: Meat Pie

Favourite Drink: Rum

Favourite Actor/Actress: Charlie Sheen

Favourite Movie: The Castle

Favourite TV Show: Neighbours

Favourite Player: Matt Mundy

Favourite Overseas Player: Tommy Oar

Favourite Team: Rochedale Rovers

Most Memorable Moment: Reserves Grand Final Win

Biggest Disappointment: When Fitzy's ran out of rum

Biggest Influence on Career: Ken Armstrong

Ambitions in Football: To get my girlfriend to come to a game

What would you do with your last \$10: I would have no say in the

matter

Squad Number: 2



## KC's KORNER



Talk about "Stress City"... Wow, I have never experienced anything like it in my life. Normally at this time of year its pretty hectic with team sorting, finding coaches & managers, getting equipment out, etc. etc. On top of all this we have the Licensed Club in Voluntary Administration. So much for retiring from Coaching and having an easy year to enjoy the Football!

As most would know by now, the Licensed Club has gone into Voluntary Administration. Hopefully we will be able to trade out of this situation, but in the mean time it is "all hands on deck".

I must first start with our Coaching staff and Players. I always knew we had something special at this club, but I never knew just how special. To put everybody through what we are going through and not lose one players is unbelievable. I doubt if this would have happened anywhere else and I really hope they are all rewarded in the long term.

It has also been a rough time for our Board of Directors. Mick, Koz, Gary and Deb. I know they are working tirelessly to make sure we get out of this.

I must at this stage say thank you to all the Volunteers we have assembled this year— You know who you are. You are proving to be the backbone of this club and I can tell you honestly if it was not for all of you, I would be in the looney bin by now!

On with the Football. vA shaky start last week at Taringa by the lads, but 3 points is 3 points. That's what it is all about in First Grade. Taringa have put together a decent side this year and will take many points. I personally think it was a great 3 points to get. Tonight we entertain the "Favourites" Olympic, The Real Madrid of the BPL. I am really looking forward to this one. Olympic are the best side I have seen in Pre Season (bar us of course). This will be a real test. Hopefully the boys turn up to play and put on a good show.

And last, but not least... While we do have a good bunch of Volunteers at present, we do need more. In July, my good friend, Adrian Davies has organised a HUGE Junior Tournament which we will need help with.



Our Canteen is now run by us so ALL TEAMS will have to do their bit. We especially need Volunteers on Senior Game nights. This means ALL Youth Teams, Reserves and Firsts. Please, please parents and girlfriends, wives etc etc. Please put your hands up. Maybe you can organise a "Crew" of your friends to do a shift or two. If we all pull together we will get through this......



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