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THE BUNDY GOLD CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 19 February		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Cairns	4.00	28 - 10
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	7.00	16 - 24
Sat. Burleigh v Toowoomba	7.00	16 - 22
Sat. Norths v Wynnum	7.00	30 - 4
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	7.30	16 - 22
Sat. Central v Easts	7.30	25 - 24

R2:- 26/27 February		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Central	7.00	20 - 12
Sat. Burleigh v Easts	7.00	18 - 30
Sat. Wynnum v Ipswich	7.15	26 - 37
Sun. Norths v Cairns	4.00	52 - 10
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	4.00	58 - 6
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	7.00	10 - 20

R3:- 4/5 March		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Toowoomba	2.00	
Sat. Norths v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	7.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Cairns	7.30	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Wests	3.00	

R4:- 10/11/12 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Souths	8.00	
Sat. *Wests v Norths	2.00	
Sat. Logan v Easts	6.00	
Sat. Wynnum v Burleigh	7.15	
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	

R5:- 18/19 March		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Cairns	2.00	
Sat. Norths v Souths	6.00	
Sat. Logan v Toowoomba	6.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	7.30	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	
Sun. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	

R6:- 24/25/26 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Norths	8.00	
Sat. *Wynnum v Logan	2.00	
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Easts	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	

R7:- 1/2 April		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Cairns	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Wests	7.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	7.30	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Redcliffe	3.00	

R8:- 8/9 April		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Easts	3.00	
Sat. Norths v Central	6.00	
Sat. Cairns v Wynnum	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Ipswich	TBA	

R9:- 15/16 April		SCORE
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	7.00	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	
Sat. Cairns v Toowoomba	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Wests	2.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Souths	3.00	

R10:- 20/22/23/24 April		SCORE
Thur. Wests v Wynnum	7.30	
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Norths v Easts	6.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Cairns	4.00	
Mon. Toowoomba v Central	3.00	

R11:- 29/30 April		SCORE
Sat. Wynnum v Souths	4.00	
Sat. Cairns v Wests	7.30	
Sat. Burleigh v Central	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Norths	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	TBA	

R12:- 13/14 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	
Sat. Cairns v Norths	7.30	
Sun. Ipswich v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	

R13:- 20/21 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Burleigh	2.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Central	2.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Easts	5.00	

R14:- 27/28 May		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	7.30	
Sat. Central v Cairns	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.30	

R15:- 3/4 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	2.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Logan	2.30	
Sun. Souths v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	

R16:- 10/11 June		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	7.30	
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.30	
Sun. Easts v Cairns	4.00	

R17:- 17/18 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Logan	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Central	2.00	
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	TBA	

R18:- 24/25 June		SCORE
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	4.00	

R19:- 1/2 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Cairns	5.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Central	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Easts	3.00	

R20:- 8/9 July		SCORE
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	7.30	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Souths	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.30	

R21:- 15/16 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Cairns	4.00	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00	

R22:- 22/23 July		SCORE
Sat. Cairns v Souths	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Ipswich	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Central	2.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Burleigh	TBA	

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Semi-Finals 1:- 29/30 July

Game A TEAM 2 v TEAM 3 (Winner to Game C, Loser to Game D)
Game B TEAM 4 v TEAM 5 (Winner to Game D, Loser out)

Semi-Finals 2:- 5/6 August

Game C TEAM 1 v Winner Game A (Winner to G/Final, Loser to Game E)
Game D Loser Game A v Winner Game B (Winner to Game E, Loser out)

Preliminary Final:- 12 August

Game E Loser Game C v Winner Game D (Winner to G/Final, Loser out)

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

WINNER GAME C v WINNER GAME E

Time to stand out: Coach

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

Rugby League

IPSWICH Jets coach Bill Gardiner has challenged his team to play their way into a jumper in tonight's trial match against Queensland Cup champions the Burleigh Bears.

The Jets take on a high-profile Burleigh outfit at First Provincial Oval in what will be their last trial match before the side opens their season against the Logan Scorpions.

Ipswich coach Bill Gardiner said the squad has been narrowed to around 22 players with only 17 spots available for the first Queensland Cup game.

"It's a challenge for them (players) to make the team," said Gardiner of tonight's match. "It's up to them to make it, they know how many positions are there."

The Burleigh Bears are expected to field a strong line up that will be keen to

avenge last season's round two loss to the Jets.

Burleigh's strength was shown last weekend in a trial on the Gold Coast, going down 30-18 to the Newcastle Knights.

Gardiner said even though it would be a great boost for the club to win the match, it would be more important to improve their form for the first fixture.

"Trials games are about playing well, advancing your play and consolidating things which we have done. It would be lovely (to win) for the whole club and it would make sure where ready for Logan," he said.

Gardiner will hold off naming the 17 until the final days before the Logan match at First Provincial Oval on February 19.

The Ipswich coach will also keep a close eye on the senior members in the squad as he looks to name a captain.



Last chance to impress

WITH only 17 spots available in the Ipswich under 19 rugby league squad for the first game in two weeks, fringe players today have one final chance to impress coach Rick Jones.

Jones has 26 players to choose from and with 12 players having already cemented their places, today's clash against the Bears Burleigh is much more than a pre-season trial.

Jones said he would experiment with his line-up at First Provincial Oval in the hope of finding the perfect blend in time for Ipswich's home clash against Easts on February 19.

"We're still not worrying too much about combinations. After we finish the trials we'll work on that."

Jones was pleased to be playing Burleigh, who he expected would give Ipswich a much tougher contest than the Gatton match provided last weekend. Ipswich defeated Gatton 30-6.

Meanwhile, Ipswich A grade coach Jim Landy has similar semi-final aspirations, but qualified them by saying every side aimed for the playoffs at the start of each season.

Landy's priority is for Ipswich to be competitive in the team's return to Brisbane A grade.

Today's final pre-season trial against Burleigh provides a good pointer as where his side stood.

"I'm not too concerned about how Burleigh play. What I'm worried about is our defence and attack, which we've still got some work to do on," he said.

Landy has the luxury of knowing that some players on trial for a place in the Ipswich Jets State League side will not make the grade, and instead line-up for his side.

But that is not great news for several of his current squad anxious to play representative football this season.

Jets' scoring blitz shocks Seagulls

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

Jets 37 d Wynnum 26

THE Ipswich Jets have returned from Wynnum's daunting home base of Kougari Oval with something they have found hard to come by in recent years — the two points.

A more intense Ipswich outfit blew the Seagulls off the park in the first-half, leading by 20 points to four at the break in the second round state league clash.

However, the vocal home crowd could sense a come-from-behind victory as Wynnum fought back to level the score at 20-all through sheer weight of possession.

Ipswich kept their composure in the last quarter of the match, running out comfortable 37-26 victors.

Jets skipper Chris Lawler was delighted with the performance, coming off a disappointing first round loss to Logan.

"We've got a really good start to the season as far as the draw goes," Lawler said.

"We expected to win our first three games of the season. Hopefully we can make up for the first game with another win this weekend."

Lawler said the Jets are confident of knocking over the Cairns Cyclones at home this Saturday night.

The Jets skipper praised the performances of forwards Andrew Hamilton, Anthony Fowler, Nick Hall and Danny McAllister.

"Our forwards really destroyed

them — it was a very physical game. We let them back into the game — they just had a lot of possession and scored some good long range tries," he said.

The new halves combination of Paul McGowan and Lawler gave the side the extra attacking flair and direction which coach Bill Gardiner was searching for during the week.

The dangerous Lawler crossed for two four-pointers while McGowan provided good direction around the park in an impressive debut as the starting half-back.

Powerful second-rower Andrew Hamilton had the Seagulls on the back foot from the opening whistle, crossing for the Jets first two tries as he busted through the Seagulls defence close to the line.

Ipswich have no major injury concerns for the match against Cairns who are yet to register a win after their first two matches.

The Jets have their eyes firmly on the two points this weekend against a side who are struggling away from home.

In other matches, Kerrod Walters scored a try for the Toowoomba Clydesdales who thrashed Wests by 58 points to six.

Chris Walker also staked his claim for an NRL berth, crossing for an incredible seven tries at Athletic Oval.

Ipswich Jets 37 (Lawler 2, Hamilton 2, Renouf, McCarthy, McAllister tries; Lawler 4 goals, Green field goal) d Wynnum Seagulls 26 (Fisher 2, Seage, Plath, Troutman; O'Doherty 3 goals).

Queensland Cup scores — page 37



New recruit: Ipswich Jets hooker Dave Fuller is looking for another big game tomorrow when his new club goes head to head with Redcliffe.

New hooker fancies Jets' chances against Dolphins

By MICHAEL HILLIER

WHEN new Ipswich hooker Dave Fuller says the Jets can beat a classy Redcliffe Dolphins outfit away from home on Sunday afternoon it is hard to ignore his advice.

Fuller joined the Ipswich Jets this season from the Wests Panthers and his dogged defence in the middle of the ruck has played a big part in the sides promising start to the season.

The former Panthers' forward is a veteran of over 120 first-grade matches for the Brisbane based club and knows exactly what to expect when he runs on to Dolphin Oval tomorrow.

"I think we can get the two points — Redcliffe haven't performed that strongly at this stage of the year so we're happy to get them early," Fuller said.

"But their a good strong side with a good pack of forwards — it should be a physical game. With the easier part of the draw we would've liked to have been three wins from three games.

"If we can win one of our next two games it should put us in a good position at the halfway stage of the first round."

Despite making a late start to pre-season training due to his marriage in December, Fuller has cemented himself as the number one dummy-half at the club. The 20 year-old has combined well with the Jets in-form forward pack and has not looked back.

"I had a disappointing season last year. It was supposed to be my last year but I wanted to make up for it so I opted for a change of scenery.

"I had a great time at Wests who have been one of the most successful clubs over the past decade," he said.

Ipswich will have to improve on their dreadful first-half performance against Cairns last weekend when they went to the break trailing by 14 points to four.

Injuries to half-back Paul McGowan and second-rower Brian McCarthy has forced coach Bill Gardner to bring Dale Robertson on to the bench and Richard Allwood into the starting pack.

Fullback Craig Green will make his return from a one match suspension, pushing Brad Bulow back to the interchange bench.

The Jets will have to repeat last week's perfect second-half defensive display if they are to be any chance of containing the slick Redcliffe attacking outfit.

Both Ipswich and Redcliffe are currently sitting on four competition points along with seven other sides.

Ipswich Jets: C. Green, D. Smeath, A. Hutchinson, F. Renouf, J. Togia, Chris Lawler, J. Twist, D. Coburn, R. Allwood, A. Hamilton, A. Fowler, D. Fuller, D. McAllister, B. Bulow, D. Robertson, S. Boothby, S. Allwood.
Redcliffe Dolphins: D. Richters, A. Isarabhakdi, D. Burke, D. Naawi, T. Leis, G. Air, M. Roberts, T. Gould, J. Hinchey, L. Scott, A. Starr, C. O'Dwyer, T. Lindsay, R. Campbell, S. Sanderson, A. Mogg, R. West.

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

Wilkinson confident of all-clear on shoulder

Rugby league

By MICHAEL HILLIER

TALENTED Ipswich Jets forward Paul Wilkinson is "optimistic" he will get the all clear to return from a shoulder injury this weekend when he visits the club doctor today.

The hard-running forward has spent the past nine months on the sideline after suffering a dislocated shoulder against Wests last season.

Ironically, Wilkinson has his fingers crossed Dr Roy Saunders will clear him to make his return against the Wests Panthers on Saturday night.

If Wilkinson gets the all clear he will play for the Ipswich A grade side which has just

one win to its name this season.

"I'll just get my match fitness up and get the feel for the game," Wilkinson said.

"I've got itchy feet -- I can't wait to get back out there."

The powerful 22-year-old forward has been slowly building back strength in his shoulder following the reconstruction which put a halt to his promising career.

Wilkinson said he has been training with the Jets for a few months as well as working out in the gym and receiving physiotherapy.

"It feels nice and strong -- hopefully it won't happen again. I just want to recover from the injury and make a name for myself," he said.

However, Wilkinson will have to repeat his previous form with the Jets if he is to force his way back into the top side.

Led by front-rowers Danny McAllister, Anthony Fowler and Steve Boothby, the Jets forwards have performed strongly this season to guide the side to two wins from four state league matches.

The Ipswich line-up has received a further boost this week with last season's Queensland Country second-rower Brian McCarthy set to return from a knee injury.

Half-back Paul McGowan is expected to be out of action for another month after dislocating his shoulder against Cairns.

Outside back Tom Lenihan hopes to be back on the paddock in "two or three weeks" after breaking a bone in his foot at training on the eve of the round one clash with Logan.

The Ipswich Jets will meet a win-less Wests Panthers outfit at First Provincial Oval on Saturday night at 7pm.

16-3-2000

Jets to appeal Fowler suspension

By MICHAEL HILLIER

THE Ipswich Jets will appeal a two week suspension tonight after prop Anthony Fowler was cited by the Redcliffe Dolphins on video evidence early in the week.

Queensland Rugby League suspended the powerful forward on Tuesday for an alleged high tackle in Sunday's state league match won by Redcliffe 26-16.

Jets chief executive officer Craig Teevan said they had copped a number of suspensions "on the chin" in recent years but they would fight to have Fowler exonerated in time for Saturday's crucial clash with Wests.

After viewing the footage, Teevan said there was not much in the tackle and it was hard to distinguish the point of contact on video evidence.

"I'd like to think that (he will be let off).

The point of contact is hard to prove -- there was no malice in the tackle," Teevan said.

Teevan said the referee had awarded a penalty to the home side after the touch judge came on to the field to report the tackle to the referee.

The suspension is the second time this season that an Ipswich Jets player has been cited on video evidence despite the referee not placing the tackle on report.

Craig Green was suspended for one match following Wynnum's video complaint in round two.

Although Teevan accepted the ruling on Green, he believes rival clubs view the Jets as a force in the competition and are now more inclined to cite their players.

"I think we're starting to gain respect.



A lot of clubs see us as a threat and a bit of a danger. We might have to return serve," he said.

Fowler has been impressive for the Jets this season and would be a big blow to the club if he is forced to sit out the round five match.

Teevan said that both Fowler and the player he tackled spent time in the blood bin after clashing heads in the incident.

Redcliffe CEO Steve Bleakley rejected Teevan's claims that Dolphins player Adam Starr had clashed heads in the same incident.

"We've got an obligation to our players and if we deem it to be an illegal tackle we will act on the matter," Bleakley said.

Bleakley said Starr had a broken nose from Fowler's swinging arm and it is now up to the QRL to rule on the matter.

Injured forwards tackle fitness concerns



Kicking ahead: Ipswich Jets goalkicker Chris Lawler looks to add the extras against Wests last weekend. The Jets meet Souths at Brandon Park tomorrow.

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

Rugby League

IPSWICH Jets coach Bill Gardner will give three of his key forwards as much time as possible to prove their fitness for tomorrow's state league clash with Souths.

Danny McAllister and Richard Allwood are carrying niggling hamstring injuries following Ipswich's round five victory over Wests.

Steve Boothby (neck) is also in doubt for the round six clash against the Magpies at Brandon Park.

Jets skipper Chris Lawler said it was important to have the three forwards on deck for the crucial clash.

The Magpies are no longer the competition easybeats after forming a partnership with the Auckland Warriors at the end of last season.

Souths, who are on six competition points along with Ipswich, are likely to field a number of fringe players from the Warriors.

"Bill (Gardner) doesn't really put much of an emphasis on who the opposition has — he puts more emphasis on our game," Lawler said.

"It's a must-win game for us. If we drop this one it will make it tough because we have five or six hard games

coming up.

Lawler said the Jets had broken the season up into four games with a goal to win three out of every four.

"It's too even to start thinking about the top five. We have to beat teams like Souths to make the semi-finals."

The Jets backline responded to some strong words of encouragement from Gardner last weekend and will have to repeat the performance come 3pm tomorrow.

With prop Anthony Fowler to serve one week of suspension, the Jets could ill-afford to lose McAllister or Boothby.

Despite a shoulder injury keeping talented centre Adam Hutchinson on the sidelines, the Jets have lost little outside with former Gold Coast player Russell Bussian joining Francis Renouf in the centres.

Hardworking back-rower Brian McCarthy will make his comeback from injury on the interchange bench.

Ipswich Jets: Craig Green, Brad Bulow, Russell Bussian, Francis Renouf, Junior Togia, Chris Lawler, Jason Twist, Danny Coburn, Richard Allwood, Andrew Hamilton, Stephen Boothby, Dave Fuller, Danny McAllister, Brian McCarthy, Greg Golder, Dale Robertson, Shaun Allwood.

27-3-2000

Improved Jets give Souths lesson in attack

IPSWICH stormed into third place on the state league ladder after a late flurry of tries from an in-form Jets backline handed Souths a 54-18 thrashing at Brandon Park yesterday.

In one of their best starts to the season in many years, the Jets have four wins from six matches. They boast the second best attack in the competition.

The Chris Lawler-inspired backline crossed for eight of Ipswich's nine tries as the home side's defence fell away in the second half.

With Richard Allwood and Steve Boothby forced out with injury and Anthony Fowler serving the final week of his suspension, the depth of the forward pack was set to be tested.

However, replacement forwards Brendan Rice and Nick Hall ensured the Jets pack passed the test with flying colours.

Ipswich paid the price for a spate of drop ball in the first half, trailing 16-6 at the break.

After an early penalty goal to the Magpies, the Jets blew Souths



off the paddock with a stunning eight try second-half performance.

Jets winger Brad Bulow, who scored two tries, said the side did not panic at halftime.

"We always knew that if we played to our ability we would have it in reach," Bulow said.

"Once we got level with them everyone wanted a bit of the action. We started throwing the ball around and everything we did came off — we really enjoyed it."

Bulow said the Jets players had a lot more confidence in each other this season.

Centre Russell Bussian and captain Chris Lawler were dangerous every time they touched the ball.

Lawler backed up his two-try effort with an outstanding nine conversions from all parts of the field.

The backline capitalised on another strong showing from forwards Andrew Hamilton and Danny Coburn.

The Jets will have to play for the full 80 minutes this week against a fired-up Norths side which is com-

ing off a 52-4 thrashing by Toowoomba. "It's just a matter of switching on — we're either on or off at the moment," Bulow said.

— **MICHAEL HILLIER.**

Ipswich 54 (Brad Bulow 2, Russell Bussian 2, Chris Lawler 2, Francis Renouf, Brian McCarthy, Craig Green tries, Chris Lawler 9 goals) **d Souths 18** (P. Whatuira 2, D. Mulhall tries, D. Mulhall 3 goals).

Next match: Norths at First Provincial Oval at 2pm (ABC televised game).

□ Full scores — page 37.



▲ **Inside ball:** Jets half-back Jason Twist draws the defence and turns the ball back on the inside against the well-organised Norths defence. Ipswich lost their state league match 30-12 at First Provincial Oval.



▲ **Clearing kick:** Classy Ipswich Jets five-eighth Chris Lawler drives the ball deep into Norths' territory during his side's 30-12 loss to the Devils on Saturday.

Lawler returns to fold for Burleigh showdown

By MICHAEL HILLIER

THE Ipswich Jets will welcome back classy five-eighth Chris Lawler for Saturday's round 10 rugby league clash against the Burleigh Bears at First Provincial Oval.

Lawler missed last weekend's 30-22 victory over Central in Rockhampton due to a family wedding in Sydney.

Ironically, last week's replacement Kerry Carmichael is unavailable for the clash against the defending premiers due a family wedding on the weekend.

The Ipswich skipper will slot back into five-eighth where he has caused plenty of problems for opposition defences this season.

In other changes to the side, Brad Bulow will return to the wing in favour of Storm Richter.

Coach Bill Gardner finds himself in the healthy situation of having six players on the interchange bench to choose from.

Adam Hutchinson, who dislocated his shoulder against Redcliffe in round four, joins Brian McCarthy, Andrew Hamilton, Steven Carr, Storm Richter and youngster Aaron Bulow on the bench.

Two of the reserves will be omitted lat-

ter in the week.

Gardner rates Hutchinson a 50/50 chance of returning from the injury which put a halt to his impressive start to the season.

"He looks good running. He's done a lot of training with us so he hasn't dropped anything," Gardner said.

"But experience tells me that it's not quite right. I'd like to see him do a bit more heavy contact work."

Gardner will decide whether he will play the talented centre after he visits the physiotherapist today.

Hutchinson said although he believed the shoulder was fully healed, he would leave the decision up to Gardner and the doctor.

"To me it feels good, but they might want to give it an extra week," Hutchinson said. "I've been doing contact work for a couple of weeks and it feels fine," he said.

The return of the former Gold Coast Charger in the near future shapes as a major boost for the club, who face two of the best attacking teams in the competition over the next two rounds.

A victory could move the Jets into fifth

position while a loss could see the side sink to eighth on a congested ladder.

The Ipswich Jets will hold a sportsmen's dinner at Jets Leagues Club on May 12. Queensland Reds and Wallaby star Tim Horan will be the guest speaker.

Canberra fullback Brett Mullins was still a chance for State of Origin selection later this year, despite his relegation to first division, Raiders coach Mal Meninga said yesterday.

Mullins was dropped from first grade and fined \$25,000 on Monday following an on-field altercation with Raiders winger Mark McLinden during Canberra's loss to Parramatta on Sunday.

McLinden was yesterday named as Mullins' replacement at fullback for Monday's National Rugby League clash with the Sydney Roosters at the Sydney Football Stadium.

But Meninga said Mullins, who could be back in first grade next week depending on his attitude, could still be selected for the New South Wales team.

"I think Brett Mullins is a chance," Meninga said.

"We've got to keep winning. If we're not successful, they're not going to look at you."



20-3-2000

SATURDAY APRIL 22

Ipswich Jets
v
Burleigh Bears

Kick-Off 6pm

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Quick pass: Lively Ipswich Jets half-back Jason Twist spins the ball wide during Saturday night's loss to the Burleigh Bears.

Green send-off takes wind from Jets' sails

By MICHAEL HILLIER

AFTER a promising start, the Ipswich Jets were unable to recover from the send-off of fullback Craig Green during Saturday's round 10 state league loss to the Burleigh Bears at First Provincial Oval.

With the scores locked at 4-all at half-time, Burleigh made the most of the extra player to score a 22-4 victory.

Green was given his marching orders by referee Darren McKenzie in the 18th minute of the match for a high tackle on opposing fullback Jamie Mahon.

Mahon was running the ball from deep inside his own territory when touch judge Darren Breen reported the tackle which forced the Burleigh fullback off the field for most of the first half.

After officials separated a number of Burleigh players who were upset by the incident, McKenzie received a lengthy report from his tough judge before he sent a dejected Green from the field.

Ipswich forced Burleigh to make a number of errors in the first half, taking an early 4-0 before Green was sent off.

Green, who was suspended for one match for a high tackle against Wynnum in round two, will face the Queensland Rugby League judiciary this week.

Burleigh made the most of the one-man overmen in the 24th minute when

flying winger Irwin Appo crossed for a try outside.

However, a tired Ipswich side could not hang on in the second half as the Bears ran in four unanswered tries.

The Jets looked more than capable of knocking over the defending premiers when Richard Allwood capitalised on some solid lead up to burst over the try-line in the fifth minute.

Jets skipper Chris Lawler said with a full compliment of players they would have been a big chance of winning.

"We were right in it in the first half but it was always going to be a struggle (without Green)," Lawler said.

"We still thought we could win it at half-time but we needed the luck to go our way. The 50/50 calls went their way which made it tough.

"Our defence was great. We got tired in the second half but we really made them work for their tries," he said.

Lawler said he was disappointed Green was not placed on report.

Nick Hall, Dale Robertson and Francis Renouf played strongly for Ipswich as the side battled with injuries during the second half.

The Jets, who have five wins and five losses, will meet Easts this Sunday at Langlands Park in the final round before the annual Queensland Country versus City clash.

Burleigh Bears 22 (Irwin Appo 2, Mark Sossarago, Nick Shaw, Darren Anderson tries, Reggie Crossbrook goal) d Ipswich Jets 4 (Richard Allwood try).

Coburn to make best of country selection

By MICHAEL HILLIER

QUEENSLAND Country rugby league representative Danny Coburn believes tomorrow's clash with City at Langlands Park will be the biggest match of his career.

Coburn was named in the Country team along with fellow Ipswich Jets team-mate Danny

McAllister after Sunday's 26-16 win over Easts.

The hard working duo have been the backbone of Ipswich's forward pack this season.

When Jets chief executive Craig Teevan informed Coburn of his inclusion in the side, he could not believe the good news.

"It wasn't really a goal at the start of the season so it's a big bonus," Coburn said.

"I'm stoked — I still can't believe it."

The former Beaudesert player has been with the Jets for three seasons. He is reaping the rewards for being one of the club's best performers each week.

Both Coburn and McAllister will start the match on the interchange bench.

Coburn believes it will be a tough ask to gain selection in the Queensland Residents side to take on their New South Wales

counterparts.

"I'm looking forward to it. It will only make me a better player."

"Playing against the elite players will be very fast. I'm just happy to make this step — maybe I can get a starting spot next season."

The 23-year-old said he was "nervous at the best of times" but he would relax once entering camp.

Coburn and McAllister joined team-mates from Toowoomba, Central, Burleigh and Cairns in camp on Wednesday morning.

Country will take on the elite players from Easts, Wynnum, Redcliffe, Logan, Wests, Norths and Souths in the 2pm televised clash.

Prop Danny McAllister, who has played a big role in Ipswich's winning start to the season, is expected to make a big impact off the bench.

McAllister has led the way up-front after joining the Jets from English Super Club Gateshead this season.

Kerrod Walters makes his return to representative football at hooker for the Grant Bell-coached Country outfit.

Country: Reggle Cressbrook, Wade Rothery, Darren Anderson, Scott Williamson, Justin Loomans, Grant Adamson, Jace Van Dijk, Shane O'Flanagan, Kerrod Walters, Sime Busby, Aji Brown, Kere Parata, Kirk Reynoldson. Interchange: Danny McAllister, Danny Coburn, Damon Keating, Jason Barsley.



Big future: Ipswich Jets lock-forward Danny Coburn is all smiles after gaining selection in the Queensland Country team. Danny McAllister was also named in the strong line-up to take on City.

10-5-2000

Boothby anticipates return in two weeks

By MICHAEL HILLIER

INJURED Ipswich Jets forward Steve Boothby is optimistic he will return to the playing field in two weeks after spending six frustrating rounds on the sidelines.

Boothby has not played for the Jets since their round five win over Wests.

The hardworking forward sustained a bulging disk problem in his neck during a training session at the gym.

Boothby rates the injury, which weakened the left side of his body, 15% short of a return to full fitness.

Despite training with his teammates, Boothby will take no part in this Sunday's round 12

clash with Wynnum, at First Provincial Oval.

The 26-year-old will see the club doctor on Monday. He has his fingers crossed he will get the all clear to tackle Cairns at Barlow Park.

With the Jets forward pack performing strongly, Boothby is likely to make his comeback for the Ipswich A grade side playing in the Brisbane Rugby League.

"It's (injury) getting better. I've been doing the training but I haven't played," Boothby said.

Boothby has been with the Jets since the early-1990s and admits it has been frustrating watching his team-mates make an impact in the stage league.

"It is frustrating in a way but it is good to see the club being successful. It would have been good to be a part of it. We've got to keep beating teams below us (on the ladder) as well as beating the top five teams."

The Bill Gardner-coached side had a well deserved break last weekend due to the annual Queensland Country-City clash.

Ipswich's 26-16 win over second-placed Easts moved the side into sixth on the state league ladder.

On current form, the Jets should easily account for wooden spoon favourites Wynnum.

The Seagulls have only managed to pick up a draw at the half-way stage of the competition.



Saturday, June 3, 2000

Frustrated Jet back in business

By MICHAEL HILLIER

DETERMINED Ipswich Jets prop Steve Boothby will make his much anticipated return from a frustrating neck injury in today's round 15 state league match against Wests at Purcell Park.

Boothby has not played in the top side since the Jets' round five win over Wests in March.

The hardworking forward sustained a bulging disk problem in his neck during a training session at the gym.

Boothby was named on the bench for today's crucial clash with the Panthers after Sean Allwood was ruled out with a virus.

Despite his initial hopes of returning shortly after the injury, Boothby was only able to make his return in the Ipswich A grade side last weekend.

"I played against Redcliffe last weekend and I got through it pretty well," Boothby said.

His player of the match award allowed him to jump a number of strong candidates into the Bill Gardner-coached side.

Ipswich will be desperate for a victory over 10th placed Wests to stay in touch with the Burleigh Bears.

Burleigh, which play Cairns in a match they are expected to win, are three points clear of sixth-

placed Ipswich.

Although Boothby said the side would take it one match at a time, he concedes a loss would make it difficult to make the five.

"It would make it hard because we would have to win every game and hope that results with Burleigh go our way."

Ipswich have welcomed back experienced fullback Craig Green who missed last weekend's 18-10 loss to Redcliffe because of a family wedding.

Kerry Carmichael moves back to half-back, with Paul McGowan to start on the bench.

Boothby believes the Jets will have to "stick it" to Wests in the first 20 minutes to ensure the side comes away with the points.

"It doesn't matter if it's ugly, we just have to get it done."

Central and Logan are within one win of jumping the Jets on the state league ladder.

Ipswich Jets: Craig Green, Junior Togia, Adam Hutchison, Francis Renouf, Ross Mitchell, Chris Lawler, Kerry Carmichael, Danny McAllister, Dale Robertson, Nick Hall, Andrew Hamilton, Richard Allwood, Danny Coburn. **Interchange:** Shane Ward, Brian McCarthy, Steve Boothby, Paul McGowan.



Charging ahead: Determined Ipswich Jets hooker Dale Robertson evades a Redcliffe defender during last weekend's 18-10 loss. Robertson will be one of the key players in today's match against Wests.

Landy warning: Watch emotional opponents

IPSWICH A grade rugby league coach Jim Landy fears an "emotional" Wests Panthers side Purcell Park today.

Landy said the Panthers were always more difficult to beat in front of their own fans.

"They always play on emotion at home. They'll be tough," Landy said.

Ipswich will look to bounce back from a 44-6 thrashing dished out by Redcliffe last Saturday.

Landy has again had to battle through injury and unavailability to field a side, but feels the 17 will be more than competitive.

The Ipswich Colts side is also looking to bounce back from a heavy defeat last weekend.

The Colts side meet the Panthers in today's opening match at noon.

Ipswich was thrashed 66-6 by Redcliffe last Saturday in a display coach Rick Jones "couldn't fathom".

The Ipswich pack will today be

weakened by the absence of regular prop Tyrone Day and Nathan McKenzie.

Day broke his thumb last weekend, while an alleged stiff arm has sidelined McKenzie with concussion.

Inspirational halfback and captain Aaron Bulow is also out. Bulow is being rested because of a persistent quad problem.

A grade: P Lowe, B Jack, B Bulow, C Hodges, R Trapp, J Robertson, B Trim, P Wilkinson, G Williams, B Rice, D Glass, S Carr, J Luhrman. **Interchange:** A Brooks, M Sharrad, L McCulloch, M Haggart.

Colts: T Deighton, J Ward, M Flux, D Green, K Beaton, M Chalk, T Riggs, J Bowden, J Parcell, N Rockingham, L Mulhall, T Beattie, B Crilly. **Interchange:** M Doyle, L Freeman, S Ellis (one to be added)

— MARCO MONTEVERDE.

7-6-2000

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Jets pivot a mile in front

By MICHAEL HILLIER

CLASSY Ipswich Jets rugby league five-eighth Chris Lawler has skipped away from the pack to hold a commanding lead in the race for the Bundy Gold Cup player of the year award.

The in-form Jets skipper leads the race for the Sunstate player of the year award by nine points.

With only the first 12 rounds of polling revealed, Lawler (22) leads Norths' Kevin Carmichael (13) and Logan's Brendan Lindsay (9).

Graham Cotter (Easts), All Brown (Burlleigh) and Jace Van Dijk (Toowoomba) are all on nine points.

Points are awarded by the referee after each match on a three-two-one basis.

Despite enjoying a standout season, Lawler was a controversial omission from the Queensland Country side on May 6.

According to Jets chief executive officer Craig Teevan,

Lawler's standout lead in the race for the player of the year award is further evidence he should have been selected in the Country side.

"That was my argument. Country could have done with his attacking ability," Teevan said.

Lawler is also in the race for the leading points scorer of the year. He has scored 110 points from seven tries and 41 goals to be third on the list.

The player of the year prize is regarded as one of the most prestigious awards in Queensland Rugby League.

Lawler may have registered more points last weekend, after he played a leading role in Ipswich's impressive 34-6 round 15 victory over Wests at Purcell Park.

The much-needed victory kept the Jets in touch with the top five leading into this Saturday's clash with the Souths Magpies at First Provincial Oval.

12-6-2000

'Cool head' Jets out gun Magpies

By MICHAEL HILLIER

League

IPSWICH Jets coach Bill Gardner believes Saturday's crucial state league win over Souths at First Provincial Oval was a game the Jets may not have won two months ago.

With players from both sides becoming frustrated at the massive penalty count (23), the Jets kept their cool to record a 28-18 round 16 victory in miserable conditions.

A desperate Souths outfit trailed 24-18 midway through the second half.

But the Magpies became the first side to crack under pressure, with lock Monty Betham dismissed for a dangerous tackle late in the match.

Magpies fullback David Mulhall also spent time in the sin bin.

"It was a game that was there to be won. In the past we might have got into the sledging department," Gardner said.

"We were fairly controlled given the conditions. We were pretty good.

"It would have been quite easy not to have stayed in control the way they (Souths) were carrying on."

With rain still falling at full-time, Ipswich players abandoned their customary warm down on the field and headed for the dressing sheds knowing their final five hopes were still alive.

Disappointed Souths players trudged off the field aware their semi-final chances were all but gone.

An Adam Hutchison-inspired Ipswich led 18-6 at half-time.

The hard-running centre opened the scoring in the 10th

minute when he busted through the Magpies defence close to the line.

Souths levelled the score at 6-all but the Jets hit back when Hutchison grabbed his second try from a bomb.

Hutchison then threw the last pass to in-form prop Nick Hall who crashed over to score late in the first half.

But Souths winger Francis Meli got the Magpies back into the game during the second half with a spectacular try.

Gardner praised the efforts of props Danny McAllister and Hall.

Ipswich remain in sixth position, just two points out of the top five.

Ipswich Jets 28 (Adam Hutchison 2, Francis Renouf, Nick Hall tries, Chris Lawler 6 goals) **Souths Magpies** (David Mulhall, Francis Meli, Nathan Squassoni tries, David Mulhall 3 goals).

Next match: Norths at Blshop Park, June 18.

Jets initiation for talented trio

Rugby league

By MICHAEL HILLIER

A BIG step up, faster and more physical.

That's how three of Ipswich's most promising rugby league players described their taste of state league action for the Ipswich Jets.

Youngsters Aaron Bulow, Marshall Chalk and Karl Beaton have all played one match for the Bill Gardner-coached Jets this season.

Bulow, a halfback or five-eighth, made his debut off the interchange bench in the Jets' 30-22 round nine win over Central.

"It's a big step up from under 19s, just the pace of it," said Bulow.

The talented trio are all members of the Ipswich colts (under 19) side which plays in the Brisbane Rugby League.

Chalk and Beaton got their first taste of state league football against Norths last weekend.

In the absence of injured wingers Junior Togia, Ross Mitchell and Russell Bussian, the pair played strongly on the flanks in Ipswich's

30-16 loss to the Devils at Bishop Park.

Although his preferred position is lock, Chalk has the ability to play anywhere in the backline.

Chalk, who played for the Fassifern under 18 team last year, said it was a fair step up from the colts side to the state league ranks.

"It's a faster game — a little bit more physical."

Beaton came off the bench, playing the last 10 minutes of the first half and the entire second stanza.

"It's great — just the experience and the feeling of it all makes you want to play more," said Beaton.

Chalk and Beaton will both play in the colts side against Logan at First Provincial Oval on Sunday. Bulow is expected to make his return from a wrist injury the following week.

Ipswich colts coach Rick Jones said the trio gained selection in the top side because they were dedicated players.

"It's great — I'd like to see more of them up there," Jones said.

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Future stars: Ipswich colts trio Aaron Bulow (left), Karl Beaton and Marshall Chalk (right) hope to secure a permanent state league position in future years. Photo: MICHAEL HOLMAN

30-6-2000

Teevan confident of keeping most players

By MICHAEL HILLIER

IPSWICH Jets chief executive officer Craig Teevan is confident he will secure the signatures of the majority of the current squad for the 2001 state league competition.

With four rounds to go before the end of the season, the Jets have enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in recent years.

Although seventh-placed Ipswich are out of semi-final contention, the club has picked up nine wins — three more than last season.

Teevan said he was in the early stages of negotiation with players.

"We've played well as a team this year — we can't afford to have a high turnover of personnel," Teevan said.

With regular fullback Craig Green likely to retire at the end of the season, Teevan said the club would look to bolster the depth of the outside backs.

"The only place Toowoomba beat us for was speed."

Ipswich led a star-studded Toowoomba outfit 24-12 last weekend before the Clydesdales

stormed home to win 30-24 at First Provincial Oval.

One of Teevan's top priorities will be resigning captain Chris Lawler.

The former Parramatta star has been one of Ipswich's best this season. He leads the race for the Queensland Rugby League player of the year award.

Teevan will meet with Lawler's manager next weekend.

However, Teevan will also look to retain the talented youngsters at the club.

Ipswich colts players Marshall Chalk, Karl Beaton and Aaron Bulow have all had a taste of state league this season.

Chalk, who played for Fassifern under 18s last year, scored a try on the wing in a brilliant display for the Jets last weekend.

"Marshall has gone sensational — he has shown a lot of maturity. The whole idea is to keep the kids here so they don't have to go to Brisbane clubs."

Ipswich will play the Central Comets in tomorrow's ABC televised match at First Provincial Oval.



Colts stroll to third win

By MARCO MONTEVERDE

THE Ipswich Colts side finished its Brisbane Rugby League home campaign on a high yesterday, upsetting Easts 22-12 at First Provincial Oval.

Ipswich coach Rick Jones was elated with the four tries to two victory, only his side's third win of the season.

And on yesterday's performance, Ipswich has every chance of recording a fourth win in its final fixture of the year against Logan City this weekend at Meakin Park.

"We want to finish with two in a row," Jones said.

He said the key to yesterday's win was Ipswich's simple brand of football.

"There was nothing special — just a good, solid brand of football. We cut out the fancy stuff.

"We missed hardly any tackles. Everything we've been talking about for the last two months we did today (yesterday)."

Ipswich led 12-6 at half-time and continued to dominate after the break.

Trent Deighton, John Ward, Joel Parcell and Brad Lowe each scored tries for the home side.

Jones said props Nathan McKenzie and Tyron Day laid the platform for victory.

"They worked tirelessly."

The win was Ipswich's second victory over Easts this season.

"We're their bogey side," Jones said.

Deighton, Ward and Brendan Crilly backed up later in the day for the Ipswich A grade side, which was thrashed 84-8 by Easts.

Ipswich captain Brad Bulow stated the obvious when he said the Easts side — full of players with State League experience — had too much strength for his team.

"We defended all day. We hardly had any of the ball. I think they would have had about 85% of it," Bulow said.

Tries to Crilly and Richard Trapp were the only bright points of a humiliating afternoon for Ipswich.

"Our heads dropped," Bulow admitted.

But he said his side must quickly forget about the loss and concentrate on this weekend's final fixture of the season against Logan City.

Bulow was confident his side could bounce back from yesterday's embarrassment.

"We'll beat Logan — put a few dollars on it."

Bulow's optimism is born out of the fact that the last time the two sides met Logan only prevailed by eight points in a tight encounter that could have gone either way.

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NEW COACH

By MICHAEL HILLIER

IPSWICH has strengthened its affiliation with Canberra after Raiders first division coach Gary Greinke accepted a three-year deal as head coach of the Jets.

Greinke will replace Bill Gardner who decided to take a break from coaching next season.

With sixth-placed Ipswich out of finals contention, Gardner will coach the Jets for the last time against Logan at Meakin Park tomorrow.

Ipswich chief executive officer Craig Teevan said Greinke's appointment was in line with the Jets' goal of becoming a dominant force in the Bundy Gold Cup.

"He's got links with Canberra, local ties (in Ipswich) and he has a proven track record," said Teevan who finalised Greinke's appointment on Thursday.

But Teevan is most excited about

Senior Raiders man to guide Jets' fortunes

strengthening Ipswich's affiliation with Canberra.

He said Greinke would be in a position to advise the Raiders which players were "up to the next level".

Greinke said yesterday he was looking forward to moving home to Brisbane after seven years of coaching interstate and overseas.

The former London Broncos coach has this year guided the Raiders to equal first position on the first division table. He has also spent three seasons as assistant coach to Mal Meninga.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to Brisbane and coaching a good club like the Jets," said Greinke. "Billy (Gardner) has done a wonderful job. I'm hoping to make



the club into an even stronger unit."

Greinke is no stranger to Ipswich, having served as a police officer at Booval in the late 1980s. He was also captain/coach of West End in 1988 and played for Swifts in 1990.

Greinke also held talks with Brisbane Souths but Ipswich's affiliation with the Raiders was to good to pass up.

"Our realistic goal is to make the top five," he said.

The new Jets coach said he would begin planning for next season after he had finished his commitments with the Raiders.

Canberra Raiders operations manager Robert Finch said Greinke's appointment

added an extra dimension to their arrangement with the Jets.

"The Raiders have enormous respect for Gary and his feedback to us in regards to players' performances and development at the Jets will be most beneficial to our recruitment process."

Meanwhile, Ipswich centre Adam Hutchison will make his return from a corked thigh in tomorrow's round 22 clash with the Scorpions.

Hutchison missed last weekend's 34-30 win over Easts. Ipswich will finish sixth if they score a final round victory.

Ipswich Jets: Junior Togia, Russell Bussian, Adam Hutchison, Francis Renouf, Marshall Chalk, Chris Lawler, Paul McGowan, Danny McAllister, Dale Robertson, Stephen Boothby, Andrew Hamilton, Richard Allwood, Danny Coburn, Craig Green, Brian McCarthy, Sean Allwood, Kerry Carmichael.

Jets finish season on winning note

By MICHAEL HILLIER

THE Ipswich Jets approached yesterday's final state league match against Logan at Meakin Park intent on achieving three goals.

The Jets successfully reached their target of beating Logan for the first time this season, finishing the competition in sixth-place and recording three consecutive victories.

But Ipswich's chances of reaching the target looked shakey during the first half.

The Jets trailed 14-0 after 15 minutes but hit back strongly to record a thrilling 30-28 victory.

Ipswich winger Ross Mitchell ensured Jets coach Bill Gardner went out on a winning note when he capitalised on solid lead up work to score the matchwinning try with just four minutes left on the clock.

Gardner said he was "at ease" bowing out from what is likely to be his last year of coaching rugby league.

"The important thing for me is that I'm going out when I want to go," Gardner said.

The experienced coach will be replaced by Canberra Raiders' first di-

vision coach Gary Greinke next season.

Gardner said Ipswich "struggled all day" before turning the corner in the second half.

"We were average for the first half in attack and defence. We weren't playing great but we just kept hanging in there."

Gardner said five-eighth Chris Lawler, centre Francis Renouf and forwards Danny McAllister and Danny Coburn had been Ipswich's most consistent players this season.

He also praised exciting youngster Marshall Chalk.

● Meanwhile, the Ipswich colts finished their season with 40-16 loss against Logan.

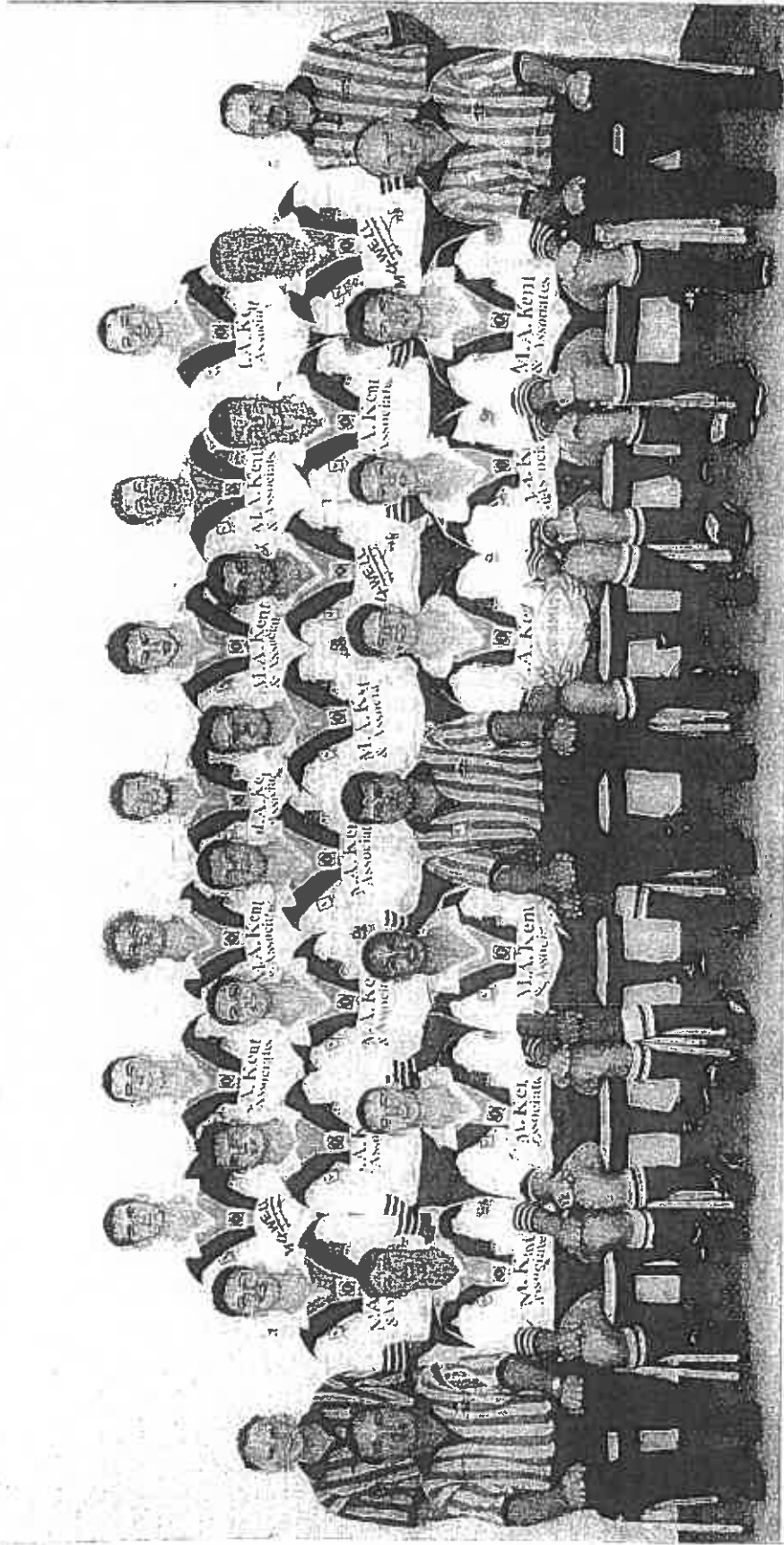
Coach Rick Jones, who wants to look after the side again next year, said the team will only improve on its Brisbane Rugby League experience.

The Ipswich A grade was thrashed 72-4 by Logan.

Ipswich Jets 30 (Ross Mitchell, Richard Allwood, Andrew Hamilton, Danny McAllister, Russell Busslan tries, Lawler 5 goals) **Logan Scorpions 28** (S. Ireland 2, P. Shilcock, T. O'Regan, D. Rauble, D. Taqiri tries, G. Duuon, B. Lindsay goals)

Premiership Points Table

	Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agn	Pts	Diff
1	Redcliffe Dolphins	22	19	0	3	546	320	38	226
2	Easts Tigers	22	17	0	5	654	427	34	227
3	Toowoomba Clydesdales	22	16	0	6	747	409	32	338
4	Burleigh Bears	22	14	1	7	600	398	29	202
5	Norths Devils	22	13	1	8	589	484	27	105
6	Ipswich Jets	22	12	0	10	556	516	24	40
7	Logan Scorpions	22	10	1	11	494	488	21	6
8	Central Comets	22	10	1	11	529	550	21	-21
9	Souths Magpies	22	8	2	12	472	624	18	-152
10	Wests Panthers	22	4	1	17	459	601	9	-142
11	Wynnum Seagulls	22	3	1	18	386	649	7	-263
12	Cairns Cyclones	22	2	0	20	288	854	4	-566



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COLTS SQUAD

Ben Abraham, Richard Allwood, Sean Allwood, Karl Beaton, Tim Beattie, Steven Boothby, John Bowden, Aaron Bulow, Gavin Campbell, Marshall Chalk, Brendan Crilly, Brendan Crouch, Tyron Day, Trent Dighton, Matthew Doyle, Stephen Ellis, Lucas Freestone, Danial Green, Richard Harris, Matthew Hines, Sonny Johnston, Clayton Johnstone, Brad Lowe, Mark Lucas, Jesse Malson, Nathan McKenzie, Brett Miligan, Periti Muliaga, Liam Mulhall, Joel Parcell, Todd Riggs, Nicolis Rockingham, Michael Seymour, Danial Toohill, Michael Wagambie, Colin Walker, John Ward, Shane Williams.

THE BUNDY GOLD CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 19 February		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Cairns	4.00	28 - 10
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	7.00	16 - 24
Sat. Burleigh v Toowoomba	7.00	16 - 22
Sat. Norths v Wynnum	7.00	30 - 4
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	7.30	16 - 22
Sat. Central v Easts	7.30	25 - 24

R2:- 26/27 February		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Central	7.00	20 - 12
Sat. Burleigh v Easts	7.00	18 - 30
Sat. Wynnum v Ipswich	7.15	26 - 37
Sun. Norths v Cairns	4.00	52 - 10
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	4.00	58 - 6
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	7.00	10 - 20

R3:- 4/5 March		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Toowoomba	2.00	24 - 18
Sat. Norths v Redcliffe	6.00	24 - 30
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	7.00	28 - 6
Sat. Ipswich v Cairns	7.30	20 - 14
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	40 - 24
Sun. Souths v Wests	3.00	16 - 4

R4:- 10/11/12 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Souths	8.00	40 - 12
Sat. *Wests v Norths	2.00	22 - 32
Sat. Logan v Easts	6.00	6 - 28
Sat. Wynnum v Burleigh	7.15	14 - 30
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.30	16 - 20
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	26 - 16

R5:- 18/19 March		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Cairns	2.00	38 - 14
Sat. Norths v Souths	6.00	28 - 12
Sat. Logan v Toowoomba	6.00	0 - 32
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	7.00	29 - 18
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	12 - 6
Sun. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	26 - 24

R6:- 24/25/26 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Norths	8.00	52 - 4
Sat. *Wynnum v Logan	2.00	4 - 36
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	43 - 20
Sat. Cairns v Easts	7.30	10 - 26
Sun. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	18 - 54
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	18 - 16

R7:- 1/2 April		SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Norths	2.00	12 - 30
Sat. Logan v Cairns	6.00	40 - 0
Sat. Burleigh v Wests	7.00	36 - 16
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	22 - 26
Sun. Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	4 - 44
Sun. Easts v Redcliffe	3.00	12 - 24

R8:- 7/8/9 April		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Ipswich	5.15	62 - 32
Sat. *Redcliffe v Logan	2.00	36 - 12
Sat. Wests v Easts	3.00	22 - 32
Sat. Norths v Central	6.00	32 - 16
Sat. Cairns v Wynnum	7.30	28 - 18
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	22 - 16

R9:- 15/16 April		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Souths	2.00	34 - 16
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	7.00	22 - 20
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	22 - 30
Sat. Cairns v Toowoomba	7.30	12 - 34
Sun. Logan v Wests	2.00	22 - 6
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	6 - 14

R10:- 20/22/23/24 April		SCORE
Thur. Wests v Wynnum	7.30	32 - 4
Sat. *Norths v Easts	2.00	20 - 38
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	26 - 34
Sat. Ipswich v Burleigh	6.00	4 - 22
Sun. Redcliffe v Cairns	4.00	48 - 12
Mon. Toowoomba v Central	3.00	34 - 16

R11:- 28/29/30 April		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	5.10	10 - 18
Sat. *Burleigh v Central	2.00	28 - 14
Sat. Wynnum v Souths	4.00	22 - 22
Sat. Cairns v Wests	7.30	12 - 26
Sun. Logan v Norths	2.00	8 - 28
Sun. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	16 - 26

R12:- 13/14 May		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Toowoomba	2.00	14 - 24
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	24 - 14
Sun. Cairns v Norths	1.30	12 - 38
Sun. Ipswich v Wynnum	3.00	36 - 12
Sun. Easts v Burleigh	3.00	32 - 30
Sun. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	14 - 27

R13:- 20/21 May		SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Burleigh	2.00	18 - 18
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	26 - 26
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.30	26 - 22
Sun. Wynnum v Central	2.00	18 - 38
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	46 - 16
Sun. Toowoomba v Easts	5.00	16 - 30

R14:- 27/28 May		SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Redcliffe	2.00	10 - 18
Sat. Central v Cairns	7.30	48 - 4
Sun. Norths v Wests	3.00	38 - 32
Sun. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	28 - 42
Sun. Easts v Logan	3.00	30 - 26
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.30	40 - 24

R15:- 3/4 June		SCORE
Sat. *Souths v Norths	2.00	30 - 25
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	6 - 34
Sat. Cairns v Burleigh	7.30	6 - 34
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	2.00	22 - 12
Sun. Toowoomba v Logan	2.30	24 - 30
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	26 - 30

R16:- 10/11 June		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Toowoomba	2.00	30 - 6
Sat. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	14 - 22
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	6.00	28 - 18
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	32 - 14
Sun. Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.30	22 - 0
Sun. Easts v Cairns	4.00	78 - 4

R17:- 17/18 June		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Easts	2.00	8 - 6
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	20 - 28
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	12.10	36 - 28
Sun. Cairns v Logan	1.30	22 - 50
Sun. Souths v Central	2.00	28 - 34
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	3.00	30 - 16

R18:- 24/25 June		SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Redcliffe	2.00	18 - 28
Sat. Burleigh v Souths	6.00	44 - 6
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	24 - 24
Sun. Easts v Wests	3.00	32 - 22
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	3.00	24 - 30
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	4.00	28 - 14

R19:- 1/2 July		SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Central	2.00	18 - 24
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	22 - 24
Sat. Toowoomba v Cairns	5.00	64 - 12
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	3.00	16 - 30
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	22 - 8
Sun. Souths v Easts	3.00	12 - 32

R20:- 8/9 July		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Norths	2.00	18 - 14
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	4.00	20 - 54
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	28 - 35
Sun. Logan v Souths	2.00	50 - 24
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	18 - 10
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.30	18 - 28

R21:- 15/16 July		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Toowoomba	2.00	17 - 16
Sat. Wests v Cairns	4.00	60 - 10
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	20 - 42
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	40 - 24
Sun. Norths v Logan	3.00	28 - 16
Sun. Ipswich v Easts	3.00	34 - 30

R22:- 22/23 July		SCORE
Sat. *Toowoomba v Burleigh	12.10	48 - 24
Sun. Cairns v Souths	1.30	20 - 28
Sun. Logan v Ipswich	2.00	28 - 30
Sun. Easts v Central	2.00	48 - 26
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	50 - 22
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	28 - 32

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FINAL SERIES

Semi-Finals 1:- 29/30 July

Game A EASTS v TOOWOOMBA (Winner to Game C, Loser to Game D)

Game B BURLEIGH v NORTHS (Winner to Game D, Loser out)

Semi-Finals 2:- 5/6 August

Game C REDCLIFFE v Winner Game A (Winner to G/Final, Loser to Game E)

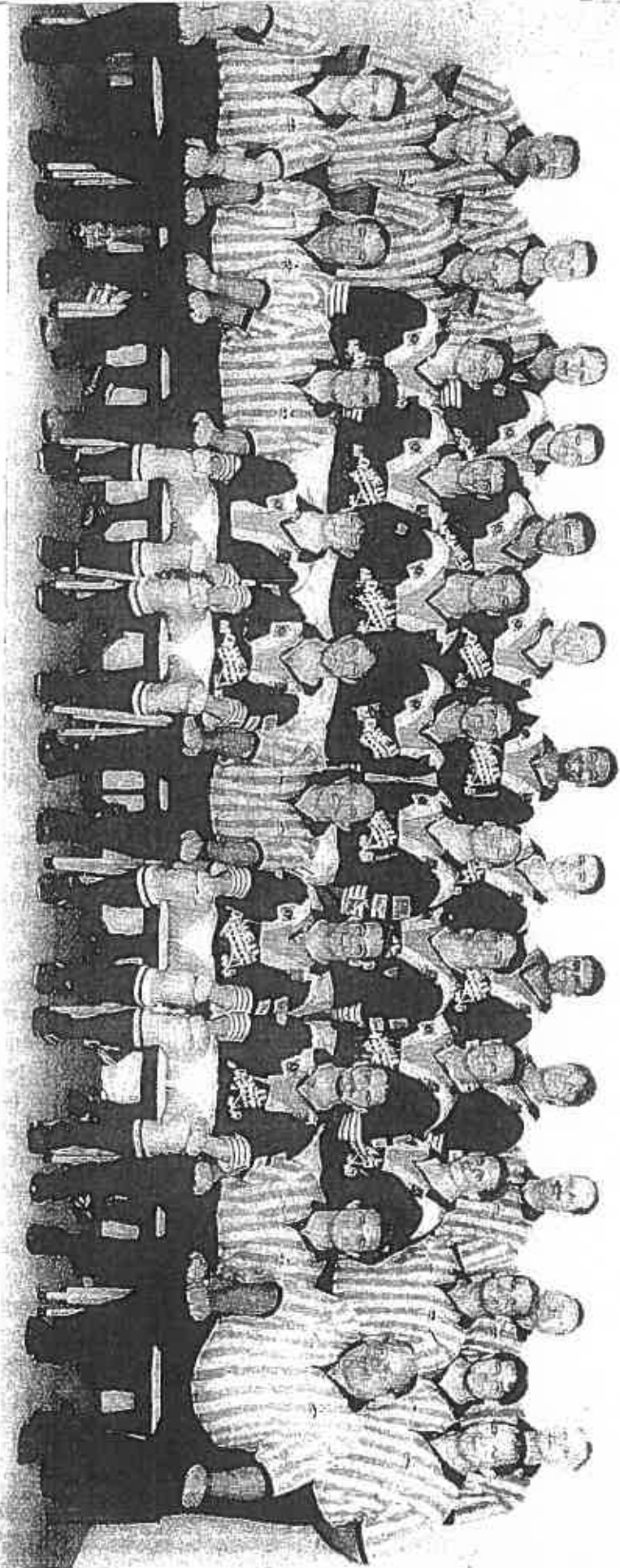
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Preliminary Final:- 12 August

Game E Loser Game C v Winner Game D (Winner to G/Final, Loser out)

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 19 AUGUST

WINNER GAME C v WINNER GAME E



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THE BUNDY GOLD CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 10/11 March			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Redcliffe	2.00	10 - 40	
Sat. Wests v East Coast	4.30	10 - 34	
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	16 - 28	
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	3.00	22 - 38	
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	14 - 36	
Burleigh	BYE		

R2:- 16/17/18 March			SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Norths	5.10	28 - 20	
Sat. *East Coast v Burleigh	2.00	12 - 10	
Sat. Wynnum v Central	3.00	22 - 22	
Sat. Logan v Wests	4.00	40 - 4	
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	42 - 12	
Ipswich	BYE		

R3:- 24/25 March			SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Wynnum	2.00	22 - 40	
Sat. Norths v Ipswich	6.00	28 - 18	
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	7.00	24 - 24	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	16 - 30	
Sun. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	12 - 44	
East Coast	BYE		

R4:- 31 March / 1 April			SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Souths	2.00	12 - 22	
Sat. Toowoomba v Central	5.00	62 - 0	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	30 - 12	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	18 - 38	
Sun. Logan v East Coast	4.00	6 - 20	
Norths	BYE		

R5:- 7/8 April			SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Redcliffe	2.00	22 - 23	
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	6 - 70	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	22 - 23	
Sun. Souths v Norths	3.00	18 - 40	
Sun. East Coast v Wynnum	3.00	28 - 22	
Logan	BYE		

R6:- 21/22 April			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Central	2.00	34 - 16	
Sat. Toowoomba v Burleigh	5.15	44 - 30	
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	6.00	20 - 26	
Sun. Redcliffe v East Coast	3.00	28 - 8	
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	14 - 6	
Souths	BYE		

R7:- 28/29 April			SCORE
Sat. *East Coast v Toowoomba	1.30	0 - 56	
Sat. Wests v Norths	3.00	20 - 50	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	22 - 10	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	13 - 26	
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.30	42 - 8	
Wynnum	BYE		

R8:- 4/5/6 May			SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v East Coast	7.30	18 - 6	
Sat. *Redcliffe v Wynnum	2.00	34 - 14	
Sat. Toowoomba v Logan	4.00	56 - 0	
Sat. Norths v Burleigh	6.30	40 - 18	
Sun. Souths v Wests	4.25	28 - 22	
Central	BYE		

R9:- 12/13 May			SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Ipswich	2.00	28 - 30	
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	34 - 12	
Sun. Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	16 - 24	
Sun. East Coast v Norths	3.00	32 - 16	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	40 - 28	
Redcliffe	BYE		

R10:- 19/20 May			SCORE
Sat. *Souths v East Coast	2.00	14 - 17	
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	6.00	18 - 18	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	28 - 42	
Sun. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	11.45	18 - 12	
Sun. Norths v Logan	3.00	17 - 10	
Wests	BYE		

R11:- 26/27 May			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Ipswich	2.00	50 - 28	
Sat. Burleigh v Wests	6.00	48 - 4	
Sun. East Coast v Central	2.00	18 - 44	
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00	38 - 28	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	4.00	12 - 12	
Toowoomba	BYE		

R12:- 2/3 June			SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v East Coast	2.00	18 - 16	
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	34 - 16	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	32 - 14	
Sun. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	14 - 26	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	3.00	18 - 18	
Ipswich	BYE		

R13:- 9/10 June			SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Wests	2.00	42 - 30	
Sat. Logan v Burleigh	3.00	16 - 26	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	16 - 17	
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	2.00	46 - 22	
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	46 - 30	
East Coast	BYE		

R14:- 16/17 June			SCORE
Sat. *Souths v Ipswich	2.00	22 - 40	
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	10 - 54	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	8 - 30	
Sun. East Coast v Logan	3.00	46 - 18	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.30	40 - 16	
Norths	BYE		

R15:- 30 June			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Burleigh	2.00	10 - 44	
Sat. Wynnum v East Coast	3.00	32 - 28	
Sat. Toowoomba v Wests	3.00	64 - 4	
Sat. Norths v Souths	5.30	36 - 10	
Sat. Ipswich v Central	6.00	22 - 22	
Logan	BYE		

R16:- 7/8 July			SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Toowoomba	2.00	38 - 14	
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	26 - 26	
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	16 - 16	
Sun. East Coast v Redcliffe	3.00	42 - 26	
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	20 - 16	
Souths	BYE		

R17:- 15 July			SCORE
Sat. *Souths v Central	2.00	12 - 30	
Sun. Toowoomba v East Coast	12.00	32 - 6	
Sun. Ipswich v Burleigh	3.00	24 - 34	
Sun. Norths v Wests	3.00	52 - 34	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	36 - 18	
Wynnum	BYE		

R18:- 21/22 July			SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Toowoomba	2.00	26 - 34	
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	42 - 34	
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	6.00	36 - 26	
Sun. East Coast v Ipswich	3.00	36 - 18	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	32 - 22	
Central	BYE		

R19:- 28/29 July			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v East Coast	2.00	18 - 28	
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	38 - 14	
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	18 - 30	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	3.00	48 - 14	
Sun. Ipswich v Logan	3.00	34 - 22	
Redcliffe	BYE		

R20:- 4/5 August			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Toowoomba	2.00	22 - 28	
Sat. Burleigh v Central	6.00	24 - 22	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	23 - 22	
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00	22 - 42	
Sun. East Coast v Souths	3.00	58 - 8	
Wests	BYE		

R21:- 11/12 August			SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Redcliffe	2.00	24 - 18	
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	12 - 56	
Sat. Central v East Coast	7.30	30 - 24	
Sun. Souths v Logan	3.00	26 - 22	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	3.00	60 - 12	
Toowoomba	BYE		

R22:- 18/19 August			SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Central	2.00	14 - 52	
Sun. Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00	40 - 26	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	42 - 6	
Sun. East Coast v Wests	3.00	44 - 26	
Sun. Wynnum v Souths	3.00	34 - 28	
Burleigh	BYE		

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FINAL SERIES

Semi-Finals 1:- 25 August
 Game A BURLEIGH 8 v REDCLIFFE 20 (Winner to Game C, Loser to Game D).
 Game B NORTHS 10 v EAST COAST 52 (Winner to Game E, Loser out).

Semi-Finals 2:- 1 September
 Game C TOOWOOMBA 18 v REDCLIFFE 20 (Winner to G/Final, Loser to Game E).
 Game D BURLEIGH 30 v EAST COAST 23 (Winner to Game E, Loser out).

Preliminary Final:- 8 September
 Game E TOOWOOMBA 34 v BURLEIGH 20 (Winner to G/Final, Loser out).

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
 REDCLIFFE v TOOWOOMBA

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R1:- 10/11 March		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Redcliffe	2.00	10 - 40
Sat. Wests v East Coast	4.30	10 - 34
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	16 - 28
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	3.00	22 - 38
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	14 - 36
Burleigh	BYE	

R9:- 12/13 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Logan v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	
Redcliffe	BYE	

R17:- 15 July		SCORE
Sun. Souths v Central	2.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v East Coast	3.00	
Wynnum	BYE	

R2:- 16/17/18 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Norths	5.10	28 - 20
Sat. *East Coast v Burleigh	2.00	12 - 10
Sat. Wynnum v Central	3.00	22 - 22
Sat. Logan v Wests	4.00	40 - 4
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	42 - 12
Ipswich	BYE	

R10:- 19/20 May		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	6.00	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Souths v East Coast	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	TBA	
Wests	BYE	

R18:- 21/22 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	6.00	
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	
Central	BYE	

R3:- 24/25 March		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Wynnum	2.00	22 - 40
Sat. Norths v Ipswich	6.00	28 - 18
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	7.00	24 - 24
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	16 - 30
Sun. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	12 - 44
East Coast	BYE	

R11:- 27 May		SCORE
Sun. East Coast v Central	2.00	
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Wests	3.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	4.00	
Toowoomba	BYE	

R19:- 28/29 July		SCORE
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Norths v East Coast	3.00	
Redcliffe	BYE	

R4:- 31 March / 1 April		SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Souths	2.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Central	5.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Logan v East Coast	4.00	
Norths	BYE	

R12:- 2/3 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v East Coast	3.30	
Ipswich	BYE	

R20:- 4/5 August		SCORE
Sat. Burleigh v Central	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Souths	3.00	
Wests	BYE	

R5:- 7/8 April		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Redcliffe	2.00	
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Norths	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Wynnum	3.00	
Logan	BYE	

R13:- 9/10 June		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Burleigh	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	2.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	
East Coast	BYE	

R21:- 11/12 August		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	
Sat. Central v East Coast	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	3.00	
Toowoomba	BYE	

R6:- 21/22 April		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Central	2.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v East Coast	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Burleigh	TBA	
Souths	BYE	

R14:- 16/17 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	
Sun. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.30	
Norths	BYE	

R22:- 18/19 August		SCORE
Sat. Logan v Central	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum Souths	3.00	
Burleigh	BYE	

R7:- 28/29 April		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. East Coast v Toowoomba	3.00	
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Sat. Norths v Souths	5.30	
Sat. Ipswich v Central	6.00	
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Sat. Redcliffe v Wynnum	2.00	
Sat. Souths v Wests	3.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Logan	6.00	
Sat. Norths v Burleigh	6.30	
Central	BYE	

R16:- 7/8 July		SCORE
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Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	
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Saturday, February 3, 2001

Hooking test for new Jet

By MICHAEL HILLIER

COBAR product Darren Jackson will have first crack at the Ipswich Jets' vacant hooking position in tonight's trial against West Bundaberg.

Jackson, 21, has the first opportunity to impress coach Gary Greinke after last season's hooker Dale Robertson announced he was taking the year off.

Robertson, a North Ipswich junior, was one of Ipswich's best last year after he ousted Dave Fuller for the number nine jersey early in the season.

Robertson recently informed Greinke he would sit out the season due to his business commitments.

"I was looking forward to coaching him. His attitude at training was very, very good but his business was taking up too much time," Greinke said.

"He knew the effort that I required and he didn't want to let me down."

Greinke is eagerly waiting to see how Jackson handles today's 5pm match at Bundaberg.

"He looks pretty good at training but he hasn't tackled anyone in anger or carried the football into a defensive line so we'll wait and see."

Jackson has trialled with Wests Tigers and has attracted interest from the Brisbane Broncos.

Souths recruit Jason Orman, who will start on the bench today, is another player Greinke has penciled in for the hooking role.

"And then there's also the concept of half-backs playing dummy-half and I'm toying with that idea as well," Greinke said.

The new Ipswich coach has set high standards for his squad during the pre-season.

Francis Renouf, who was outstanding in the centres last season, was not selected because his fitness was lacking.

"Some guys who haven't been to training frequent enough, other guys who haven't passed

the required standard won't be getting a game," said the former Raiders first division coach.

Greinke is looking forward to the team's first hit-out of the season.

"This hit out is against a side that's not expected to beat us. But I'm not worried about how many tries are scored, who scores the tries or who makes the most tackles, it's how we carry ourselves under the game situation."

Reggie Cressbrook, Junior Togia, Faron Anderson will sit out the match with minor injuries.

Prop Ben Lucas is out of action for eight weeks due to a stress fracture of his foot.

Jets squad: Marshall Chalk, Brett Taylor, Ray Mercy, Aaron Bulow, Nathan Stevens, Ricky Bird, Kerry Carmichael, Danny McAllister, Darren Jackson, Campbell McNiven, Andrew Hamilton, Richard Allwood, Danny Coburn, Paul McGown, Steve Boothby, Brian McCarthy, Kerry Theuerkauf, Jeff Ballinger, Jason Orman, Isaac Kaufmann, Trent Flood, Sonny Johnson.

Jets maintain pre-season momentum

EXCITING Ipswich youngster Marshall Chalk enhanced his claim for the fullback position as the Jets continued their strong trial form against Wests Panthers.

Chalk crossed for two classy tries during Saturday's 38-12 victory against the Panthers at North Ipswich Reserve.

In only his first season of playing fullback, the Fassifern junior is pushing Burleigh recruit Reggie Cressbrook for the No.1 jersey.

Cressbrook has not played in any of the club's three trials due to injury.

Chalk said he would "definitely" like to play fullback when Ipswich open its Bundy Gold Cup campaign against Toowoomba next month.

"It all depends on Reggie Cressbrook and whether he gets back to full fitness," said Chalk.

The 19-year old showed glimpses of his

potential last season when he was plucked out of the Ipswich colts team.

He went on to cement a place on the wing towards the end of the Cup season.

Chalk, who has previously played five-eighth and lock, said he was improving in his new position every week.

He teamed up with another one of Ipswich's young guns, Issac Kauffman, to score his second try in the dying stages of the match.

Seventeen year-old Kauffman impressed coach Gary Greinke, who has a number of healthy selection headaches.

Kauffman, who joined the club from Charleville, also staked his claim for a permanent place in the run-on side.

"He (Kauffman) handled the pressure pretty well," Greinke said.

Greinke used his experienced half-back pair of Paul McGowan and Kerry Carmi-

chael in the hooking role.

Wests put the home side under pressure during the early stages of the match but the Jets regained their composure to lead 16-8 at half-time.

The Panthers capitalised on a Jets handling error early in the second half to reduce the deficit to four points.

But the Jets dominated the remainder of the second half, scoring a further four tries.

Greinke was impressed with the efforts of Richard Allwood, Campbell McNiven and Ricky Bird.

The Jets coach was disappointed with his side's ball control, which was ordinary at times.

Ipswich play Easts in its final trial match this weekend.

Ipswich Jets 38 (Marshall Chalk 2, Richard Allwood 2, Ricky Bird, Brett Taylor, Ray Mercy tries, Bird 5 goals) d Wests Panthers 12

— Michael Hillier

Jets 'self-destruct' in second half

IF ever there was a match played in two contrasting halves, it was the Bundy Gold Cup encounter between the Ipswich Jets and Norths Devils.

The Jets raced to an 18-0 advantage shortly before half-time only to surrender meekly in the second half as the Devils stormed home to win 28-18 at Bishop Park.

Ipswich's lead could have been of much larger proportions had Ricky Bird not missed three of his four conversions.

The momentum of Saturday's match swung dramatically during the dying stages of the first half when Jets fullback Reggie Cressbrook had a try under the posts disallowed. The ruling was for a forward pass.



The Jets celebrating their fifth-straight touch down, Norths replacement back Steven Bell ran in a long range try during the next set of six.

Bell's try narrowed the gap to 18-6 at half-time.

Ipswich skipper Andrew Hamilton admitted his side "self-destructed" in the second half.

"We started playing a bit differently to what got us to an 18-0

The controversial no-try ruling by referee Brad Harris prevented Ipswich from taking a commanding 24-0 lead.

Instead of the

lead," said Hamilton, who was disappointed a high tackle on team-mate Danny McAllister did not result in prop Andrew Moroney being sent from the field.

Earlier, Hamilton and winger Marshall Chalk were instrumental in the Jets' brilliant first-half scoring spree.

Hamilton, who was switched to prop from the second row, tormented the Devils pack by off-loading at will.

Chalk, a Fassifern junior, had the better of his encounter with Norths and Melbourne Storm winger Brad Watts.

Chalk twice bundled Watts into touch with heavy tackles. When it was Chalk's turn to attack, the Ipswich youngster

proved too elusive for Watts and crossed for two classy tries.

But the Jets paid the price for poor ball control and soft defence in the second half, with Devils half Marty Turner steering the home side to a 10-point win.

The Jets are yet to record a win this season.

— Michael Hillier.

Norths Devils 28 (Steven Bell, Brooke Martin, Terry Benson, Paul Whaturia, Marty Turner tries, Marty Turner 4 goals) d **Ipswich Jets 18** (Marshall Chalk 2, Reggie Cressbrook, Ray Mercy tries, Ricky Bird goal).

Next match: Jets v Souths at the North Ipswich Reserve (Saturday 2pm).

● Cup scores, table — page 24.

Ipswich lose control

POOR ball control has ended Ipswich's unbeaten run in the Brisbane Rugby League A grade competition.

The Jim Landy-coached side succumbed 26-8 to Norths at Bishop Park on Saturday, despite taking an early 4-0 lead thanks to a try from blockbusting winger Tups Timaloa. But Ipswich had little to be happy about after Timaloa's four-pointer.

Norths soon took control and by the time the visitors scored their second try through Brett Taylor, the contest was over.

"It was the first time this season we didn't take control of the match," Landy said. "Our control of the football let us down."

Landy didn't forecast any mass changes because of the defeat. Table, p24.

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Ipswich can make amends: Greinke

Rugby league

By MICHAEL HILLIER

IPSWICH coach Gary Greinke is confident his side can bounce back from last weekend's demoralising loss to the Norths Devils when the Jets tackle Souths on Saturday.

The Jets scored four unanswered tries to lead 18-0 late in the first against the Devils Cup before losing the Bundy Gold Cup match 28-18.

The loss followed a similar pattern to Ipswich's round one loss against the Toowoomba Clydesdales.

Ipswich skipped to an early 10-0 lead against the Clydesdales before losing 38-22.

Greinke admitted his players became complacent in the second half against the Devils last week.

Poor ball control and soft defence also led to the Jets' undoing.

"They targeted a couple of



players in our side," Greinke revealed.

Five-eighth Ricky Bird and winger Damian Flint both had defensive games they would rather forget.

Saturday's 2pm match will be televised by the ABC, adding extra importance for the Jets to perform in the round four encounter.

"I'm confident we'll go well this weekend," the Jets coach said.

Souths are yet to record a win this season, while Ipswich's only

two points have come courtesy of a bye.

Prop Danny McAllister and centre Faron Anderson are in doubt for the match after sustaining injuries in last weekend's match.

McAllister sustained a neck injury after a high shot from Devils prop Nic Henderson.

Henderson was placed on the report for the tackle and was not sent off, much to the disgust of the Ipswich camp.

Henderson was suspended for one match last night by the Queensland Rugby League's video review committee.

The Jets named a squad of 20 for the clash with the Magpies.

Ipswich Jets: Reggie Cressbrook, Marshall Chalk, Faron Anderson, Ray Mercy, Damian Flint, Ricky Bird, Isaac Kaufmann, Danny McAllister, Paul McGowan, Andrew Hamilton, Richard Allwood, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn, Aaron Bulow, Jeff Ballinger, Campbell McNiven, Kerry Theuerkauf, Darren Jackson, Jeff Johnson, Junior Togia (three to be omitted).



▲ **Defensive wall:** Ipswich Jets prop Jeff Ballinger (left) and hooker Paul McGowan get ready to tackle a Souths ball runner during Saturday's Bundy Gold Cup match. The Jets lost the round four game 22-12.

What's wrong Jets?

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

League

IPSWICH Jets coach Gary Greinke concedes he faces a tough task to get his side's Bundy Gold Cup season back on track after a dismal loss to Souths at the North Ipswich Reserve.

Souths completely outplayed an error-riddled Jets side, winning Saturday's round four match 22-12.

Greinke refused to blame the greasy conditions for the team's poor ball control.

"It all comes down to attitude and respect," he said.

"It's three games in a row we've had the same sort of thing with ball control. I know what the problem is but I won't be addressing it in the media."

The loss was Ipswich's third-straight defeat, adding extra importance to Saturday's away match against the Comets.

"Of course I am (disappointed)," Greinke said. "But I've got a job to do as well so now it's my job to fix it. I've got a good challenge ahead of me and I'm pretty confident I can do the job."

Ipswich's lacklustre form could not have come at a more inconvenient time, with the ABC televising the Jets' embarrassing performance.

The club's reserve grade side played after the Cup match against Souths, winning 38-6 in an impressive display.

"I'm sure if some of these guys go well they'll be getting a trip to Rockhampton next Saturday," said Greinke, who stood watching the reserve grade match alongside coach Jim Landy.

Souths led Saturday's Cup match 14-0 after 25 minutes, with centre Ben Cameron bagging a double.

Jets centre Ray Mercy kept Ipswich in touch at halftime when he crashed over the line to reduce the deficit to 14-4. But the Jets failed to improve in the second half, rarely holding the ball for a set of six.

One shining light for the Jets was the performance of powerful prop Jeff Johnson, who crashed through the defensive line at will in his debut.

"We knew he (Johnson) was always going to punish holes in the defensive line. There's always been question marks over his defence so I'll have to have a look at the video. I'm sure he did enough to hold his position."

In further setbacks for the Jets, Richard Allwood was taken to hospital after the match to have x-rays on a neck injury and Faron Anderson was a late withdrawal due to injury.

Captain Andrew Hamilton was placed on report for a high tackle.

Souths 22 (Ben Cameron 2, Grant Astill, Brett Stevens tries, Matt Lockyer 2, Andrew Murdoch goals) d Ipswich 12 (Marshall Chalk, Ray Mercy, Danny McAllister tries).

Coach blasts team attitude



Wing battle: Ipswich Jets winger Marshall Chalk strives for extra ground in Saturday's rugby league loss to Souths. The Jets were outclassed 22-12.
Photo: **TOMI CALDWELL**.

Jets silent on Cressbrook dumping

By MICHAEL HILLIER
IPSWICH'S major off-season recruit Reggie Cressbrook has been dropped for the Jets must-win Bundy Gold Cup match against the Central Comets in Rockhampton tonight.

The former Burleigh and North Queensland Cowboys outside back was dropped to reserve grade for disciplinary reasons.

Jets coach Gary Greinke last night declined to provide any more details of Cressbrook's axing.

Cressbrook's omission and the loss of Ray Mercy and

Faron Anderson to injury has given the Jets a new look backline to the side which registered its third straight loss to Souths last weekend.

Marshall Chalk takes Cressbrook's spot at fullback while Frances Renouf and Richard Allwood, who has overcome a neck injury, will start in the centres.

Goodna-product Tups Timaloa makes his debut in the top grade on the wing and Junior Togia has also earned a call up on the flank.

Matthew Ralph will play his first match in the top grade this

season at five-eighth.

"I've got to reward the guys who are playing well," Greinke said.

The Jets will take 18 players to Rockhampton as a precaution, with one player to miss out.

Despite the disruptive preparation, Greinke expects to come away with their first win of the season.

"I'm very confident. If it's any indication of how we trained tonight (last night) we should go well."

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19-4-2001

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1-5-2001

Mercy quits Jets

Ex-NRL star considers return to local league

By MICHAEL HILLIER
League

THE career of North Queensland Cowboys try-scoring record holder Ray Mercy is uncertain after he quit the Ipswich Jets for a possible return to the local league.

Mercy yesterday said his work commitments as a labourer had prevented him from getting to Jets training on time.

"It's not fair on the other players getting there late," said Mercy, who scored a club record four tries while playing for the Cowboys against Balmain in 1998.

"Football has to take a backward step for a while."

The 27-year-old's promising National Rugby League was cut short by off-field problems. He went on to link with Brothers, where he played a key role in the team's 2000 premiership victory.

But Mercy is not "real sure" whether he will go back to the Ipswich Rugby League after cutting ties with the Jets.

"If I was going to play anywhere it would be Brothers," he said. "I just like playing. It keeps me fit."

A return to Brothers would see the talented centre reunited with his brother Ken.

Brothers captain/coach Pat O'Doherty would take Mercy back with open arms.

"He might turn up in the next week or two or he might have the year off," O'Doherty said.

He said Mercy was dual-signed, allowing him to return to Brothers from the Jets when he wanted to.

Mercy's departure from the Jets is a bitter blow for the struggling Bundy Gold Cup team, which has recorded one victory from six matches.

His early season form was impressive, with many tipping him to push for a place with the Jets' NRL affiliate, the Canberra Raiders.

Jets chief executive officer Craig Teevan said Mercy was likely to rejoin the local league.

Teevan said Mercy attended training on the Monday after the Jets' win against Central Comets in round five but hasn't been sighted since.

"His reasoning was that he had casual work," Teevan said.

Ipswich has an opportunity to get its season back on track when the Gary Greinke-coached side meets the East Coast Tigers on Friday night at the North Ipswich Reserve.

The eighth-placed Jets were thumped 42-8 by the Burleigh Bears on Sunday.

Maroons go to church

FOR a team some critics believe needs divine help, Queensland picked the ideal place to conduct their State of Origin team medical yesterday.

The 17 players yesterday stripped down for Ipswich-based team doctor Roy Saunders inside a small church, relocated to the Gold Coast hinterland retreat of Gwlnganna.

While the church perched high in the Tallebudgera hills may provide the minor miracle the Maroons need after last year's 3-0 drubbing, it will more likely come down to how its record number of 10 rookies handle the pressure.

For some of those newcomers and a few senior players, the hair-raising trip up the steep, narrow road was every bit as character testing as Sunday night's opening Origin clash will be with the Blues.

Queensland teams of the past have booked into a city hotel and indulged in drinking sessions.

Coach Wayne Bennett, who has formulated a plan to rebuild Queensland's Origin dynasty, has taken the players away from the traditional boozy bonding sessions of the past. Instead, newly-crowned skipper

ORIGIN UPDATE

Gorden Tallis yesterday suggested a few songs around the camp fire and a couple of quiet beers would begin building a family who would want to win for each other.

Although beer manufacturer Fourx is the Maroons number one sponsor, all that was visible around the resort yesterday was fresh sandwiches, fruit and bottled water.

● Meanwhile, NSW is looking increasingly vulnerable with winger Adam MacDougall in line to become the fourth Blues player ruled out.

NSW selectors will have to search their talent pool unless MacDougall can overcome a hamstring injury by today's 3pm deadline.

Blues coach Wayne Pearce is refusing to risk another day's upheaval within the team and has demanded MacDougall prove he can run at full speed today or he'll be replaced.

If MacDougall is ruled out, NSW chairman of selectors Bob McCartney confirmed Sharks winger Colin Best, the Sydney Roosters' Anthony Minichello or St George Illawarra's Nathan Blacklock would come in.

3-5-2001



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15-5-2001

Wehrman sets sights on reclaiming Ipswich jersey

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

League

CRAIG Wehrman has declared he wants his old Ipswich Jets jersey back after completing a successful comeback on Sunday.

Wehrman has been training with the Jets for the past two weeks after a lengthy absence from the game.

But before the 22-year-old gets a call-up with the Jets he has to prove his worth to his club side, the Goodna Eagles.

The five-eighth enhanced his prospects for a Jets' call-up by crossing for two tries and kicking six goals in the Eagles' reserve grade win over West End.

Ipswich A grade coach Jim Landy said Wehrman was "under consideration" for selection in the Jets' Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) team.

If the Goodna-product is selected in Landy's second-placed team this week he will play against Wynnum at the North Ipswich Reserve on Saturday.

The BRL is the final stepping-

stone to a place in the Gary Greinke-coached Bundy Gold Cup Jets team.

Wehrman, who burst on to the state league scene with the Jets in 1999, is "getting keen" about rugby league again.

"Certainly, if I get a chance," Wehrman said of his desire to play in the Cup side.

"I'm just having a run with Goodna at the moment to get a bit of fitness back."

He said he took time away from the game because of work commitments and the birth of his child.

Goodna A grade coach George Bate described Wehrman as an extremely talented footballer but couldn't guarantee him a top grade spot so soon after coming back.

The Eagles will play a catch-up game against winless Redbank Plains at Richardson Park tomorrow at 7pm.

An evenly-poised match between the two teams was called off earlier this season due to a problems with the floodlights.

Goodna has several injury

problems with Michael Knight (ankle) and Steve Pearce (knee) out of action.

Centre Sione Langi is in doubt with a hamstring injury.

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Saturday, June 9, 2001

Jets one game from final charge

By MICHAEL HILLIER

League

GUN Ipswich fullback Reggie Cressbrook believes the Jets are just one good performance away from a sequence of victories in this season's Bundy Gold Cup.

Ipswich desperately need that good performance to come in tonight's crucial round 13 match against Norths Devils at the North Ipswich Reserve.

"I think at the moment we're not playing as good as we should," Cressbrook admitted.

"We need one good game to click and everything will come from there."

With just 10 games left before finals time, some critics have already written off the Jets' chances of playing at the business end of the season.

But Cressbrook, who has hit top form at his new club after an off-season hernia operation, says the Jets can still qualify for

the finals.

"We've just got to keep stringing together wins," said Cressbrook, whose side is three competition points behind fifth-placed Easts.

Ipswich selectors have promoted four of the club's form reserve graders for the clash with the third-placed Devils, who scored an 18-all draw with Toowoomba last weekend.

Kelly Hutley replaces Kerry Carmichael at halfback and Frances Renouf gets a chance on the wing at the expense of Michael Jack.

In the forward changes, Jason Orman takes over the hooking duties from Darren Jackson and consistent lock Michael Durham has been added to the interchange bench.

Cressbrook, who lists Mal Meninga and Phil Blake as his favourite players on the Jets website, has been pleased with his form in recent weeks.

The 26-year-old joined Ipswich from Burleigh this season as the club's major signing. "It's been good (at the Jets). It's different at first coming to a new club," he said.

The former North Queensland Cowboys player said he was confident of avenging their disappointing 28-18 loss to Norths in round three.

"I think we're pretty keen to win it," he said.

● Meanwhile, Ipswich face a tough assignment against Brisbane Rugby League A grade leaders Norths today.

Ipswich coach Jim Landy has made several positional changes to his fourth-placed team.

"The players we have got back will no doubt add substance. It's a game that can be won if we play to our ability," Landy said.

The Ipswich colts also play Norths today at the North Ipswich Reserve.

● Full footy wrap-up in Monday's QT.

Langer confirms he's coming home

FORMER Ipswich Jet and Queensland captain Allan Langer has ruled out staying in England to coach league club Warrington, next season.

Warrington coach Darryl Van de Velde resigned on Thursday to return to Australia. That sparked speculation that Langer, 34, would replace him. Langer's two-year playing contract with the Wolves ends in October.

But the former Broncos, Queensland and Kangaroos halfback said there was no chance of that happening.

"I'm definitely going back to Australia," Langer said yesterday. "It's been a great experience but I'm ready to go home. We'll finish the season off and head off."

Langer still has a five-year deal with the Brisbane Broncos and will take up a non-coaching job with the club.

"Next year I'll be involved with the Brisbane Broncos in some job, in some shape or form," he said.

19-6-2001

Coburn out to impress

By MICHAEL HILLIER

League

CONSISTENT Ipswich lock Danny Coburn was a happy man when Jets chief executive Craig Teevan informed him of his selection in the Country rugby league team on Sunday night.

But Coburn's jubilation was cut short upon learning he was the only Jets player selected in the team for Saturday's annual representative clash against City at Pizzey Park.

"It's good for me but disappointing for some of the others," Coburn said.

The former Beaudesert forward said three or four other teammates were also playing well and could have made the side.

Coburn, 24, is no stranger to the

representative arena, having represented Country in last season's loss to City.

"I know what to expect so I've just got to go for it," he said.

"I'm just looking forward to it again this year."

The Jets forward has been named on the interchange bench in the Grant Bell-coached line-up.

"It doesn't bother me," Coburn said of starting the match on the bench. "For the Country guys it's like a real chance (to impress)."

A Queensland Residents team is chosen from the City-Country clash, with Coburn having an opportunity to emulate the feats of Ipswich prop Chris Beattie.

Beattie made the Residents team from the Jets and went on to gain a National Rugby League contract with the Sharks.

But playing league at the highest

level isn't one of Coburn's top priorities.

"I'm just happy to play where I am at the moment and if that comes along it's a bonus," he said.

Jets prop Danny McAllister failed to make the Country side despite being one of his side's best performers this season.

McAllister made the team last year but had to withdraw through injury.

He was overlooked for a place in this year's starting side in favour of Toowoomba's Damon Keating and Central prop Sime Busby.

McAllister's chances of making the side may have ended after a bad head knock during Ipswich's 40-22 win over Souths at Davies Park.

But the reliable prop escaped serious injury, with Teevan informing Country selectors of his availability before the team was announced.

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

Injured pair back to strengthen Jets line-up

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

League

REGGIE Cressbrook and Aaron Bulow will return from injury when Ipswich tackles the Central Comets in Saturday's Bundy Gold Cup match at the North Ipswich Reserve.

Cressbrook (hamstring) and Bulow (shoulder) took no part in the Jets' 40-22 win over Souths.

The consistent Jets pair had

extra time to rest their injuries after no matches were played last weekend due to the City-Country fixture.

Jets coach Gary Greinke brings Cressbrook into the centres, allowing an in-form Marshall Chalk to continue in his fullback role.

Michael Jack and Francis Renouf have lost their positions on the wing, with Faron Anderson and North Ipswich junior

Nathan Stephens the new flankers.

Renouf, who has just begun to hit top form, was dropped for failing to follow the club's training protocol.

Bulow will take Michael Durham's place on the interchange bench in a game the Jets must win to edge closer to the top five.

"We just want to be tidy and play with enthusiasm," said Greinke, who was far from im-

pressed with his side's performance against Souths.

Jets: Marshall Chalk, Nathan Stephens, Reggie Cressbrook, Richard Allwood, Faron Anderson, Ricky Bird, Isaac Kaufmann, Danny McAllister, Jason Orman, Kerry Theuerkauf, Andrew Hamilton, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn, Trent Flood, Aaron Bulow, Jeff Johnsen, Campbell McNiven.

Kick off: 6pm.

2-7-2001

Some Jets letting side down

By **MICHAEL HILLIER**

League

ANOTHER winnable game has slipped through Ipswich's grasp, leaving coach Gary Greinke questioning the form and attitude of several players.

A Wade Rothery try and sideline conversion from Walson Carlos with two minutes remaining saw Central snatch a 22-all draw in Saturday's Bundy Gold Cup fixture.

"We've got the same performers

who perform very, very well each week and there's not enough of them at this level of competition," a frustrated Greinke said after the North Ipswich Reserve clash.

"Some guys are happy with a certain standard. Whether that's saying to themselves that's my standard I'm not going to raise the bar or they're not good enough."

He said he would keep working on the mental toughness of "some of those guys".

The draw was Ipswich's second of the season, leaving the Jets four points out of the five after

Wynnum defeated East Coast.

Despite having several opportunities in the second half, the Jets failed to deliver the knock-out punch, a problem which has plagued their campaign.

The Comets raced to an early 10-0 lead before consistent Jets prop Danny McAllister posted the home side's first try of the night.

The visitors went on to lead 16-12 at half-time. Ipswich regrouped in the second half to edge in front 22-16.

Ricky Bird had an opportunity to give the Jets an eight-point buff-

er with under 10 minutes left.

However, his penalty goal attempt sailed wide, allowing the Comets to stay within a converted try.

The Jets camp was visibly disappointed with the final result, which leaves the team winless at home since round eight.

"It's definitely regarded as a loss," Greinke said.

Ipswich suffered a setback before kick-off when Reggie Cressbrook sustained an injury in the warm-up.

He was replaced by Francis

Renouf who had just completed the reserve grade game.

The Jets also lost prop Jeff Johnsen (shoulder injury) on match eve, with North Ipswich junior Tyron Day his replacement.

Ipswich Jets 22 (Faron Anderson 2, Danny Coburn, Danny McAllister tries, Francis Renouf 2, Ricky Bird goals) drew with Central Comets 22 (Justin Loomans, Scott Minto, Wade Rothery, Nathila Davui tries, Walson Carlos 3 goals).

Jets' next match: Wests at Purcell Park, Saturday 3pm.

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Major companies throw weight behind the Jets

THE Ipswich Jets have secured two high-profile companies as their major and sleeve sponsors for the next three years.

Mixwell, the Bundy Gold Cup club's current major sponsor, has re-signed as the No.1 financial backer for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Thiess Services have increased its commitment to the Jets by becoming the sleeve sponsor for the next three seasons.

Jets chief executive officer Craig Teevan said the club was conscious of

the need to attract corporate supporters.

"Mixwell and Thiess Services have shown an enormous amount of faith in our club and we as a club will work very hard to ensure our partnerships with these businesses are a very successful and mutually rewarding experience for everyone," he said.

"Mixwell and Thiess Services backing allows us to plan forward with the knowledge our corporate partners have confidence in our club to achieve our long-term goals."

Jets teenager on the improve

SIX months after making his Bundy Gold Cup debut against Toowoomba, teenage Ipswich halfback Isaac Kaufmann gets a chance to show the same opposition his progress in the Jets' final match of the season.

Jets coach Gary Greinke gave Kaufmann the nod for the No. 7 jersey for the club's first match of the season, a 38-22 loss to Toowoomba at Ipswich.

Kaufmann, who arrived at the Jets from Charleville, was preferred at halfback over more experienced contenders.

After spending time in the lower grades during the middle stage of the season, Kaufmann has returned to the halfback role

where he will finish the season against the Clydesdales tomorrow.

"I've been pretty steady. It's starting to come together now," Kaufmann, 18, said of his progress this season.

Kaufmann said he was undecided about returning to the Jets next season.

The Jets play the Clydesdales at Newtown Oval, a venue the Broncos feeder team has produced several big wins at this year.

But Ipswich enter the match with a spring in its step after an impressive 24-18 win over Redcliffe last weekend.

"I think the boys are keen to have another win. It would be a

good way to finish the season," said Kaufmann, who has started some games off the bench recently.

Jets prop Danny McAllister has been named in the starting side after missing last weekend's game because of injury. Toowoomba has wrapped up the minor premiership, while the Jets are out of finals contention.

● Meanwhile, Ipswich play Wests in A grade and colts at Bendigo Bank Oval tomorrow.

Both Ipswich teams are out of finals contention heading into the final round of fixtures. The Jets A grade will start strong favourites to finish the season on a winning note against the Panthers.

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Retirement moves: Andrew Walters showed he can still match it in the Ipswich league after pulling on the boots this season for the last time.

Standout Jet earns top award

By **Michael Hillier**

League

IPSWICH Jets lock Danny Coburn has been rewarded for his tireless efforts on the field by being crowned Player of the Year at the club's presentation night.

The hardworking Queensland Country representative was also judged best forward at Saturday's black tie presentation at Jets Leagues Club.

"He (Coburn) was a standout for us all year," Ipswich coach Gary Greinke said.

The Jets coach issued points on a 3-2-1 basis after each match, with Coburn holding off prop Danny McAllister for the Player of the Year prize.

Coburn, along with the majority of last season's top grade side, has re-signed for the 2002 state league season.

The 25-year-old Beaudesert product said he was excited about the club's prospects next season.

Coburn has been one of the most consistent players for the Jets in recent years and is a previous winner of the Player of the Year award.

"It was very good. But I would have rather we had gone better as a team," Coburn said.

In other awards, Ricky Bird snared best back while McAllister was Players' Player.

Bird's season finished disastrously after a serious leg injury in round 17 against Burleigh. But the unpredictable five-eighth will be back with the Jets in the new year.

Young guns Aaron Bulow (Colt of Year) and Marshall Chalk (Raiders encouragement award) were also recognised for their performances.

Matthew Ralph was named best clubman and Stephen Boothby won the outstanding services award.

North Ipswich junior Tyron Day snared the A grade Players' Player and Player of Year awards.

Best Jets forward in the A grade competition was Brendan Rice, with Damian Flint best back.

Despite missing a large slice of the action due to injury, prop Nathan McKenzie was judged colts Players' Player and Player of the Year.

Periti Muliaga was best forward and Rick Harris the leading back. Muliaga and Harris both tasted reserve grade action and impressed coach Jim Landy.

The Jets begin pre-season training on November 2.



Premier player: Jets player Danny Coburn receives a congratulatory hug from his wife Nikki after winning his award. Photo: YVONNE GARDINER.



New venture: Ipswich Jets coaching member Steve Hooper (second from right) discusses the club's St Peter Claver College partnership with Noel Gardner (left), Matthew King and Jarrod Biggs.

Partnership to help Ipswich juniors

By **Michael Hillier**

League

IN a boost to the development of young Ipswich rugby league players, the Canberra Raiders and the Ipswich Jets have formed a partnership with St Peter Claver College.

The working arrangement, to be known as Canberra Raiders/Ipswich Jets Affiliated Rugby League College, is aimed at enhancing the future career prospects of the region's league players.

Headed by Jets strength and conditioning coach Steve Hooper, a rugby league program based on the one run by the Canberra Raiders Academy of Sport will be implemented at the school next year.

At St Peter Claver College, the players will be educated in the Raid-

ers and Jets coaching principles and philosophies.

This includes an education in game specific skills, weight training programs and the involvement of the school in strong rugby league competitions.

The Raiders/Jets development committee will target selected children and invite them to participate.

Should those selected meet the school's objectives and criteria, they will receive an opportunity to be exposed to a professional program.

Jets head coach Gary Greinke was elated with the launch of the program.

"I have been involved extensively with schoolboy league programs during my four years at the Raiders and I will be actively involved in the coaching aspects of the program with

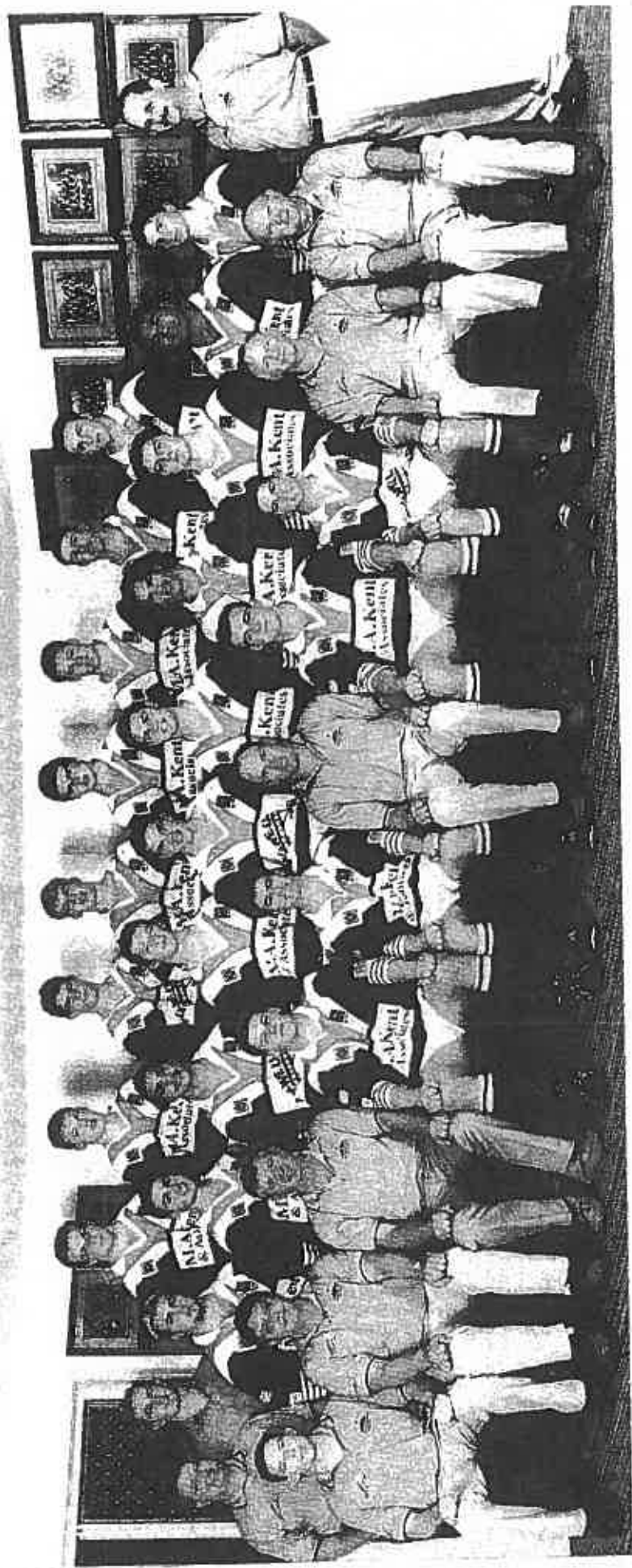
a view to developing more talented Ipswich rugby league players to a higher level," Greinke said.

"There are many talented athletes in the Ipswich community but unfortunately there are not enough progressing to an elite level of rugby league and I hope to assist in this area."

St Peter Claver College principal Michael Carroll is excited about the affiliation with the two league organisations.

"It will enable students at this college to benefit from an NRL accredited coaching program and further improve the strong rugby league program operating at the college," he said.

Raiders football manager Robert Finch believes his club will reap the rewards in the long term.



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THE QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 16/17 March		SCORE
Sat. *East Coast v Ipswich	2.15	52 - 22
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	16 - 54
Sat. Nth Qld v Toowoomba	4.30	39 - 20
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	40 - 16
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	16 - 28
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	0 - 26

R2:- 22/23/24 March		SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v East Coast	5.15	40 - 16
Sat. *Norths v Central	2.05	44 - 14
Sat. Souths v Nth Qld	4.00	24 - 44
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	6.00	18 - 20
Sat. Burleigh v Wynnum	7.00	38 - 24
Sun. Logan v Wests	3.00	24 - 50

R3:- 30/31 March		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Toowoomba	2.05	
Sat. East Coast v Souths	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	7.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Logan	7.15	
Sat. Wests v Central	7.30	
Sun. *Wynnum v Ipswich	2.15	

R4:- 6/7 April		SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Burleigh	2.05	
Sat. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Logan v East Coast	4.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Central	5.30	
Sun. *Toowoomba v Wynnum	2.15	
Sun. Norths v Wests	2.30	

R5:- 13/14 April		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Souths	2.05	
Sat. Nth Qld v Wests	5.30	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	
Sun. *East Coast v Central	2.15	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.30	

R6:- 20/21 April		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Nth Qld	2.05	
Sat. Wests v East Coast	3.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Ipswich	6.00	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	
Sun. *Souths v Burleigh	2.15	
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	

R7:- 27/28 April		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Logan	2.05	
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	6.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Norths	TBA	
Sun. *East Coast v Nth Qld	2.15	
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	

R8:- 11/12 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Logan v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Redcliffe	5.30	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Norths v East Coast	2.30	

R9:- 18/19 May		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Central	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v East Coast	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Nth Qld	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Wests	3.30	

R10:- 25/26 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	2.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Nth Qld	6.00	
Sat. East Coast v Wynnum	6.00	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	2.30	
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00	

R11:- 1/2 June		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Central	3.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Ipswich	5.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v East Coast	3.30	

R12:- 8/9 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	
Sat. East Coast v Toowoomba	6.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Souths	7.00	
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	

R13:- 15/16 June		SCORE
Sat. Souths v East Coast	3.00	
Sat. Logan v Nth Qld	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	6.00	
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	2.30	
Sun. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	3.00	

R14:- 29/30 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Norths	3.00	
Sat. East Coast v Logan	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Ipswich	6.00	
Sat. Central v Nth Qld	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	

R15:- 6/7 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Nth Qld	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Central v East Coast	7.30	
Sat. Toowoomba v Burleigh	TBA	
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	2.30	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	

R16:- 13/14 July		SCORE
Sat. Nth Qld v Norths	5.30	
Sat. East Coast v Wests	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	3.00	
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	

R17:- 20/21 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v East Coast	5.30	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	2.30	
Sun. Logan v Burleigh	3.00	

R18:- 27/28 July		SCORE
Sat. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	6.00	
Sat. East Coast v Norths	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Central	7.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Nth Qld	3.00	

R19:- 3/4 August		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Wynnum	5.30	
Sat. East Coast v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Souths	2.30	
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	3.00	

R20:- 10/11 August		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Nth Qld v Burleigh	5.30	
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	6.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Central	TBA	
Sun. Wynnum v East Coast	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	

R21:- 16/17/18 August		SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v Nth Qld	7.00	
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. East Coast v Burleigh	6.00	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Logan	2.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	

R22:- 24/25 August		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Wests	3.00	
Sat. Logan v Central	3.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Nth Qld	6.00	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	2.30	
Sun. Ipswich v East Coast	3.00	

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Status quo at Jets

By **Michael Hillier**
League

THE Ipswich Jets have resisted the temptation to make wholesale changes to the club's coaching panel in 2002 despite missing the finals series in all three grades last year.

Gary Greinke, contracted to the Jets as head coach for a further two Queensland Cup seasons, will again be joined by A grade coach Jim Landy and colts mentor John Green.

Landy and Green beat a handful of challengers to retain their positions.

"I think it's good to have a bit of continuity," Greinke said yesterday.

Jets players were informed of the re-ap-

pointments of Landy and Green at pre-season training last night.

Landy's side last year started the Brisbane Rugby League season in brilliant form before slipping off the pace when player numbers became thin.

The colts were also stretched for depth and finished a tough year in the bottom half of the table.

Greinke, whose side also missed the finals in 2001, is pleased to have Landy and Green working under him again.

"They're both going very well at the moment (at pre-season training)," Greinke said.

"We've changed a few little things. Jimmy and Greeny are both responding very well to

the coaching environment. We'll have a good season as a club."

Greinke will again be supported by assistant coach Steve Hooper, who is also the strength and conditioning coach.

Both Landy and Green will have new faces assisting them this season, with retired forward Steve Boothby to support the reserve grade side and Paul Carr named as the colts assistant coach.

The club's three grades play their first trial matches against Wynnum at Noosa on February 16.

The Jets enter the new season boosted by the signings of several Ipswich-bred players and the arrival of a number of high-profile players from other Queensland Cup clubs.



Eager custodian: Jay O'Doherty has joined the Jets. Photo: TONI CALDWELL

O'Doherty wants No.1 Jets jersey

By Michael Hillier

League

ONE.

That's the number Jay O'Doherty wants to wear when he plays for the Ipswich Jets this year.

The former Brothers A grade premiership-winning player has returned to play in Ipswich after spending two seasons with the Wynnum Seagulls.

"(My goal is to) get up in the top grade and then work my way into my preferred position which would probably be fullback," O'Doherty said.

"My natural home is at fullback. But I'll play wherever I can get a run first and work on it from there."

O'Doherty, who turns 21 later this month, has been training with the Jets for several months. He is set to sign shortly.

O'Doherty has been impressed with the on and off-field progress of the Jets. But one of the most pleasing aspects of his move is the fact he won't have to spend more than an hour on the road just to get to training.

During his stint at the Seagulls,

where he tasted plenty of top grade action, O'Doherty often left for training at 5pm and wouldn't arrive home until after 9pm.

"You'd prefer to put the extra hour and a half-two hours into the gym. I can get fitter and hopefully play better."

Jets coach Gary Greinke is looking forward to working with O'Doherty.

He said the fullback, centre and wing spots were positions in which O'Doherty could be used.

"We'll work on him during the pre-season," the Jets coach said.

Greinke, desperate to guide his side into the finals after a disappointing 2001 campaign, also has the option of handing the goalkicking duties to O'Doherty.

Goalkicking proved costly for the Jets last season, leaving Greinke with the chance to use O'Doherty in that role instead of either Reggie Cressbrook, Trent Flood or Ricky Bird.

O'Doherty is not the only Ipswich-bred player linking with the Jets, with former East Coast Tigers forward Troy Theuerkauf set to wear the green and white this year.

The Queensland

Jets eye NRL chance

By Michael Hillier

League

A CHANCE to play at National Rugby League (NRL) level looms for a select group of Ipswich Jets players at Carrara Stadium tonight.

Canberra Raiders coach Matthew Elliott this week confirmed "two or three" Jets would be added to his squad to tackle the Bulldogs in the pre-season Country Challenge match.

Before the Raiders tackle the Bulldogs tonight, the Ipswich will play the Burleigh Bears Queensland Cup, A grade and colts trial matches.

Elliott and Jets coach Gary Greinke will monitor the form of Ipswich players before announcing who gets the nod to play for the Raiders, who are affiliated with the Jets.

Greinke said it was a "unique" opportunity for Ipswich players.

Key forward Jeremy Schloss has overcome a dislocated finger

to take his place in the Jets side.

Ricky Bird remains on the injured list, forcing Greinke to switch Nathan Antonik from hooker to halfback.

Darren Jackson, a leading performer for the Jets last season before sustaining a serious injury, is the starting hooker.

The Jets enter the match in impressive pre-season form, having dominated Wynnum and Logan Scorpions.

But the match against the Bears will be a true gauge of Ipswich's 2002 prospects. Burleigh destroyed a young Toowoomba Glydesdales team in its last hit-out and will be one of the teams to beat when the Queensland Cup season kicks off on March 16.

The Jets and Burleigh Bears are co-hosting tonight's trial.

Meanwhile, the Raiders yesterday held a coaching update with their Queensland affiliate partners at Logan.

Elliott and human performance specialist Carl Jennings

and physiotherapist Ed Hollis ran sessions attended by coaching representatives from the Jets, St Peter Claver College, Ipswich juniors, Logan Brothers, Clairvaux College and Keebra Park State High.

Jets top squad: Reggie Cressbrook, Michael Jack, Marshall Chalk, Trent Flood, Faron Anderson, Brendan Lindsay, Nathan Antonik, Jamie Mathiou, Darren Jackson, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Jeremy Schloss, Danny Coburn, Matt Doeg, Pearce Kelly, Kerry Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy, Andrew Hamilton.

Reserves: Rick Harris, Kurt Lucht, Ricky Talbot, Mark Sharrad, Ian McDonald, Ben Abraham, Ted Ahben, Shane McDonald, Joel Parcell, Josh Perham, Kark Belsham, John Luhrman Brad Oddi, Paul McGowan, Brendan Rice, Matt Cameron, Junior Togia.

Colts: Sam Dungay, Geoff Chalk, Dwayne Savo, Wade Marshman, Nick Cofart, Michael O'Connor, Jo Cassin, Adam Roney, Andrew Walters, Matthew Smith, Periti Mullaga, Brendan Crouch, Cade Hill, Dane Muller, Save Sia, Slade Ennis, Haetaa Bartlett, Brad Drysdale, Phil Fenton, Steve Duncan.

9-3-2002

Unified Jets a Cup threat

By Michael Hillier

League

IPSWICH Jets coach Gary Greinke "senses some good results" when the Queensland Cup season kicks off next Saturday.

Several new additions to the club's top squad combined with a strong off-season has the Jets well prepared for an improved season.

"The feeling and unity amongst the side is as strong as I have dealt with in my playing and coaching days," Greinke told players, supporters and sponsors at the club's launch on Thursday night.

"So I sense some good results

down the track."

Ipswich fans hope the results arrive as early as next weekend when the Jets open their season against the East Coast Tigers at Langlands Park.

On paper, the Jets have a team capable of challenging for a top five berth, which in previous seasons has been "cut and dried".

But much was made of Ipswich's prospects last year and apart from a handful of quality performances, it was a disappointing season for the club's top side.

One positive to have emerged from a frustrating 2001 campaign is the feeling that players and

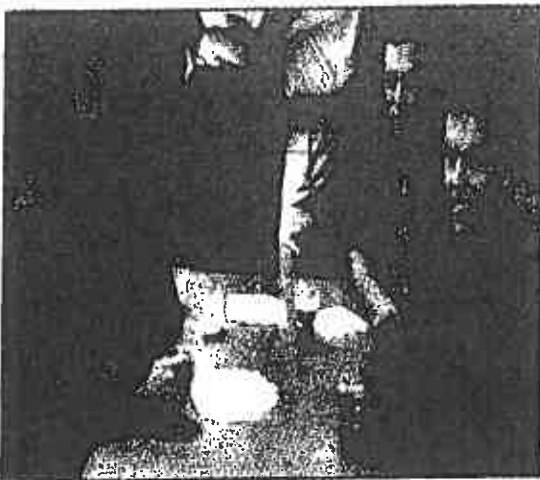
coaching staff are determined to produce in the new season.

The Jets have defeated Wynnum, Logan and Burleigh in three pre-season trial matches.

"We haven't been behind on the score sheet as yet but we haven't got any competition points as well," Greinke warned.

Also addressing club supporters at this week's launch were chief executive Craig Teevan, major sponsor Nev Byers and councillor Denise Hanly.

Coaching staff and players from all three grades attended the evening.



Young guns: Aaron Bulow (left), Rick Harris (front right) and Marshall Chalk enjoy a drink at the Jets season launch. Photo: Jodie Richter 0307JRB5

Qld Cup stakes high

By Michael Hillier
League

IT may only be round two of the Queensland Cup but already the stakes are high for both the Ipswich Jets and Redcliffe Dolphins.

Both sides are coming off an opening round loss heading into Saturday night's encounter at Bendigo Bank Oval.

"They're going to be desperate," Jets coach Gary Greinke said of the Dolphins, who were beaten by Burleigh last weekend.

While a loss by either side won't spell disaster, it will place the team which fails to take the two points on the back

foot in the intense race for top spots.

In a disappointing start to the season last Saturday, the Jets were hammered in the second half to lose 52-22 against the East Coast Tigers.

"We know the areas we need to improve," Greinke said, looking for a better defensive effort against the speedy Dolphins.

With Jamie Mathiou, Jeremy Schloss and Faron Anderson carrying minor injury concerns, tough hooker Dale Robertson has been added to the 17.

Robertson, an Ipswich Norths junior, was one of the

stars of Ipswich's 2000 campaign before taking last year off due to work commitments.

His enthusiasm at training has impressed Jets coaching staff.

"He's a Danny Coburn-type trainer," Greinke said.

Matt Doeg has been switched to hooker for the round two clash, with Trent Flood moving into the centres.

Jets captain Mathiou has been cleared of a high tackle charge. He was placed on report by referee Rob Alexander last weekend.

Jets: Reggie Cressbrook, Michael Jack, Marshall Chalk, Trent Flood, Faron Anderson, Brendon Lindsay,



Gary Greinke

Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton, Danny Coburn. **Interchange:** Aaron Bulow, Jeremy Schloss, Chris Anderson, Brian McCarthy, Dale Robertson.

21-3-2002

Jets suffer try blowout

By Michael Hillier
League

EAST COAST Tigers have given Ipswich a timely reminder of the intensity required to be a Queensland Cup force after a crushing opening round win over the Jets.

For three-quarters of Saturday's match at Langlands Park, the Jets lived up to their pre-season status of being a side with enough strikepower to match the big guns.

Although it's early days, the fact the Jets conceded six second-half tries to lose 52-22 is a major concern.

East Coast, trailing 20-16 at half-time, fired back after the break with the halves pairing of

Scott Thorburn and Nathan Murphy feeding off a mountain of possession.

"It wasn't a true indication of the game with the blowout at the end," Jets coach Gary Greinke said.

The "blowout" started midway through the second half when an Ipswich player was deemed to have lost possession in a tackle. Replays indicated the ball was illegally stripped by an opponent, meaning Ipswich should have been awarded a penalty.

But the Tigers made the most of the ruling and almost immediately crossed for a try which Greinke felt was the "turning point" in the game.

The converted try extended the home side's slender 26-22

lead to 10 points. A further four tries followed as the Jets tired in the energy-sapping heat.

While Ipswich's defence was a concern, several quality attacking raids showed the Jets had the flair to post points.

Fullback Reggie Cressbrook and Marshall Chalk both completed eye-catching tries, with centre Chalk finishing a movement which went through more than six sets of hands.

Jets captain Jamie Mathiou was placed on report for a high tackle in the second half.

East Coast Tigers 52 (S Thorburn 2, J Wendt 2, G Allan, M Jensen, R Taylor, N Murphy, W Liddell tries, S Thorburn 7 goals) **d Ipswich Jets 22** (R Bird, B Lindsay, R Cressbrook, M Chalk tries, R Cressbrook 3 goals). **Next game:** v Redcliffe, Saturday at Bendigo Bank Oval.

Ipswich colts show tenacity

IPSWICH colts coach John Green has praised the determination of his side after their 36-22 opening round victory over East Coast Tigers at Langlands Park.

The Jets led 14-0 after 10 minutes but were forced to fight for the win after losing Haeata Bartlett (broken arm) and Phil Fenton (shoulder) to serious injuries.

"We really gutsed it out," said Green, who tips his team to improve each week in the test-

ing BRL competition.

Talented five-eighth Michael O'Connor sealed the win by crossing for Ipswich's last two tries. Makeshift hooker Cade Hill and centre Wade Marshman, who also bagged two tries, were two of the standouts for the junior Jets on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Ipswich A grade side lost its opening round BRL clash to the Tigers.

The score was locked at 24-all, with a rare stroke of misfortune robbing the Jets of at least one

competition point.

The Jets lost a scrum despite feeding the ball, with the Tigers capitalising to cross for the match-winning try in the dying seconds.

Gareth Smith, John Luhrman and Jay O'Doherty impressed the Jets coach.

Colts: Jets 36 (W Marshman 2, M O'Connor 2, B Crouch, S Dungey tries, G Chalk 6 goals) **d Tigers 22.**

A grade: Tigers 28 **d Jets** (T Flood, S McDonald, R Harris, G Smith tries, J O'Doherty 4 goals).

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**Ipswich colts, reserves
adopt winning attitude**

AN aggressive approach is the key to an Ipswich victory against Redcliffe today, according to Jets coach John Green.

The Jets are chasing consecutive Brisbane Rugby League colts victories after upsetting Easts at Langlands Park in last weekend's opening round.

"I think they're (Redcliffe) always the benchmark in all grades. They're always a big side," Green said last night.

Green is looking for his forwards to match the young Dolphins line-up.

"That's where the game's going to be won," he said.

Illness has left prop Save Sia in doubt for the 3pm match at Bendigo Bank Oval.

Meanwhile, the Ipswich A grade side also take on the Dolphins today.

The Jets reserves produced an encouraging performance against East Coast last weekend.

"We just want to improve week by week," said Jets coach Jim Landy.

The Jets are hoping for better luck against the Dolphins after losing by four points in a last minute thriller to East Coast.

With injuries hitting the club's top side, Jay O'Doherty and Dale Robertson are set move into the Queensland Cup side.

The BRL A grade game kicks off at 4.30pm.

25-3-2002

Rising colt out to freak accident

THE season of rising Jets colts player Sam Dungay is almost certainly over after he broke his leg during Ipswich's big loss to Redcliffe.

Jets coach John Green described Dungay's shattering injury as a "freak accident".

The classy fullback had been earmarked as a Queensland Cup player, with top grade coach Gary Greinke having already given Dungay a chance in the higher grade.

The 18-year-old played in the

Jets' Cup trial against Burleigh at the Gold Coast in the pre-season.

Redcliffe continued Ipswich's misery at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday by thrashing the Jets 62-6.

"We didn't have a very good day," said Green, who was not happy with his team's preparation.

Meanwhile, the Jets were over-run by the Dolphins 36-18 in the Brisbane Rugby League A grade match.

The round two game was evenly poised in the second half before the Dolphins scored several late eye-catching tries to seal the win.

John Luhrman and Paul McGowan were both sin-binned in the second half.

"I think we used up a fair bit of juice when we had two off," Jets coach Jim Landy said.

Matthew Cameron scored the first try for the Jets.

Scan clears Jet of serious injury

By Michael Hillier

League

IPSWICH Jets centre Marshall Chalk has set his sights on a return from injury for his side's round four Queensland Cup clash against the Burleigh Bears next weekend.

The 21-year-old will again watch from the sidelines on Sunday when the Jets clash with the Wynnum Seagulls at Kougari Oval.

"I think I should be right for then (against Burleigh)," said Chalk, who has been hampered by a knee complaint.

"It was a bit of a relief. I'll just take it easy and build it up."

Results from an MRI scan revealed his injury didn't require an operation, dispelling fears the Fassifern junior would miss the first half of the season.

With Chalk set to sit out Sunday's match against the Seagulls, Aaron Bulow will again partner Trent Flood in the centres.

Faron Anderson, who missed Saturday's 20-18 loss to Redcliffe, has replaced Jay O'Doherty on the wing.

In the only other change, former Canberra Raiders player

Pearce Kelly has replaced Chris Anderson on the bench.

A carry-over suspension ruled Kelly out of the first two rounds.

The Jets are in desperate need of a victory over the Seagulls after losing their opening two matches.

Jets: Reggie Cressbrook, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Trent Flood, Faron Anderson, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton, Danny Coburn. **Interchange:** Dale Robertson, Jeremy Schloss, Pearce Kelly, Brian McCarthy.



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'GET BEHIND US'

Jets skipper asks for Ipswich people's support

By Michael Hillier

League

THE Ipswich Jets aim to turn their home ground into a "fortress" from today when they host Queensland Cup glamour side the Burleigh Bears.

Jets captain Jamie Mathiou hopes a big crowd at Bendigo Bank Oval will help spur his side to consecutive victories.

"We want the whole of Ipswich to get behind us," the enthusiastic Jets prop said.

The former Leeds Rhinos forward has previously played in front of tens of thousands of fans in the English Super League.

While bumper crowds are rare in the state league competition, Mathiou is anxious to play in front of a big and vocal supporter base at his new club, which has struggled to regularly attract healthy spectator numbers.

Ipswich has played two of its first three matches away from home. The club's first game on home soil resulted in a 20-18 loss to last season's grand finalists Redcliffe.

That match was a physical contest, and today's round four clash promises to be just as bruising against a powerful Bears forward pack.

"I think the boys are really looking forward to it," said

Mathiou, who is this season combining his captaincy duties with a junior development role for the Jets.

Ipswich broke through for its first win of the season against Wynnum last weekend, defeating the Seagulls 40-22.

"Everybody has really responded after last week's victory," Mathiou said.

"We can't be complacent. We've lost two out of our first three games."

Marshall Chalk and Faron Anderson are set to make their return from injury against the Bears.

Anderson replaces Jay O'Doherty on the wing, while Chalk was earlier this week named on the interchange bench.

However, Chalk may start the game in the centres or possibly at fullback. Jets coach Gary Greinke said regular fullback Reggie Cressbrook was in doubt with a leg injury.

"There's a fair chance he (Cressbrook) won't be playing," Greinke said.

A decision on whether Cressbrook would play against his former club was due to be made following last night's training session.

Today's game is scheduled to kick off at 2.05pm.

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Hard man: In-form Jets second-rower Andrew Hamilton (right) will have to fire today if his side is to upset Queensland Cup heavyweights Burleigh at Bendigo Bank Oval. Photo: Michael Holman

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Jets match-winner reveals motivation

By **Michael Hillier**

League

IPSWICH Jets five-eighth Brendon Lindsay has issued an ominous warning to rival Queensland Cup teams after starring in his side's crushing 40-12 win over Burleigh Bears.

Lindsay crossed for two tries and had a hand in several others as the Jets brushed aside one of the competition heavyweights at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday.

Like his team, Lindsay had a slow start to the season. The 24-year-old Jets recruit struggled to make an impact in Ipswich's defeats to East Coast and Redcliffe.

But after a talk with Jets coach Gary Greinke, the former Logan Scorpions star is starting to produce his best form.

"Gary had a word to me and said I wasn't really contributing to the team," Lindsay revealed after the win.

"We sat down on that third week before the Wynnum game and he gave me a few things to think about. I'm loving it now."

A dominant performance by Ipswich's forward pack paved the way for the big win, easily Ipswich's most impressive under Greinke.

"We knew the game was going to be won in the forwards and our boys really stood up again," Lindsay said.

"They're really laying the platform now."



Fingertip escape: Jets lock Danny Coburn evades the desperate Burleigh defence in Saturday's Queensland Cup clash. Photo: Mark Straker

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Experienced Jets back-rower Andrew Hamilton, along with skipper Jamie Mathiou, were two of the standouts.

Hamilton mixed his aggressive running and defensive game with several clever passes and grubber kicks.

The Jets stunned the error-riddled visitors in the opening half, racing to a 26-6 lead.

The lead grew by four more points at half-time when Lindsay crossed for his second try.

While not as spectacular in the second half, the Jets outscored the Bears 10 points to six to hand the powerful Gold Coast club its biggest state league defeat.

Ipswich suffered a blow before the match when fullback Reggie Cressbrook was ruled out through injury.

Cressbrook was replaced by Marshall Chalk, who crossed for two tries in his first match back from injury.

Ipswich, chasing a rare hat-trick of victories, has another home game on Saturday.

The Jets meet Melbourne Storm feeder club Norths Devils at 6pm.

Jets 40 (Brendon Lindsay 2, Marshall Chalk 2, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Matt Doeg, Jeremy Schloss tries, Trent Flood 4 goals) d Burleigh 12 (Nick Shaw, Aseri Laing tries, Greg Bourke 2 goals).



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Jets fire up to impress

Could this be Ipswich's year?

By Michael Hillier

League

IPSWICH Jets lock Danny Coburn can't help but get excited about his club's Queensland Cup prospects this season.

In a career spanning more than five years at the Jets, the quietly-spoken representative forward has experienced more defeats than victories.

But on the basis of Ipswich's 26-10 victory over the previously undefeated Norths Devils at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday night, his fortunes are about to change.

Coburn again produced a tireless performance in Ipswich's latest triumph, which extended the Jets' winning streak to three matches and stamped the club as a genuine contender in 2002.

"Norths were the only team that I hadn't beaten in five years, it's sweet," the Beaudesert product said.

Coburn, who regularly chopped down Norths' big forwards with textbook tackles, feels the Jets have a "big chance" this season.

"I just want to make the most of it," Coburn said from outside a bubbling but battered dressing room.

Star halfback Ricky Bird sent a scare through the Jets camp late in the second half when he was carried off the field.

Bird, who is battling a constant knee complaint, returned to the field to complete the game against the physical Devils. Marshall Chalk (corked knee) and backrower Andrew

Hamilton (elbow) both finished the game on the bench.

"We've got a few wounded but nothing too serious so far," Jets coach Gary Greinke said.

The Jets are now eager to test their mettle against one of the most formidable teams in the competition — the Toowoomba Clydesdales.

Ipswich travels to Toowoomba this weekend to take on the Brisbane Broncos' feeder club.

Greinke was rapt with Saturday's victory, which keeps the Jets in equal fifth place.

"To keep good sides to two tries, especially when they had a lot of possession, I think it's a fantastic effort," Greinke said. "We made it a bit hard on ourselves with our lack of ball control in the second half but I thought the spirit amongst the guys was sensational."

For the second time in as many weeks, the Jets had a stranglehold on the game by half-time. The Jets led 20-4, leaving a frustrated Norths coach Terry Matterson with his hands on hips at the break.

The highlight of the first half came in the 20th minute when Bird, with little room to work with, regathered a chip kick and passed the ball to centre Aaron Bulow.

Bulow offloaded to Chalk, who found Coburn backing up down the middle of the field to complete a stunning movement which extended the Jets' lead to 12-4.

Jets 26 (M Chalk, R Cressbrook, D Coburn, R Bird tries, T Flood tries, T Flood 3 goals) d Norths 10.

Ipswich's next match: v Clydesdales in Toowoomba, Saturday 6pm.



Standing tall: Andrew Hamilton prepares to slip a pass during Ipswich's upset win over Norths on Saturday night. The Jets are primed for another big performance against rivals Toowoomba on Saturday. Photo: Toni Caldwell 04147025



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Jets put 'low' behind them

By Michael Hillier

League

THE Ipswich Jets have given an early indication that last year's woes against the lowly-ranked Queensland Cup teams won't be returning in 2002.

While the Jets were far from their best during Saturday's 34-12 win against Souths Magpies at Bendigo Bank Oval, the home side were rarely threatened in a scrappy contest.

In the corresponding game last season, the gutsy Magpies stunned Ipswich 22-12.

The Jets' trend of failing to secure maximum competition points against the teams they expected to beat continued for the rest of the season.

With the Magpies out of the way, Ipswich has pencilled in wins over Logan, Central and Wests — three teams tipped to finish closer to the bottom of the table than the top.

On the back of a favourable penalty count on Saturday, Souths dominated the early field position to raise the Magpies' hopes of recording their second win of the season.

But Jets hooker Matt Doeg, who has excelled in the position following the loss of Darren Jackson and Nathan Antonik, sparked the Jets into action.

The Runaway Bay recruit produced a great sidestep and dash to the line to score Ipswich's second try.

His try, which followed Brendon Lindsay's opener, allowed the Jets to open up a 12-6 lead after an early onslaught from the Magpies.

Doeg, 21, has been earmarked as a future NRL player by coach Gary Greinke.

"It's always been my goal to play up to the highest level I can," Doeg said while icing a corked thigh after the match.

"I've got a lot more work to do before I reach that level."

"I'm just taking it week by week at the mo-



Spirited surge: Jets forward Periti Mullaga charges into the Souths defence. The Jets drew 26-all with the Magpies in the BRL colts match. Photo: Jodie Richter AP2802RF

ment and just enjoying playing up here with the boys."

Doeg believes the Jets, in equal fifth place, can qualify for the finals.

"I think as we come together more as a team we're going to get a lot better," he said.

After a poor display against the Clydesdales the previous weekend, Ipswich's defence lifted to restrict the Magpies to just two tries. One of their four-pointers came from an intercept pass from teenage debutant Joe Cassin.

But Cassin, who replaced the injured Ricky

Bird at halfback, had an otherwise sound game, impressing Jets coaching staff.

Jets stalwart Brian McCarthy, who crossed for two tries, and Reggie Cressbrook were two of Ipswich's best. Cressbrook scored a try and set up another after he was injected into the game at fullback.

No fixtures will be played this weekend due to the QRL underage carnival.

Jets 34 (B McCarthy 2, R Cressbrook, M Doeg, A Seibold, B Lindsay tries, S West 5 goals) d Magpies 12 (B Davidson, M Squasson tries, M Lockyer 2 goals).

Ipswich's reserves rewarded

THE Ipswich Jets brushed off Souths Magpies at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday night to record their second win of the Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) A grade season.

The Jets' season has been a tale of near misses, leaving the Jim Landy-coached side with plenty of work to do to catch the top four sides.

But Ipswich had few problems against an outclassed Magpies outfit, running out comfortable 32-8 winners.

Interchange forward Gareth Williams produced a devastating running game, while Nathan Stephens played one of his best games this season.

Jets ward Kerry Theuerkauf made a successful return from injury.

Centre Trent Flood, who was dropped from the Queensland Cup side, scored a try and kicked four goals.

Meanwhile, a three-try haul from Jets colts halfback Andrew Walters was not enough to lift his side to victory against Souths.

The Jets led 26-8 at one stage but fell away in the second half as the Magpies finished with a flurry to level the score at 26-all shortly before full-time.

No further points were added, forcing the Jets to settle for their first draw of the season.

"It was a pretty ordinary second half," Ipswich coach John Green said.

Green was rapt with the performance of fullback Geoff Chalk.

Ipswich's injury crisis worsened on Saturday after utility Wade Marahman (hamstring) was forced from the field in the first half.

A grade — Jets 32 (T Flood, J Henna way, T Theuerkauf, D Robertson, M Cameron tries, T Flood 4 goals) d Magpies 8.

Colts — Jets 26 (A Walters 3, W Marshman, T Gibney tries, G Chalk 3 goals) drew with Magpies 26.

11-5-2002

Soccer skills give Jet a handy edge

By Michael Hillier

League

BRENDON Lindsay doesn't come from a soccer background, although he could have fooled Ipswich Jets fans with the fancy footwork he has displayed in the early rounds of the Queensland Cup.

After a slow start to the season, Lindsay sprang to life with a dominant two-try performance during Ipswich's crushing 40-12 win over the Burleigh Bears last month.

One of Lindsay's tries in that match came when he remarkably toed the ball for a considerable distance to the try-line and crossed for a four-pointer the Bears never recovered from.

The former Gold Coast Charger again showed his deft kicking skills in scoring a try during Ipswich's last match, a 34-12 win over Souths Magpies.

"I don't know where that's come from. I'm too lazy to bend down and pick it (the ball) up I suppose," Lindsay joked this week.

The 24-year-old playmaker will again be out to provide the attacking spark when the Jets meet bottom-placed Logan Scorpions at Meakin Park today.

Logan supporters don't need any reminding about Lindsay's talents. The Beenleigh-based pivot last sea-

son played for the Scorpions, the club where he spent most of his senior career.

"It will be strange running out there," Lindsay admitted.

Logan was decimated by a player drain in the off-season, leaving the club struggling to be competitive in 2002. The Scorpions have lost all seven games this season, including an 88-0 drubbing at the hands of Redcliffe in round five.

But the Jets aren't talking up their chances of a similar scoreline. All the Jets want is the two competition points, which could move them into outright fifth.

"I don't want to predict, but that's (top five) what we're striving for," Lindsay said, keen to play in a finals series.

Lindsay, who expressed his desire to one day play overseas, has all but ruled out a return to top-flight club football in Australia.

"If the opportunity came along then yeah. But they're (NRL clubs) starting to look younger and younger these days," he said.

"If you're not hooked up with a club now as a schoolboy it's tough for you."

Jets: M Chalk, M Jack, A Bulow, R Allwood, S West, B Lindsay, J Cassin, J Mathiou, M Doeg, D McAllister, A Seibold, A Hamilton, D Coburn, P Kelly, J Schloss, C Anderson, B McCarthy. Kick off: 3pm.



Refreshing talents: Jets Leagues Club employee Brendon Lindsay has been serving opposition teams some dangerous moves this season. Photo: Ian Francis MY1002FA

Jets angry over Logan tactics

By Michael Hillier

League

THE Ipswich Jets have been left seething at the on-field conduct of the Logan Scorpions after a heated end to their lopsided Queensland Cup clash at Meakin Park.

Ipswich cruised to a 60-10 win against the winless Scorpions, who had two players sent off in the dying minutes of Saturday's match.

Angry Jets chief executive Craig Teevan said he would voice his concerns to the referees boss and Queensland Rugby League (QRL) managing director Ross Livermore. "It shouldn't be happening at this level," Teevan said of the alleged foul play.

Interchange forward Bobby Gailer was given his marching orders after a verbal confrontation with referee Mark Waugh.

Gailer was soon joined in the sheds by teammate Clint Rothery, who was

dismissed from the field for a high tackle on Richard Allwood.

Earlier, Logan captain Greg Chappell and lock Clifton Tildora were placed on report. Tildora's high tackle on Andrew Hamilton left the inform Jets backrower clutching his jaw.

Hamilton took no further part in the match. He was later cleared of serious injury, leaving fullback Marshall Chalk (corked thigh) and prop Chris Anderson (hamstring) as Ipswich's only injury concerns.

Jets skipper Jamie Mathiou described certain incidents in the match as "ridiculous".

"Some of our blokes could have been hurt for a long time," the hard-hitting prop said.

"I said to the referee 'we just want to play and get on with it'."

Mathiou praised the composure of his side, which led Logan 28-6 at half-time. "We played very professional I thought. As a team it was one of our best efforts," he said.

The controversy took the gloss off the victory, believed to be Ipswich's biggest in the Queensland Cup.

The win lifted the Jets into fourth on for and against ahead of heavyweights Toowoomba and Burleigh.

With illness forcing Joe Cassin out of the match, Jets coach Gary Greinke switched Steve West to half-back and called Jay O'Doherty into the side.

West was creative in attack, while five-eighth Brendon Lindsay produced a sizzling display against his former club.

Chalk and Allwood both crossed for a double, with seven other players getting their names on the try-scoring sheet for the Jets.

Jets 60 (M Chalk 2, R Allwood 2, M Jack, J O'Doherty, D Coburn, A Hamilton, P Kelly, B McCarthy, B Lindsay tries, S West 8 goals) d Logan 10 (R Nair 2, K Graham goal).

Jets' next match: versus Central at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday (2.05pm).

Ipswich reserves improve

IPSWICH coach Jim Landy expects a big improvement from his Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) A grade side this week after the Jets narrowly held off Logan 34-28 on Saturday.

A spirited Scorpions outfit trailed 30-28 late in second half of the clash at Meakin Park.

Despite the closeness of the scoreline, Landy felt his side was always headed for the two competition points.

However, the experienced Jets coach tips a more dominant display when they again meet Logan on Saturday, this time at Bendigo Bank Oval.

The Scorpions surged home in the final five minutes against a Jets side boasting several players with Queensland Cup experience.

Reggie Cressbrook sealed the game in the final two minutes when he barged over from a set play.

Kerry and Troy Theuerkauf and Gareth Smith were strong for the Jets, while Trent Flood crossed for three tries to enhance his prospects of a recall to the top grade.

Meanwhile, the Jets colts drew 36-all with the Scorpions. With Logan dominating possession, the Jets trailed 20-0 at one stage in the first half.

Two late tries from fullback Geoff Chalk allowed the Jets to seal a draw, their second in succession.

Periti Muliaga, Brendan Crouch and Chalk were stand-outs for the Jets.

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16-5-2002

Jets happy with bans

By Michael Hillier

Queensland Cup

IPSWICH Jets chief executive Craig Teevan last night said the club's players would get a "lot of confidence out of the system" after suspensions were dished out to three Logan players.

The Jets left Meakin Park last Saturday furious at a high number of "cheap shots" from the Scorpions, who were thrashed 60-10 in the Queensland Cup match.

"The fact three of their players were suspended indicated we were right in disapproving of their tactics," Teevan said.

"We're just happy some action was taken. Obviously the club was disappointed with what happened on Saturday."

Teevan spoke personally to referees boss Eddie Ward this week and expressed his concerns to the Queensland Rugby League (QRL).

Clifton Tildora (one match), Clint Rothery (two matches) and captain Greg Chap-

pell (three matches) were suspended. Tildora and Rothery were banned for high tackles, while Chappell's suspension is believed to have taken into account a number of incidents during the game.

The trio can fight the sentences handed down by the QRL.

No Jets players were seriously injured as a result of any of the incidents, although second-rower Andrew Hamilton was left jaded and didn't return to the field after Tildora's tackle.

However, the suspensions may work against the Jets, who are sitting in fourth place ahead of Toowoomba and Burleigh due to a slightly superior for and against.

Toowoomba host bottom-placed Logan this weekend and a big win against a depleted Logan outfit could propel the Clydesdales ahead of the Jets.

Meanwhile, Jets forward Kerry Theuerkauf is set to make his first Queensland Cup appearance of the year against the

Central Comets at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday.

The season of the hard-hitting forward started in frustrating fashion when he tore his knee cartilage in a trial match. He then strained his hamstring on the eve of a comeback match in reserve grade.

But the 25-year-old West End junior has produced two strong displays to be called into the side as a replacement for the injured Chris Anderson (hamstring).

"I've got to try and have a good one this week to cement a spot in the side," said Theuerkauf, a regular in last year's state league team.

Reggie Cressbrook has been left out of the side for the second-straight week after missing training in the lead up to the clash against Logan.

Jets: M Chalk, M Jack, A Bulow, R Allwood, S West, B Lindsay, J Cassin, J Mathiou, M Doeg, D McAllister, A Seibold, A Hamilton, D Coburn, P Kelly, J Schloss, K Theuerkauf, B McCarthy. Kick-off: 2.05pm.

25-5-2002

Jets reserves face late reshuffle

IPSWICH Jets reserve grade coach Jim Landy may be forced to make several late changes to his forward pack for today's Brisbane Rugby League match against Wests at Purcell Park.

Damaging second-rower Gareth Smith is in doubt with a knee injury. Smith is almost certain to be ruled out, leaving Andrew Johnston and John Lührman as possible replacements in the starting side.

Jeremy Schloss has also indicated he won't be lining-up against the Panthers.

Schloss, dropped from Queensland Cup to the BRL A grade side this week, is set to join the Ipswich Rangers rugby union club.

However, Landy's main concern is to ensure his side's steady improvement continues.

"It's an opportunity for us to go forward again. We're climbing up the ladder," said Landy, whose side is two points out of the top four.

Meanwhile, the Ipswich colts face a tough assignment

against competition leaders Wests Panthers today.

Colts: Geoff Chalk, David Newton, Jarrod Zurvas, Wade Marshman, Ocean Taumaletila, Joseph Cassin, Vinnie Stephan, Adam Roney, Ronald Holmes, Matthew Smith, Save Sia, Periti Muliaga, Dwayne Savo, Ben Hough, Brendan Crouch, Nathan Jorgensen, Todd Gibney.

A grade: Jay O'Doherty, Junior Togia, Tarosi Stack, Trent Flood, Nathan Stephens, Josh Hennaway, Paul McGowan, Brendan Rice, Dale Robertson, Dinny Kyle, Matthew Cameron, Gareth Smith, Andrew Johnston, Damian Flint, John Lührman, Ben Abraham, Brad Oddi.

Ipswich expect victory: Captain

By Michael Hillier

League

IPSWICH captain Jamie Mathiou has vowed to take the challenge up to the North Queensland Young Guns when the high-flying Jets meet the Queensland Cup heavyweights in Townsville this weekend.

"We're not going up there to lose... put it that way," Mathiou said after his team's latest triumph, a 23-18 win over Wests.

"We're keen to go up there and get the two points and we don't expect anything less."

The Jets ensured they will make the trip to Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium in high spirits after fending off a spirited Wests Panthers outfit at Purtell Park on Saturday.

Despite opening up a 16-0 late in the first half, the Panthers refused to surrender. They leapt back into contention following a try to

speedy centre Steve Francisus on the stroke of half-time.

Former Jet Isaac Kaufmann sent a massive scare through the visitors' camp in the second half when he dived on a loose ball from a grubber kick to score.

The try saw the determined Panthers close to within four points with plenty of time left on the clock.

But in stepped Jets back-rower Andrew Hamilton, who barged over the try-line in the 71st minute to extend Ipswich's lead to 22-12.

The margin proved too much for the Panthers despite a brilliant long range try to Francisus.

Man-of-the-match Hamilton was the star of the victory — Ipswich's seventh from eight matches.

The skilful forward set up the first try of the match with a great pass to Reggie Cressbrook and soon after crossed for his first four-pointer of the game.

Mathiou, who took over the captaincy from Hamilton this season,

praised the home side's tenacity.

"I thought we played well. It was a good tough win," the former Leeds prop said.

However, Mathiou admitted his side squandered several opportunities.

"We just couldn't finish them off, especially on their line," he said.

The victory moved the Gary Greinke-coached team into semi-final range heading into Saturday's clash against the Young Guns, who are the only team the Jets are yet to face in 2002.

The Young Guns, coming off a 29-28 win over Burleigh, are the back up team to the North Queensland Cowboys National Rugby League side.

Ipswich Jets 23 (Andrew Hamilton 2, Marshall Chalk, Reggie Cressbrook tries, Steve West 3 goals, West field goal) d Wests 18 (Steve Francisus 2, Isaac Kaufmann tries, Andrew Murdoch 3 goals).

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Jets defy send-off to restore semi-final bid

FOR the second time this season the Ipswich Jets have overcome the send-off of second-rower Andrew Johnston to record a Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) A grade victory.

Johnston was sent off in the first half of Saturday's match against Wests at Purtell Park.

He was dismissed from the field on the advice of a touch judge, who ruled the Jets player had illegally used an elbow on an opponent.

Johnston was suspended for one-match for a lifting tackle earlier this season after he was sent off against Brothers Valleys in a crucial game the Jets held on to win.

Saturday's thrilling 22-18 win was equally important, with the

Jets now a genuine chance of qualifying for the top four.

"There was some good character shown there," Jets coach Jim Landy said.

The Jets trailed Wests before an unconverted try reduced the margin to two points.

After good lead up work from Matt Cameron and Paul McGowan, winger Nathan Stephens crossed for a final minute try to seal the win.

Junior Togia crossed for three tries for the Jets, with five-eighth Josh Hennaway grabbing the other four-pointer.

In the BRL colts match, a classy Wests Panthers outfit thrashed the Jets 82-10.

29-5-2002

Chance for Bulow

By Michael Hillier

League

AARON Bulow will have a rare opportunity to excel in a position many judges feel he is better suited to when the Ipswich Jets tackle the North Queensland Young Guns.

Bulow is set to have an extended run at hooker during Saturday's Queensland Cup match at Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium.

The 20-year-old North Ipswich junior has played almost the entire season in the centres.

"It should be good. It's a bit of a new challenge," Bulow said yesterday of his opportunity to play at dummy-half.

"I don't mind playing either (centre or hooker)."

Jets coach Gary Greinke has used Matt Doeg in the No. 9 jersey this season.

The Runaway Bay product has been a revelation at hooker, producing several outstanding 80-minute performances this season.

But with the fifth-placed Jets entering a tough part of the draw, Greinke feels it is necessary to ease Doeg's workload.

"At some stage in the game he'll need a spell," Greinke said.

Bulow is likely to start at centre on Saturday before switching to hooker, possibly before half-time of the round 11 match being played before the NRL game between the North Queensland Cowboys and St George/Illawarra.

The Jets have added Jay O'Doherty to the squad for the clash against the Young Guns, who are in second place behind the

Redcliffe Dolphins.

A victory on Saturday would allow the Jets to join the Townsville club on 16 premiership points, easily Ipswich's best start to a season in many years.

"I'm confident we can do the job," Greinke said yesterday.

The Jets have an injury concern over winger Reggie Cressbrook.

But Cressbrook is expected to overcome a calf injury he sustained in last Saturday's 23-18 win over Wests to take his place in the team for the important match.

Jets squad: Marshall Chalk, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Richard Allwood, Reggie Cressbrook, Brendon Lindsay, Steven West, Jamie Mathiou (c), Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Andrew Hamilton, Anthony Seibold, Danny Coburn, Chris Anderson, Jay O'Doherty, Kerry Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy, Troy Theuerkauf.

1-6-2002

Tough Townsville test for Jets

By Michael Hillier

League

THE Ipswich Jets today seek to clear the first of two of the biggest hurdles in the Queensland Cup.

Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium is the venue for today's clash between the fifth-placed Jets and a North Queensland Young Guns outfit rated by many as the biggest threat for the premiership.

Ipswich's daunting trip is followed by an equally tough away encounter against the Redcliffe Dolphins next weekend.

But the first task is to overcome a Young Guns team which dominated the opening rounds of the competition.

"It will sort of give us a good idea

of where we're at," experienced Jets lock Danny Coburn said.

Coburn admits he knows little about the Young Guns, who are the back up team to National Rugby League club, the North Queensland Cowboys.

Ipswich's most capped player has watched the Young Guns in action just one this season.

In that televised game, the Young Guns were thrashed 50-4 by East Coast in one of only two defeats the Townsville-based team has suffered this season.

While Coburn is optimistic his side can clinch its fifth-straight win today, the Queensland Country hopeful isn't expecting a similar scoreline.

He believes the Jets have to produce a dominant defensive effort around the ruck area.

"We've just got to be strong in defence," he said.

Only two teams have conceded fewer points than the Jets in 2002.

That record will be put to the test against a Young Guns side which has crossed for 358 points in 10 games, the third-best attacking record in the competition.

Jets squad: Marshall Chalk, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Richard Allwood, Reggie Cressbrook, Brendon Lindsay, Steven West, Jamie Mathiou, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Andrew Hamilton, Anthony Seibold, Danny Coburn, Chris Anderson, Jay O'Doherty, Kerry Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy, Troy Theuerkauf.



Key pair: Danny McAllister and Matt Doeg (left) will be key players in Ipswich's quest for victory over the Young Guns. MY1602H1

Jets focused, says Greinke

By Michael Hillier
League

IPSWICH coach Gary Greinke has dismissed any fears of complacency as his high-flying Jets prepare to meet Queensland Cup leaders Redcliffe at Dolphin Oval.

The Jets are coming off arguably their best victory of the season — a 30-28 triumph over North Queensland Young Guns in Townsville.

Greinke feels his troops will be able to produce another big performance against the competition leaders tonight.

The former Canberra Raiders assistant coach said his players, particularly the forwards, would be out to prove themselves against a physical Redcliffe outfit.

"I'm sure they will be (able to lift). I know our guys are looking forward to it," Greinke said.

With the Queensland Country side to be selected following Ipswich's match against Wynnum next weekend, tonight's game may go along way towards deciding the make-up of the representative team.

"I'd expect a heavy representation with the way we're going," Greinke said.

Greinke believes star halfback Ricky Bird is a good chance of snatching a Country jersey despite not having played since round six.

Bird, who is recovering from a knee operation, is a strong chance of making his comeback against Wynnum next weekend.



Gary Greinke

An opportunity to impress Country selectors isn't the only factor motivating the Jets tonight.

A win over the Dolphins would move the Jets into equal first, a remarkable possibility after losing their first two games.

Jets winger Michael Jack is an unlikely starter after sustaining a hip injury in the thrilling win over North Queensland.

If Jack is ruled out, Jay O'Doherty will move from the interchange bench to the wing, meaning a player from outside last week's 17 will be called into the team.

Jets: Marshall Chalk, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Richard Ailwood, Reggie Cressbrook, Brendon Lindsay, Steven West, Jamie Mathiou, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton, Danny Coburn, Chris Anderson, Jay O'Doherty, Kerry Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy. Kick off: 7.30pm

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15-6-2002

Jets vulnerable

By Michael Hillier
League

INJURY and suspension has left the Ipswich Jets looking slightly vulnerable for their crucial Queensland Cup match against an in-form Wynnum Seagulls outfit.

The Jets enter today's match at Bendigo Bank Oval without injured speedsters Michael Jack and Reggie Cressbrook.

Joining the backline pair on the sideline is Brian McCarthy, who is serving a one-match suspension for a high tackle.

McCarthy, one of Ipswich's

standout forwards this season, was banned for a tackle he made on an opponent during Ipswich's 24-12 loss to Redcliffe.

McCarthy was not sent off or placed on report, but referee Rob Alexander recommended the incident be examined by the QRL.

The Jets this week elected not to appeal the suspension, forcing another reshuffle for today's ABC televised match.

The new player named on the bench is Josh Hennaway, who has played mostly five-eighth in reserve grade this season.

In a timely boost for the Jets, halfback Ricky Bird will play his first match since having a knee operation in late April.

With Bird back in the No. 7 jersey, Steve West moves to the wing.

Jay O'Doherty is also set to start on the flank for the clash against the Seagulls, who have won three-straight matches against quality opposition.

"I think it will be one of the hardest games we'll play all year," Jets skipper Jamie Mathiou said yesterday.

"They're (Wynnum) on a bit of a

roll. It will be a hard slog but we're confident."

Mathiou backed the fringe players in the team to perform well.

"We've got plenty of faith in these blokes," the former Leeds prop said.

But with eight sides locked in an intense battle for finals spots, there's little margin for error.

After a disastrous start to the season, the Seagulls have emerged as one of the form sides of the competition.

The fifth-placed Jets are just two points in front of the Seagulls.

Wynnum coach Kelly Egan yesterday said his side would be at full-strength. Despite firing back into finals contention after a slow start, Egan isn't looking too far ahead.

"We haven't even looked at the (competition) table," the Seagulls coach said.

Jets: Marshall Chalk, Jay O'Doherty, Aaron Bulow, Richard Ailwood, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou (c), Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton, Danny Coburn. Interchange: Chris Anderson, Josh Hennaway, Kerry Theuerkauf, Dale Robertson. Kick-off: 2pm.



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The enforcer: Jets star Andrew Hamilton, pictured scoring a try against Wynnum, has been rewarded with a berth in the Queensland Residents team. Photo: Mark Straker JN1502SM

Skilful Jet called up on Origin eve

By **Michael Hillier**
League

A CALF injury to Toowoomba forward Michael Coorey has opened the door for Ipswich Jets backrower Andrew Hamilton to make his Queensland Residents debut today.

Hamilton, 29, will come off the interchange bench for the annual clash against NSW Residents at Stadium Australia.

The match is the main curtain-raiser to tonight's deciding State of Origin encounter.

"It should be pretty exciting," Hamilton said after a training session in Sydney yesterday.

The former South Queensland Crusader missed selection in the Residents team announced after last Saturday's match between City and Country at Wynnum.

But with Coorey ruled out of the match early this week, Hamilton was rushed into the team featuring the best players from the Queensland Cup.

"I was a little disappointed (not to make the team originally). But that's the way it goes," Hamilton said.

"I thought I played pretty well for Country on Saturday."

Hamilton has been Ipswich's most potent attacking forward this season. He scored a try and set up the match-sealing four-pointer in the Jets' last-start 22-14 victory against Wynnum.

"He's been in sensational form for us this year," Jets chief executive Craig Teevan said of Hamilton, who is playing his third season at the club.

Hamilton, replaced by Jamie Mathiou as captain in 2002, said

fewer niggling injuries had contributed to his barnstorming season.

"I'm a lot more consistent this year," the former London Broncos forward said.

If Hamilton comes through tonight's representative game unscathed, he will line up for the Jets in Saturday's important game against Burleigh.

The third-placed Jets yesterday named a squad of 20 for the match at Pizzey Park. The team will be finalised at training tonight.

Jets squad: M Chalk, M Jack, A Bulow, R Allwood, R Cressbrook, F Anderson, J O'Doherty, S West, B Lindsay, R Bird, D McAllister, M Doeg, J Mathiou (c), A Seibold, A Hamilton, D Coburn, C Anderson, J Hennaaway, K Theuerkauf, B McCarthy.

Kick off: 6pm.

Jets keep in touch with top 4

AN impressive first-half attacking display has sparked the Ipswich Jets to a 26-24 Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) A grade victory against Brothers/Valleys.

The Jets dominated possession in the early stages of the first half of Saturday night's match at Perry Park to have the home side on the back foot.

"There was some very good attacking play in the first half," said Jets coach Jim Landy.

Leading Ipswich's charge were forwards Dinny Kyle, Brendan Rice, John Luhrman and Matt Cameron.

In his first match back from a lengthy injury, Faron Anderson crossed for a try. Joining him on the try-scoring list were Dale Robertson, Ian McDonald, Andrew Johnston and Ben Abraham.

The win allowed the Jets to remain in touch with the top four.

Ipswich can move to within two points of the four with a

victory over third-placed Norths on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Ipswich colts crashed to a disappointing 40-12 loss to Brothers Valleys.

A grade — Jets 26 (I McDonald, F Anderson, D Robertson, A Johnston, B Abraham tries, J O'Doherty 3 goals) **Brothers Valleys 24.**

Colts — Brothers Valleys 40 (D Newton, J Cassin tries, G Chalk 2 goals).



IPSWICH JETS v WESTS PANTHERS

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10-8-2002

Jets semi hopes get timely lift

By **Michael Hillier**

League

IPSWICH'S semi-final prospects have received a massive lift following news inspirational skipper Jamie Mathiou will make his return from injury just one week after Matt Doeg.

Doeg has been named as hooker for today's Queensland Cup clash against Wests Panthers at Bendigo Bank Oval.

The classy hooker has not played since round 14 when he fractured his cheekbone in two places while playing against the Burleigh Bears.

Mathiou won't be joining Doeg in action against the Panthers today. Instead, he is on track for a return against the North Queensland Young Guns on Friday night.

The 29-year-old prop's season was in extreme doubt after he had an operation on a disc problem in his back last month.

But he has made a good recovery and is expected to get the "green light" when he visits a specialist on Wednesday.

"It's feeling pretty good at the moment," the former Leeds prop said. "It gets a bit frustrating sitting on the sideline but the boys have been going well."

Jets coach Gary Greinke is delighted to have both Doeg and Mathiou back on deck. Greinke doesn't expect Doeg to play the

full 80 minutes today. "It's a bit too much to ask straight up," Greinke said.

However, Doeg yesterday said he would try and play the full match in an attempt to gain match fitness.

"I want to spend as much time on the field as I can," the classy rake said.

With only three wins to their name, the Panthers hold few fears for a Jets outfit on the verge of cementing a place in the finals.

A win against the Panthers today would almost certainly secure Ipswich's place in the finals.

Meanwhile, Ipswich clashes with the Panthers in Brisbane Rugby League A grade and colts matches today.

The colts match kicks off at 10.45am. Ipswich is set to field its strongest A grade squad for some time, with fringe Queensland Cup players Reggie Cressbrook, John Luhrman, Dale Robertson, Matt Cameron and Jay O'Doherty all named in the Jim Landy-coached team.

Jets: Marshall Chalk, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Richard Allwood, Faron Anderson, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Chris Anderson, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton (c), Danny Coburn, Kerry Theuerkauf, Steven West, Troy Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy.

Kick off: 2.05pm. ABC Television.

● **Grab Monday's QT for a comprehensive review of all the major footy.**



Team leader: Jets workaholic skipper Jamie Mathiou is set for a return against the North Queensland Young Guns next week.

Jets eye home semi-final

By **Michael Hillier**

League

THE Ipswich Jets are desperate to secure a home semi-final after revelling in front of the club's biggest and most vocal crowd in years.

Playing against the North Queensland Young Guns at Bendigo Bank Oval, the Jets blasted their way to a convincing 34-4 Queensland Cup victory on Friday night.

"It was awesome. They were right behind us," Jets prop Jamie Mathiou said of the crowd support.

Mathiou, who made a successful return from a back injury against the Young Guns, hopes the support will "double" when the Jets tackle East Coast Tigers at the North Ipswich venue on

Sunday.

The Jets are already assured of a top three finish but need to defeat the Tigers to finish in second spot, an outcome which carries the reward of a home semi-final and two chances in the playoffs.

After the completion of round 21, the second-placed Jets are one competition point in front of the Tigers.

The Jets have lost just once at home and would receive a massive lift if they won the right to play their first finals match in Ipswich.

The Jets clash against East Coast will mark Danny Coburn's 100th match for the club.

Coburn proved inspirational for the Jets on Friday night, rattling his opponents with several big hits.

The Young Guns were missing several key players, including five-eighth John Doyle — to injury.

But Mathiou had no doubts the Jets would still have taken the points had the former Queensland State of Origin player taken the field.

"We've been going really well lately," Mathiou said.

"Going into the semi-finals it's the sort of form we need to be in. I thought defensively we were pretty strong. We played well as a team."

The former English Super League forward was pleased with his game, his first in more than a month after a back operation.

"I was happy with my performance," said Mathiou, who started the game from the bench.

"I felt pretty good. There's no problems."

Meanwhile, the Jets face a fight to retain the majority of this season's team.

Fullback Marshall Chalk and hooker Matt Doeg are believed to be in the sights of the Canberra Raiders.

Andrew Hamilton, easily Ipswich's best attacking forward this season, is understood to have received a big offer from Broncos feeder team Toowoomba Clydesdales.

Five-eighth Brendon Lindsay has re-signed for the Jets, who will next season be coached by Trevor Gillmeister.

Jets' next match: versus East Coast at Bendigo Bank Oval, Sunday 3pm.

● **Weekend footy scores wrap-up, page 29.**

Jets praised

Boland rates Ipswich the 'shining light' of Cup

By Michael Hillier
League

LEADING league commentator Warren Boland has given the Ipswich Jets a glowing endorsement ahead of their historic Queensland Cup semi-final match.

While Boland will call the elimination final between Burleigh and Norths today, the ABC employee will be keen to hear the outcome of the semi-final clash between the Jets and East Coast.

That match will also be played today, with the winner booking an appointment in the grand final qualifying clash against Redcliffe Dolphins.

Boland, a former Balmain and Wests winger, regards the Dol-

phins as the premierships favourites, especially with the grand final to be played at Dolphin Oval.

But he likes what he has seen in the Jets this season, and gives the Ipswich side a good chance of qualifying for the decider.

"To me, the Jets have been one of the shining lights of the Queensland Cup this year," Boland said yesterday.

He said the performances of the Jets and Wynnum Seagulls, a side which narrowly missed the finals, had added great interest to the competition.

"It (the Queensland Cup) has got a real grassroots feel to it, yet the standard of play is really good," said Boland, who played 97

games for the Wests Magpies.

Today's clash against the Tigers will be the Jets' first appearance in a Queensland Cup finals match.

After examining the two sides on paper yesterday, Boland believes the Jets may have the edge upfront.

"That is a really tough forward pack," Boland said of Ipswich's experienced big men.

While he holds Ipswich's pack in the highest regard, he also feels the Jets have the class outside.

"Michael Jack has played tremendous football," Boland said.

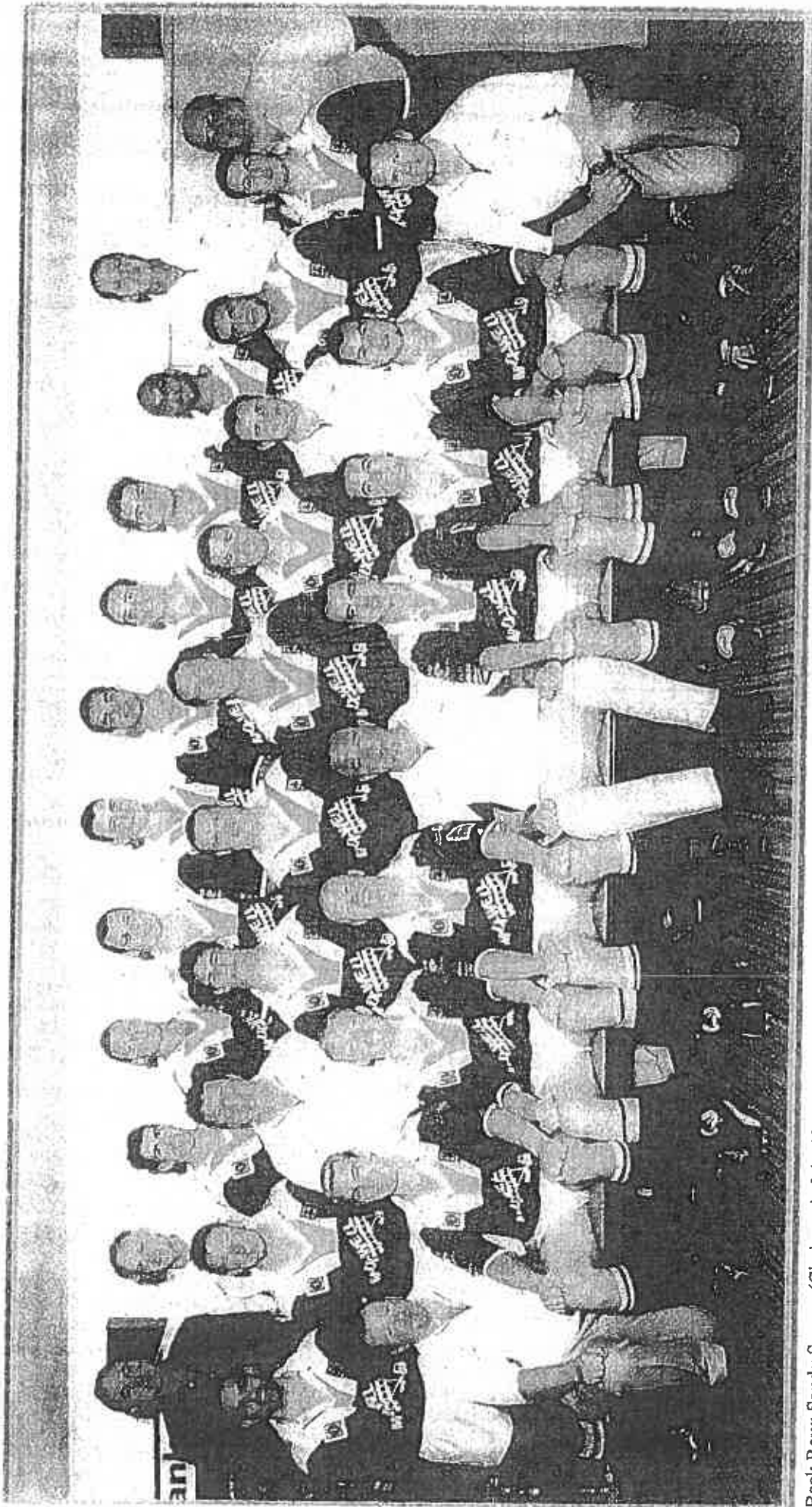
"He's not the biggest winger around, but every time we have seen Ipswich play, he has played well."

The Jets are sweating on the fitness of star halfback Ricky Bird, who missed last Sunday's 16-10 loss to the Tigers due to a back injury.

Jets coach Gary Greinke was to examine Bird's fitness at training last night. Greinke could leave it until as late as this afternoon to make a decision on whether Bird takes the field.

Jets: Marshall Chalk, Michael Jack, Aaron Bulow, Richard Allwood, Faron Anderson, Brendon Lindsay, Reggie Cressbrook, Jamie Mathlou, Matt Doeg, Danny McAllister, Anthony Seibold, Andrew Hamilton, Danny Coburn, Kerry Theuerkauf, Steven West, Troy Theuerkauf, Brian McCarthy, Ricky Bird. Kick off: 3pm.

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 Steve Hooper (Asst Coach),
 Absent: Roy Saunders (Doctor).

THE QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 16/17 March			SCORE
Sat. *East Coast v Ipswich	2.15	52 - 22	
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	16 - 54	
Sat. Nth Qld v Toowoomba	4.30	39 - 20	
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	40 - 16	
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	16 - 28	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	0 - 26	

R2:- 22/23/24 March			SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v East Coast	5.15	40 - 16	
Sat. *Norths v Central	2.05	44 - 14	
Sat. Souths v Nth Qld	4.00	24 - 44	
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	6.00	18 - 20	
Sat. Burleigh v Wynnum	7.00	38 - 24	
Sun. Logan v Wests	3.00	24 - 50	

R3:- 30/31 March			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Toowoomba	2.05	26 - 22	
Sat. East Coast v Souths	6.00	36 - 22	
Sat. Burleigh v Norths	7.00	22 - 28	
Sat. Nth Qld v Logan	7.15	80 - 8	
Sat. Wests v Central	7.30	22 - 46	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	2.15	22 - 40	

R4:- 6/7 April			SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Burleigh	2.05	40 - 12	
Sat. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	14 - 34	
Sat. Logan v East Coast	4.00	14 - 34	
Sat. Nth Qld v Central	3.30	48 - 20	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	2.15	66 - 6	
Sun. Norths v Wests	2.30	52 - 22	

R5:- 13/14 April			SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Souths	2.05	24 - 6	
Sat. Nth Qld v Wests	3.30	34 - 4	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	26 - 10	
Sun. East Coast v Central	2.15	40 - 22	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	88 - 0	
Sun. Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.30	26 - 52	

R6:- 20/21 April			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Nth Qld	2.05	30 - 36	
Sat. Wests v East Coast	3.00	26 - 33	
Sat. Toowoomba v Ipswich	6.00	44 - 34	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	12 - 42	
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	14 - 54	
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.30	28 - 34	

R7:- 26/27/28 April			SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Norths	5.15	4 - 32	
Sat. *East Coast v Nth Qld	2.05	50 - 4	
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	6.00	34 - 12	
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	7.00	28 - 14	
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00	44 - 12	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	48 - 12	

R8:- 11 May			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v East Coast	2.05	20 - 30	
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	3.00	26 - 34	
Sat. Logan v Ipswich	3.00	10 - 60	
Sat. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	30 - 50	
Sat. Nth Qld v Redcliffe	5.30	22 - 30	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	16 - 44	

R9:- 18/19 May			SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Central	2.05	24 - 22	
Sat. Souths v Norths	3.00	12 - 40	
Sat. Toowoomba v Logan	3.00	64 - 6	
Sun. Redcliffe v East Coast	3.00	34 - 24	
Sun. Wynnum v Nth Qld	3.00	12 - 22	
Sun. Burleigh v Wests	3.30	24 - 16	

R10:- 25/26 May			SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Ipswich	2.05	18 - 23	
Sat. Burleigh v Nth Qld	6.00	28 - 29	
Sat. East Coast v Wynnum	6.00	16 - 24	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	20 - 22	
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	2.30	18 - 28	
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00	16 - 48	

R11:- 1/2 June			SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v East Coast	2.05	50 - 16	
Sat. Souths v Central	3.00	18 - 24	
Sat. Nth Qld v Ipswich	3.30	28 - 30	
Sat. Toowoomba v Wests	4.00	50 - 18	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	24 - 22	
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00	4 - 72	

R12:- 7/8/9 June			SCORE
Fri. Redcliffe v Ipswich	7.30	24 - 12	
Sat. *East Coast v Toowoomba	2.05	32 - 26	
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	28 - 18	
Sat. Nth Qld v Souths	6.00	48 - 24	
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	12 - 24	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	36 - 10	

R13:- 15/16 June			SCORE
Sat. *Ipswich v Wynnum	2.05	22 - 14	
Sat. Souths v East Coast	3.00	26 - 44	
Sat. Logan v Nth Qld	3.00	28 - 42	
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	22 - 24	
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	2.30	16 - 34	
Sun. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	3.00	16 - 40	

R14:- 29/30 June			SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Toowoomba	2.05	54 - 28	
Sat. Wests v Norths	3.00	26 - 36	
Sat. East Coast v Logan	6.00	48 - 8	
Sat. Burleigh v Ipswich	6.00	20 - 24	
Sat. Central v Nth Qld	7.30	10 - 36	
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	56 - 10	

R15:- 6/7 July			SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Ipswich	2.05	26 - 18	
Sat. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	22 - 28	
Sat. Wests v Nth Qld	6.00	14 - 60	
Sat. Central v East Coast	7.30	8 - 48	
Sun. Toowoomba v Burleigh	1.15	16 - 38	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	4 - 58	

R16:- 13/14 July			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Central	2.05	58 - 8	
Sat. Nth Qld v Norths	5.30	20 - 14	
Sat. East Coast v Wests	6.00	36 - 18	
Sun. Ipswich v Toowoomba	2.00	36 - 0	
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	70 - 6	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	62 - 14	

R17:- 20/21 July			SCORE
Sat. *Souths v Ipswich	2.05	18 - 42	
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	12 - 38	
Sat. Nth Qld v East Coast	5.30	22 - 23	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	24 - 54	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	2.30	50 - 6	
Sun. Logan v Burleigh	3.00	6 - 84	

R18:- 27/28 July			SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Nth Qld	2.05	48 - 14	
Sat. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	38 - 18	
Sat. East Coast v Norths	3.00	32 - 16	
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	6.00	36 - 16	
Sat. Burleigh v Central	7.00	46 - 22	
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	64 - 20	

R19:- 3/4 August			SCORE
Sat. *East Coast v Redcliffe	2.05	36 - 10	
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	10 - 10	
Sat. Nth Qld v Wynnum	5.30	25 - 24	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	8 - 36	
Sun. Norths v Souths	3.00	82 - 12	
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	3.00	39 - 44	

R20:- 9/10/11 August			SCORE
Fri. Toowoomba v Central	5.00	66 - 10	
Sat. Nth Qld v Burleigh	1.00	32 - 34	
Sat. *Ipswich v Wests	2.05	52 - 6	
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	36 - 18	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	31 - 18	
Sun. Wynnum v East Coast	3.00	28 - 24	

R21:- 16/17/18 August			SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v Nth Qld	7.00	34 - 4	
Sat. *East Coast v Burleigh	2.05	18 - 18	
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	28 - 60	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.3	26 - 26	
Sun. Norths v Logan	2.30	32 - 2	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	3	

R22:- 24/25 August			SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Redcliffe	2.05	32 - 10	
Sat. Logan v Central	2.30	32 - 36	
Sat. Toowoomba v Nth Qld	7.00	32 - 24	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	2.30	28 - 20	
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SATURDAY 22 JUNE CITY 34 v COUNTRY 14

FINAL SERIES

Semi-Finals 1:- 31 August

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Game B BURLEIGH 26 v NORTHS 42 (Winner to Game D, Loser out)

Semi-Finals 2:- 7 September

Game C REDCLIFFE 17 v IPSWICH 16 (Winner to G.Final, Loser to Game E)

Game D EAST COAST 16 v NORTHS 18 (Winner to Game E, Loser out)

Preliminary Final:- 14 September

Game E IPSWICH 29 v NORTHS 26 (Winner to G.Final, Loser out)

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

2.05PM DOLPHIN OVAL
REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS v IPSWICH JETS

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Matt Doeg
Andrew Hamilton (Capt)
Josh Hennaway
Michael Jack
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Brendan Lindsay
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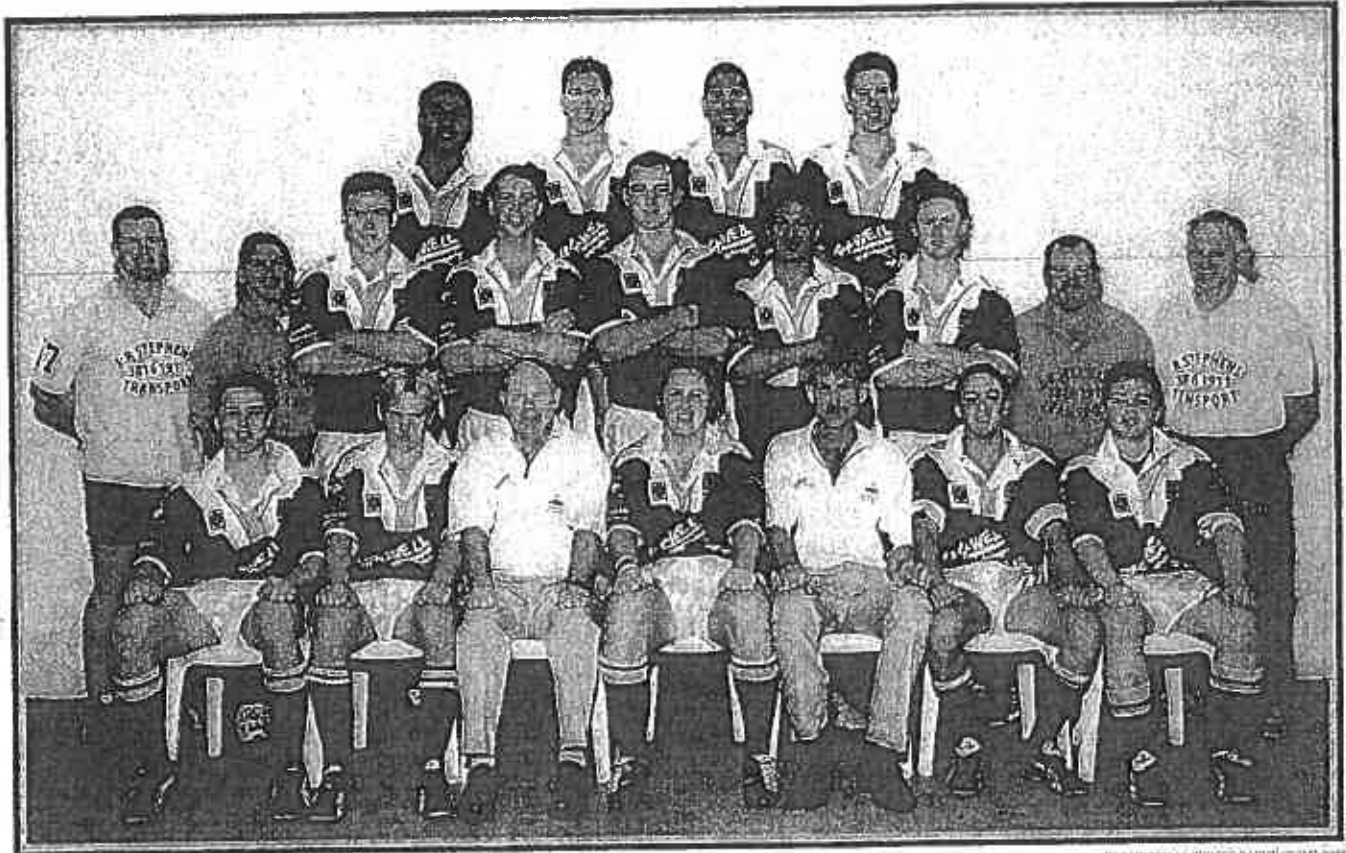
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Gilly vows to reward hard work

New arrival not a certain starter

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: The arrival of former North Queensland Cowboys centre Jermaine Alberts has further bolstered Ipswich's backline stocks as the club steps up preparations for the Queensland Cup season.

Alberts, who last season played for the Young Guns, has been lured to the Jets despite his original plans to take a break from the game this year.

With the Jets having lost almost their entire backline in the off-season, the speedy Alberts is a candidate to slot into the centres.

However, Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister yesterday indicated Alberts was no certainty to secure an immediate starting spot.

Gillmeister said players who had been putting in the hard work at pre-season training before Christmas would be "getting a decent start first".

"Everyone will be getting a start on their merits," the Queensland State of Origin great said.

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But with the departure of speedsters Aaron Bulow, Marshall Chalk, Reggie Cressbrook, Faron Anderon and Michael Jack, it's the make-up of the backline that is the biggest concern for the Jets.

Gillmeister said he had a host of backline options, but declined to name players who were in contention for positions.

Providing he is fit, Richard Allwood will almost certainly secure a centre spot after playing a key role in Ipswich's impressive 2002 campaign.

Injury has disrupted Allwood's pre-season, leaving him as a "touch and go" proposition for the start of fixtures in March.

Gillmeister is eager to see how his charges perform in the trial matches.

"I'm really looking forward to the trials," the former Broncos second-row forward said.

"They're (the players) doing everything I'm asking of them at the moment."

The Jets will play their first trial against Burleigh Bears on the Sunshine Coast on February 15.

They then meet South Sudeley's reserve



Ipswich Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister

Unheralded Jets may get trial chance

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister is poised to name "a couple of bolters" in his side to play South Sydney's first division team in a trial at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday.

Several players impressed the new Ipswich coach at Caloundra on Saturday night when the Jets had their first hit out of the season.

The Jets were beaten by Burleigh Bears in two senior trials, with Gillmeister's side guilty of dropping plenty of ball in both games.

While the Jets deliberately selected two evenly balanced teams, the Bears elected to field their strongest combination in the second game, which the Gold Coast side won 32-10.

A third Jets side, featuring mostly home grown talent, played Caloundra in the first match of the day.

The Jets proved too classy for Caloundra, with Francis Renouf and Shane Williams among a host of players leaving their mark on the game.

"I was fairly happy with the hit-out. There's plenty of room for improvement," Gillmeister said of the club's trial form.

The Jets may be without gun recruit Kyle Warren for Saturday's trial against the Rabbitohs.

In his debut for the Jets, Warren injured his thumb and will today have x-rays to determine the extent of the injury.

Gillmeister said the former North Queensland Cowboys player had been troubled by a thumb complaint in recent times.

Other players the Jets will have to monitor the fitness of this week are Kerry Theuerkauf and Jamie Tomlinson.

Both players suffered head knocks against the Bears.

The match between the Jets and Souths on Saturday is the main curtain raiser to the NRL trial between the Rabbitohs and Melbourne Storm.

The NRL trial will kick off at 7.30pm.

Jets prove their title credentials

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: Any doubts about Ipswich's ability to again challenge for the premiership were put to rest on Saturday when the Jets passed one of the Queensland Cup's most daunting tests with flying colours.

The Jets left Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium with the two competition points safely in their keep after shutting out the talented North Queensland Young Guns side.

Ipswich winger Steven West showed his value by landing four goals — including two from the sideline — to give the Jets breathing space in a tight and at times fiery encounter.

Both sides scored four tries. But it was West's accurate boot that proved the difference.

North Queensland failed to land a conversion, allowing the Jets to clinch an important 24-16 victory.

The win, against a side that included NkL experienced players Paul McNicholas, and Shane Muspratt, kept the Trevor Gilmeister-coached side firmly entrenched in the top five.

Jets chief executive Craig Teevan praised the performance of Ipswich stalwart Danny Coburn, who produced another outstanding display.

The Jets camp was delighted to secure the win, particularly as the Young Guns boast one of the most skillful combinations in the Queensland Cup.

"I still think they've (Young Guns) got the potential to be a top five side," Teevan said.

In a positive sign for the Jets, former Test centre Graham Mackay made a successful return from injury.

With the Jets leading 18-16 in the second half, Mackay put in a perfect grubber kick for Tasman Van Balen to score a try that put the result beyond doubt.

But there was still plenty of feeling between the players late in the game.

Jets prop Danny McAllister and former South Sydney player McNicholas traded heated blows and were both sent to the sin bin to cool off.

McAllister reacted after a late hit from the towering forward, who was penalised by the referee.

One of the highlights of the match was the duel between Ipswich centre Shane Williams and his opposite number Luke Cross.

"I think Monkey (Williams) came out on even points with him," Teevan said.

Star halfback Ricky Bird had an impressive game for the Jets. Classy backline player Daren Robinson scored a brilliant try in another eye catching display.

Jay O'Doherty could be in doubt for Friday's match against Souths Logan after twisting his ankle.

Jets 24 (Tasman Van Balen, Daren Robinson, Steven West, Ricky Bird tries; Steven West 4 goals) **d Young Guns 16** (Brenton Bowen 2, Wallace Solomona, Jacob Lillyman tries).

Jets' next match: versus Souths Logan at Bendigo Bank Oval, Friday 7.30pm.

Ipswich A graders' poor performance

LEAGUE: Wynnum Seagulls have punished an error-riddled Jets side to record an easy 30-16 Mixwell Challenge A grade win.

The Jets produced arguably their worst performance of the season, with the Seagulls racing to a 30-0 lead at one stage.

Late tries to Brad Oddi, Ian McDonald and Francis Renouf added some respectability to the scoreline.

The result was particularly frustrating for coach Shane Shoemith, who would have expected a far more polished performance given the return of key players Dale Robertson, Richard Allwood and Joel Smallwood.

Robertson and Allwood both made successful comebacks from injury in Saturday's match at Bendigo Bank Oval.

In the Mixwell Challenge colts clash, the Jets were beaten 28-18 by the Seagulls.

Jets coach Jim Landy was confident of victory when his side came from 18-6 down at half-time to level the score at 18-18 late in the game.

But the visitors scored the last two tries to seal the win. Props Adam Roney and Matthew Smith impressed for the Jets.

Colts — Wynnum 28 d Jets 18 (Joe Cassin, Adam Boettcher, Matthew Smith tries; Geoff Chalk 3 goals).

A grade — Wynnum 30 d Jets 16 (Ian McDonald, Brad Oddi, Francis Renouf tries; Todd Riggs 2 goals).

Jet fired up for early onslaught

McCarthy given starting role

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: Brian McCarthy is fired up to make his presence felt in the opening stages of tomorrow night's Queensland Cup clash against Souths Logan at Bendigo Bank Oval.

The 28-year-old forward has been an interchange specialist for the Jets over the last two seasons.

Like Gary Greinke did last season, new Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister has opted to use the hard-running forward off the bench this year.

But with starting forward Marcus Jensen set to be rested tomorrow night, McCarthy has been presented with a rare opportunity to be in the thick of the action from the opening kick off.

McCarthy said he hoped to play "the whole game if possible".

"When you come off the bench you try and do too much," said McCarthy, who has been privately frustrated at his lack of match time.

The former Souths Magpies player said there would be no complacency from the Jets tomorrow despite the fact Souths Logan had yet to win a game this season.

Even though the Jets have beaten Wests and North Queensland in their last two starts, McCarthy said his side hadn't played to its full potential.

"We didn't play too well (in Townsville) and we didn't play very well against Wests," McCarthy said.



Brian McCarthy

sides in the first 40 minutes this year. But the merged club has struggled in the second half of most matches and have the second worst defensive record in the competition.

Jets winger Jay O'Doherty (ankle) and Graham Mackay (back) will have to pass fitness tests if they are to take their place against the Magpies.

The Jets have opted to rest Jensen, who suffered a break in his hand against Wests but still managed to take his place in the side that beat North Queensland 24-16 in Townsville last Saturday.

Jets: Tasman Van Balen, Jay O'Doherty, Daren Robinson, Shane Williams, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou (c), Jamie Tomlinson, Danny McAllister, Kyle Warren, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn. Interchange: Matt Cameron, Kerry Theuerkauf, Graham Mackay, Richard Allwood, Aaron Lewis, Ian McDonald (two to be omitted).

Kick off: 7.30pm (Bundamba will play Bremer

Thumbs down to golden point in Origin: Gilly

LEAGUE: Ipswich Jets coach and former Queensland captain Trevor Gillmeister last night said the "golden point" rule to be adopted for this year's State of Origin series would encourage negative football.

"I don't agree with it," said Gillmeister shortly after the rule was passed at a three-hour Australian Rugby League board meeting in Canberra yesterday, despite vehement opposition from the Queensland camp.

"If they want to be fair dinkum and get an outright winner, they should've gone with the try only (for first scoring play in extra time)."

"We all laugh at the poor soccer blokes who play for 100 minutes and have a penalty shoot-out.

"It's just going to create negativity. The blokes with the footy are going to tuck it under their arm, run from dummy half, run from dummy half and try and set up for a long-range field goal.

"What's the sense in that? If they've got to come up with a solution you've got to go for the try. People want to see the ball tossed around."

Gillmeister captained the Maroons in the 1995 series when they whitewashed NSW 3-0 under coach Paul Vautin, despite being massive underdogs.

Current coach Wayne Bennett has repeatedly stated his disapproval of golden point, saying it risks the health of exhausted players, while QRL general manager Ross Livermore also campaigned against it.

QRL chairman John McDonald said his league's position had not changed.

"We believe it's still 40 minutes each way and it's international rules which should pre-



Trevor Gillmeister

vail," McDonald said last night, "We don't believe it's the right decision."

But the Blues had the numbers in the ARL board room and the golden point rule was a fait accompli.

"It is a contentious issue but the feeling of the board was that there was significant demand for matches to be decided (in the Origin) series," ARL chairman Colin Love said yesterday.

"The truth of course is that there have only been two draws in the history of Origin so we are not talking about a radical change to the way the series is played."

The golden point rule is yet to be tested in the National Rugby League, in which a draw is declared if the scores are still locked after 10 minutes of extra time.

Under the ARL system, teams will play an initial five minutes extra time and if the scores are still level at the end of that period, they will swap ends and continue playing until someone scores and a winner is declared.

Time for Jets colts to kick ahead

AFTER a number of near misses, Jets coach Jim Landy believes the time has come for his side to start stringing wins together.

With only two victories to their name, Landy's colts side desperately needs to beat Brothers/Valleys at Perry Park tonight. "After the win against Redcliffe, we sort of haven't kicked on," Landy conceded.

Jets fullback Jermaine Alberts (chest infection) is in doubt for the Mixwell Challenge clash.

The loss of Alberts would be a blow for the Jets. The former North Queensland player last weekend played his way into the Queensland Maroons under 19 side.

Glenn Fields and Chris Scanlan return to the Jets side tonight.

The colts match kicks off at 5.30pm.

The Jets play Brothers/Valley in a Mixwell Cup game at Perry Park from 7pm.

Colts: Jermaine Alberts, Isaac Fewquandi, Geoff Chalk, Chris Scanlan, David Newton, Cody Fullarton, Shannon Hooker, Matthew Smith, Adam Boettcher, Adam Roney, Danny Fellingham, Savi Sia, Joe Cassin, Darryl Hudson, Anthony Kerlake, Glenn Fields, Nathan Quinn, Josh Wilshere.

A grade: Joel Smallwood, Mark Sharrad, Francis Renouf, Richard Allwood, Ian McDonald, Matthew Jones, Marc Fickling, Joseph Wallace, Dale Robertson, Brendan Rice, Stephen Sailor, Brendan Crilly, Nathan Stephens, Wade Marshman, Brad Oddi, Nicholas Kofoed.

10-5-2003

Kicking ace to target dangerous Comets

Key Jet set for hot reception

By Michael Miller

LEAGUE: The Queensland Cup's leading pointscorer Jets winger Steven West — finds himself in the hot seat tonight when his side clashes with Central Comets in Rockhampton.

With thousands of parochial spectators expected to attend the match at Browne Park, the deadly-accurate Ipswich goalkicker knows he will be the target of plenty of verbal taunts.

"You sort of know that they (the crowd) are there, but you block it out," the former Toowoomba player said.

West, who admires Allan Langer, has scored four tries and booted 30 goals this season for a personal tally of 76 points.

He registered 16 points against Souths Logan to jump ahead of Wynnnum's Greg Burke and Redcliffe's Dustin Cooper (both 62 points).

West said his goal at the start of the season was to be among the leading pointscorers. But now he's "got to the top", the diminutive winger plans staying there.

"Mum keeps track of it each week. She's been doing it for the last couple of years," said West, who has cemented a spot on the wing this year after the departure of Michael Jack and Faron

Anderson.

Ipswich forward Kyle Warren (cork) has been ruled out of the round eight match.

Marcus Jensen, who was rested last weekend, slots back into the back-row alongside Brian McCarthy and Danny Coburn.

Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister is expecting a tough encounter against the Comets, who beat Toowoomba in their last home match and only narrowly lost to Burleigh last Saturday.

"We know we're not going to get any favours up there," Gillmeister said.

"If our guys don't turn up ready to play, we could get beat."

If the Jets win and other results fall their way, Gillmeister's side could move into top spot. But the former Queensland skipper knows that the third-placed Jets could quickly slide back down the table if their form drops off.

Jets: Daren Robinson, Jay O'Doherty, Shane Williams, Graham Mackay, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou (c), Jamie Tomlinson, Danny McAllister, Brian McCarthy, Marcus Jensen, Danny Coburn. Interchange: Matt Cameron, Tasman Van Balen, Kerry Theuerkauf, Aaron Lewis.

● Comprehensive footy wrap-up in Monday's QT.



Jets super-boot Steven West will need to have his kicking radar on when he plays in front of a hostile crowd in Rockhampton tonight.
Photo: Ian Francis MY0803FS

JETS ON TOP .

... now Ipswich's premier league side needs crowd support

By Michael Hillier in Rockhampton

THE high-flying Ipswich Jets have silenced the most parochial supporters in the Queensland Cup to leap into top spot after eight rounds of the competition.

The electrifying atmosphere generated by more than 2000 spectators at Rockhampton's Browne Park on Saturday night seemed to bring the best out of the Jets.

Despite receiving a 50-20 hammering from Ipswich, the Central Comets league faithful remained at the ground until the final siren as their side slumped to their sixth loss of the season.

Moments after the Ipswich win — the club's fourth in succession — some Jets players pondered what it would be like to play in front of such a big home crowd on a regular basis.

Jets captain Jamie Mathlou urged Ipswich supporters to come out in force for Saturday's highly-anticipated clash against Norths Devils at Bendigo Bank Oval.

Devils coach Gary Greinke, who guided the Jets to last year's grand final, will be desperate to take the two points upon his return to the North Ipswich ground.

But the Jets have different ideas and will start favourites after their crushing win over the Comets.

The relatively inexperienced Devils side, which includes former Jet Aaron Bulow, has been struggling for consistency this season.

In contrast, Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister couldn't be more satisfied with his team.

"I'm just happy with the way we're sharing everything around. We're not just relying on one or two blokes," Gillmeister said.

"We started better (against Central). That's what we emphasised."

The rampant Jets virtually had the game

won by half-time after taking a commanding 34-10 lead into the break.

Jets backrower Brian McCarthy again relished the opportunity to start the match.

He crossed for two tries in the first half and set up another to Ricky Bird.

"I could see they weren't moving up three wide (of the ruck)," McCarthy said.

"All we had to do was get the ball to me. I was hitting the holes and the balls were sticking."

The former Queensland Country representative believes the Jets are on track for big things this season.

"We're going really well. If we can stick to the game plan, (play with good) ball control, we can beat any side," McCarthy said.

Comets coach Neale Crow had addressed the need to shut down Bird and big Jets centre Graham Mackay in the lead up to the match.

But his homework failed miserably as Mackay and Bird both crossed for two tries.

Jets winger Steven West scored a try and kicked seven goals to take his personal tally to 94 points — easily the most in the competition.

In a positive sign for the Jets, interchange players Kerry Theuerkauf, Tasman Van Balen, Matt Cameron and Aaron Lewis all made good contributions.

Jets 50 (Graham Mackay 2, Ricky Bird 2, Brian McCarthy 2, Steven West, Marcus Jensen, Daren Robinson tries; West 7 goals) **d Comets 20** (Gavin Duffy, Wes Goodwin, Rory Bromley, Stu Cheffers tries; Crag Kimmorley 2 goals).

Jets' next match: versus Norths at Bendigo Bank Oval, Saturday 6pm.

● **Weekend footy wrap-up and scores — pages 28, 31, 32.**

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MEET THE IPSWICH JETS: DANNY COBURN

Date of birth: 25-07-76.

Height: 178cm.

Weight: 92kg.

Position: Lock.

Nickname: Cobes.

Previous clubs: Beau-desert.

Most admired player: Wally Lewis.

Favourite food: Chicken and pasta.

Favourite movie: Pulp Fiction.

Interests away from rugby league: Camping, fishing, playing any sports.

Goals for the season: "Just to play well and keep my form up. Hopefully make the (Queensland) Country team. Definitely to make the finals as the team goal."

Most annoying teammate: "Kerry Theuerkauf is a bit of a pest".

Highlight of the season so far: "Probably beating North Queensland up there was pretty good".

What has been the key to the Jets' success this year: "Before Sunday, it was our defence. We've defended really well this season. I think we're all good mates, we all get along well and play for each other."

Did you know: Coburn played his 100th game for the Jets against Easts last season.

● **The Jets will play the Tigers at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday afternoon in the Queensland Cup's ABC televised match.**

Danny Coburn runs the ball against Wynnum at Kougari Oval on Sunday. The Jets will clash with Easts at Bendigo Bank Oval on Saturday. Photo: Jodie Richter MY2503RB

MEET THE JETS: STEVEN WEST

Date of birth: 05/02/1981.
Height: 167cm. **Weight:** 70kg.
Position: Wing. Can also play halfback and hooker.

Nickname: Westy.

Previous clubs: Newtown (2001), Oakey (1985-2000).

Most admired player: Allan Langer.

Favourite food: Subway.

Favourite movie: Shaft.

Interests away from rugby league: Golf, water skiing.

Most annoying teammate: "Probably Jimmy (Mathiou). He just doesn't let up. He's always got something to say."

Can the Jets win this year's premiership: "I'm pretty confident we can get there as long as we keep working on the little things."

Toughest opponent: Semi Tadulala (Norths/Melbourne Storm) and Aseri Laing (Burlleigh Bears).

What has coach Trevor Gillmeister brought to the Jets this year: "I think mainly his experience with defence. Last year we defended pretty good. But this year, the more we've worked on it, the better we've got."

Highlight of the season: "Just winning in general. Just the way we've been going."

Did you know?

- At the halfway stage of the season, West is the leading point scorer in the Queensland Cup. Against Easts last Saturday, he scored 14 points (one try and five goals) to take his season tally to 132.

- The Jets Leagues Club employee first started playing league at the age of four. He played three years in the under 7s.

- The Jets will play Burlleigh Bears at the Gold Coast in round 12 of the Queensland Cup on Saturday night.



Jets sharp-shooter Steven West can kick goals from the most difficult of positions.

Photo: Chris Ison MY310310

12-6-2003

Axe lays down law

Jets coach demands more ahead of Tweed clash

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister has let fly with a few "home truths" in the lead up to Saturday's crucial match against Queensland Cup surprise packets Tweed Heads.

"Gilly had a go at us which was certainly called for," Jets prop Danny McAllister said yesterday.

Gillmeister couldn't fault the effort of his charges after last Saturday's 20-18 loss to Burlleigh at Pizze Park.

But his team's lack of execution and high mistake rate were the cause of much frustration.

With the top of the ladder so congested, McAllister said the

Jets couldn't afford to be below their best again this week.

"Our talk was good, we just made some uncharacteristic mistakes," McAllister said of the narrow loss.

However, the tough prop said the fact that the Jets made a lot of mistakes and still only lost by two points showed they had a "lot of character".

The Jets, in equal second place on the ladder, can jump ahead of Tweed Heads if they win Saturday's match at the Piggabeen Complex.

In their debut season in the Queensland Cup, the Seagulls have surprised many good judges.

"I think people have been expecting them to fall over,"

McAllister said.

"But if if they were going to, they would have by now."

Graham Mackay and Ricky Bird are in doubt for the match. But the pair has been named in the side and will be given until tomorrow to prove their fitness.

Mackay missed the clash against Burlleigh because of a fracture in his hand.

"The swelling has come down quite considerably around his hand," said Jets chief executive Craig Teevan.

Bird, who has scored 14 tries this season, is struggling with a foot problem.

Jets: Daren Robinson, Steven West, Richard Allwood, Graham Mackay, Jay O'Doherty, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou



Trevor Gillmeister

(c), Jamie Tomlinson, Danny McAllister, Kyle Warren, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn. Interchange: Tasman Van Balen, Shane Williams, Kerry Theuerkauf, Marcus Jensen, Mat Cameron (one to be omitted).

Kick off: 2pm ABC television.

Jets duo clear to play Origin curtain-raiser

By Marco Monteverde

LEAGUE: The wait was all too much for Ipswich Jets and Queensland Residents forwards Danny Coburn and Kyle Warren yesterday.

Both had expected to hear by early afternoon that they would not be cited despite being reported for high tackles in Country's 42-36 win over City at Barcal-dine on Saturday.

Had they been charged, Coburn and Warren would have almost certainly missed the chance to represent the Residents in next Wednesday's State of Origin curtain-raiser against NSW Residents at Suncorp Stadium.

When their phones hadn't rung by 4.30pm, their belief they would be cleared started to waver.

But thankfully, they finally got the good news from Jets chief executive Craig Teevan — they could start preparing for

their Residents debuts alongside fellow Jet Danny McAllister.

Queensland Rugby League managing director Ross Livermore confirmed lock Coburn and second-rower Warren had no case to answer after the match video was reviewed yesterday.

"They are clear to play for the Residents," Livermore said.

The news was music to the ears of Coburn, 26, and 30-year-old Warren.

"I was stressing all day, but now I'm loving it," Warren said.

"I'm as happy as pie to get the chance to pull on a Maroon jersey."

Coburn admitted the good news was a huge relief. "It was a very long day not knowing whether I'd be there or not," the Beaudesert product said.

Coburn, Warren and interchange forward McAllister go into camp on Saturday morning, which rules them out of the

Jets clash against North Queensland later that day at Bendigo Bank Oval.

Residents teammates Craig Frawley, Scott Prince, Barry Berrigan, Carl Webb and Michael Coorey can all play for the Brisbane Broncos in Friday night's NRL clash against the Bulldogs before entering camp the following morning.

The Jets forward pack will have a different look on Saturday with Kerry Theuerkauf, Mat Cameron and Brian McCarthy all getting a rare starting opportunity.

Jets: Daren Robinson, Jay O'Doherty, Graham Mackay, Jermaine Alberts, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Jamie Mathiou (c), Jamie Tomlinson, Kerry Theuerkauf, Mat Cameron, Marcus Jensen, Brian McCarthy. Interchange: Dale Robertson, Brendan Rice, Richard Allwood, Troy Theuerkauf.

Kick-off: 2.05pm.

Ipswich fans, can we get set to celebrate?

By Michael Miller

LEAGUE: The Ipswich Jets yesterday enhanced their growing reputation as the favourite for the Queensland Cup premiership with a comprehensive 44-12 victory over Norths.

The Devils have beaten several of the competition's leading teams in recent weeks.

But yesterday they were simply blown off the park by an Ipswich outfit that scored four converted tries in a whirlwind opening 20 minute period.

Having moved into outright top spot with three rounds remaining, premiership-starved Ipswich fans have every reason to be excited

about the fast-approaching finals.

If the Jets do win their maiden Queensland Cup premiership, Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister will deservedly be the toast of the city.

But some, like Jets prop Kerry Theuerkauf, won't have forgotten the work of Gary Greinke.

Now at the helm of Norths, the former Jets coach could only watch on in frustration yesterday as the Jets tore his error-riddled team apart.

In his two years with the Jets, Greinke helped mould the club into one of the competition's most consistent teams.

"He (Greinke) helped make it, really. Gilly's gone on with it but

he helped make it," Theuerkauf said. "He got us together last year and Gilly's come along and added some more to it."

Coming off the interchange bench, Theuerkauf produced another strong display for Ipswich.

So too did Brian McCarthy, who made several busts through the home side's defence during the closing stages.

But it was speedsters Daren Robinson and Jermaine Alberts who gave Ipswich supporters the most to cheer about yesterday.

Robinson scored a try in each half while Alberts again showed blistering speed and footwork to post two long-range second-half

tries. Jets skipper Jamie Mathiou said his team "played smart".

"We tried to turn them around early (with kicks) and we did that," Mathiou said.

Unlike most matches this season, the Jets started with plenty of intensity to virtually have the game wrapped up after 25 minutes.

"We knew it was going to be a physical game. When you play a physical team, you've got to play from word go," Mathiou said.

"But we've still got to work hard. The boys really want to do well this year."

The inspirational Jets prop said there was plenty of room for improvement. "We're not there yet.

We still have patches during the game where we slack off," Mathiou said.

Ipswich probably would have racked up more points yesterday had star halfback Ricky Bird played the full game.

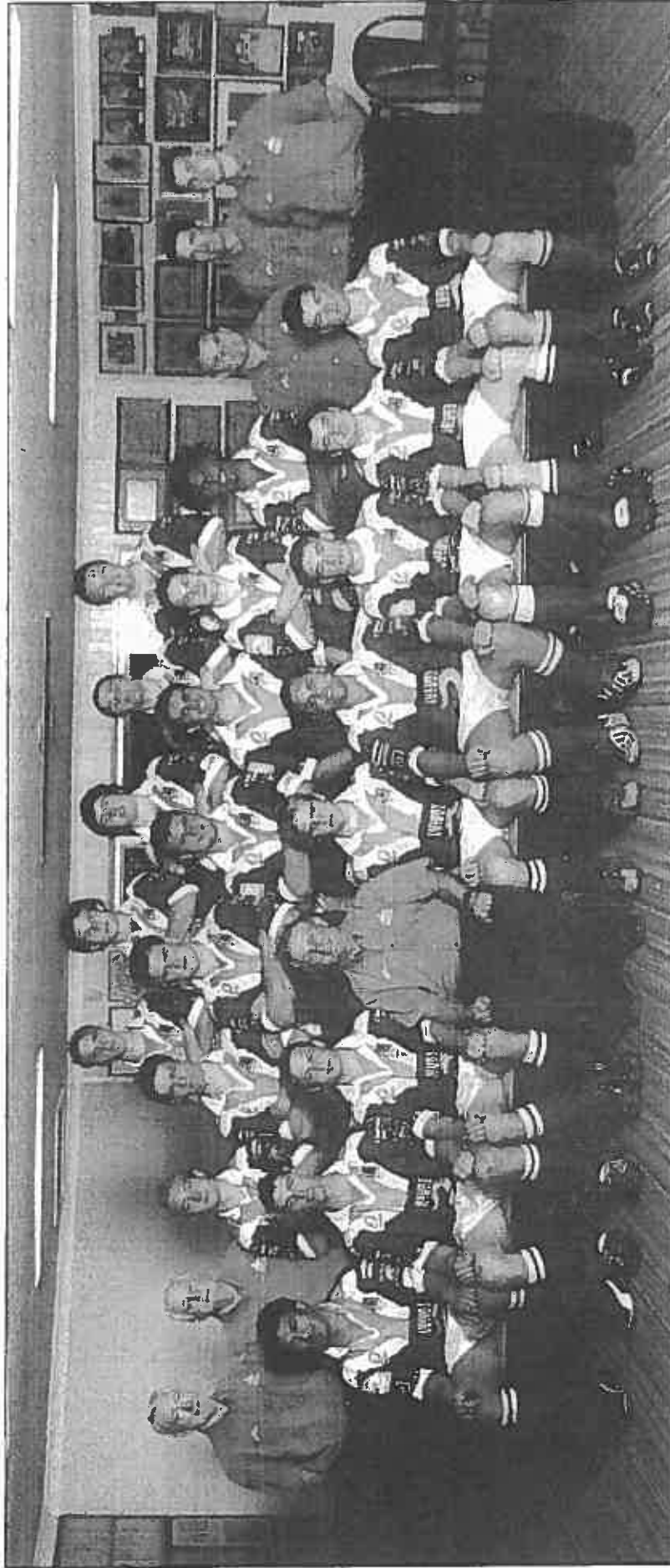
Bird and five-eighth Brendon Lindsay had Norths' defence in tatters in the first 20 minutes. But an ill Bird left the field before half-time.

Jets 44 (Daren Robinson 2, Jermaine Alberts 2, Brendon Lindsay, Danny Coburn, Jamie Mathiou tries; West 7 goals, Lindsay 2 field goals) **d Norths 12** (Junior Lang 2; Marty Turner 2 goals).

Jets' next game: v Wynnum at Bendigo Bank Oval, Saturday 2.10pm.

IPSWICH JETS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

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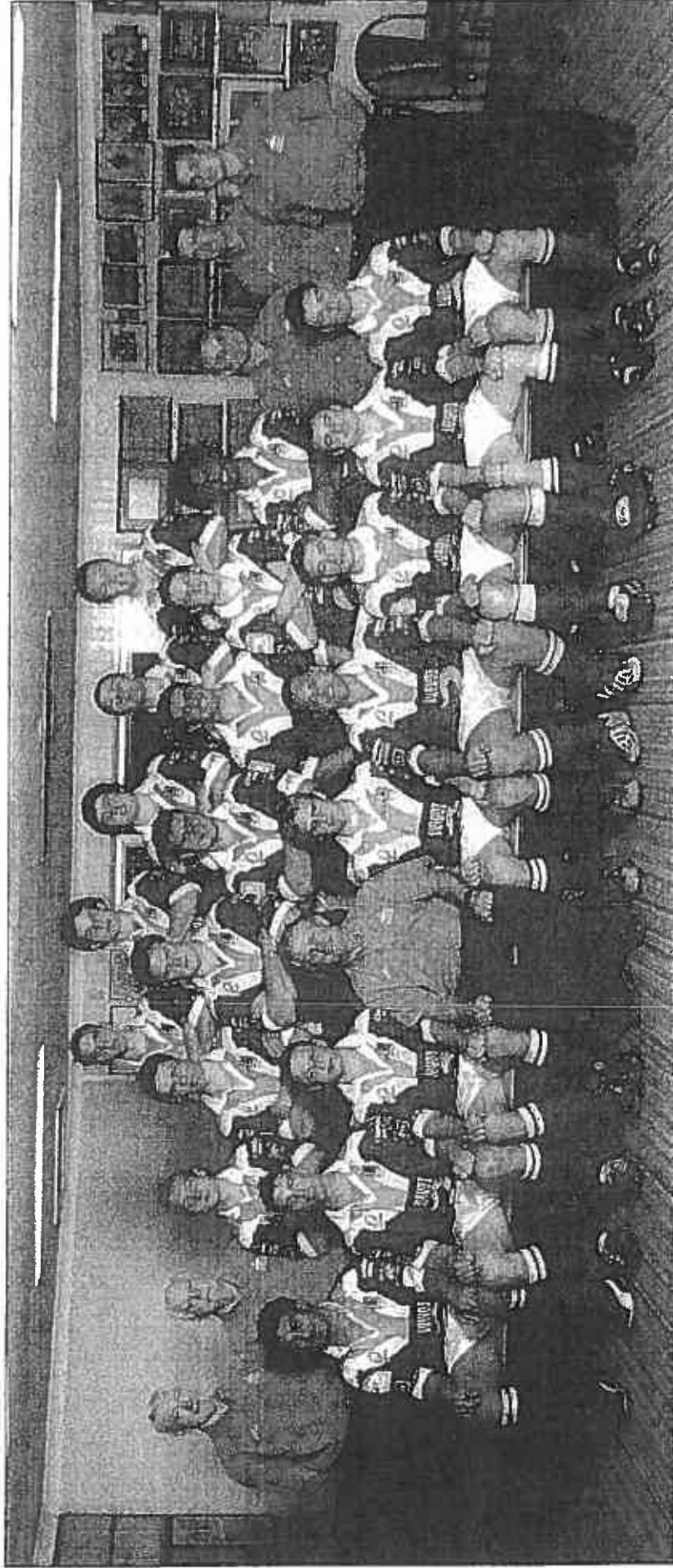
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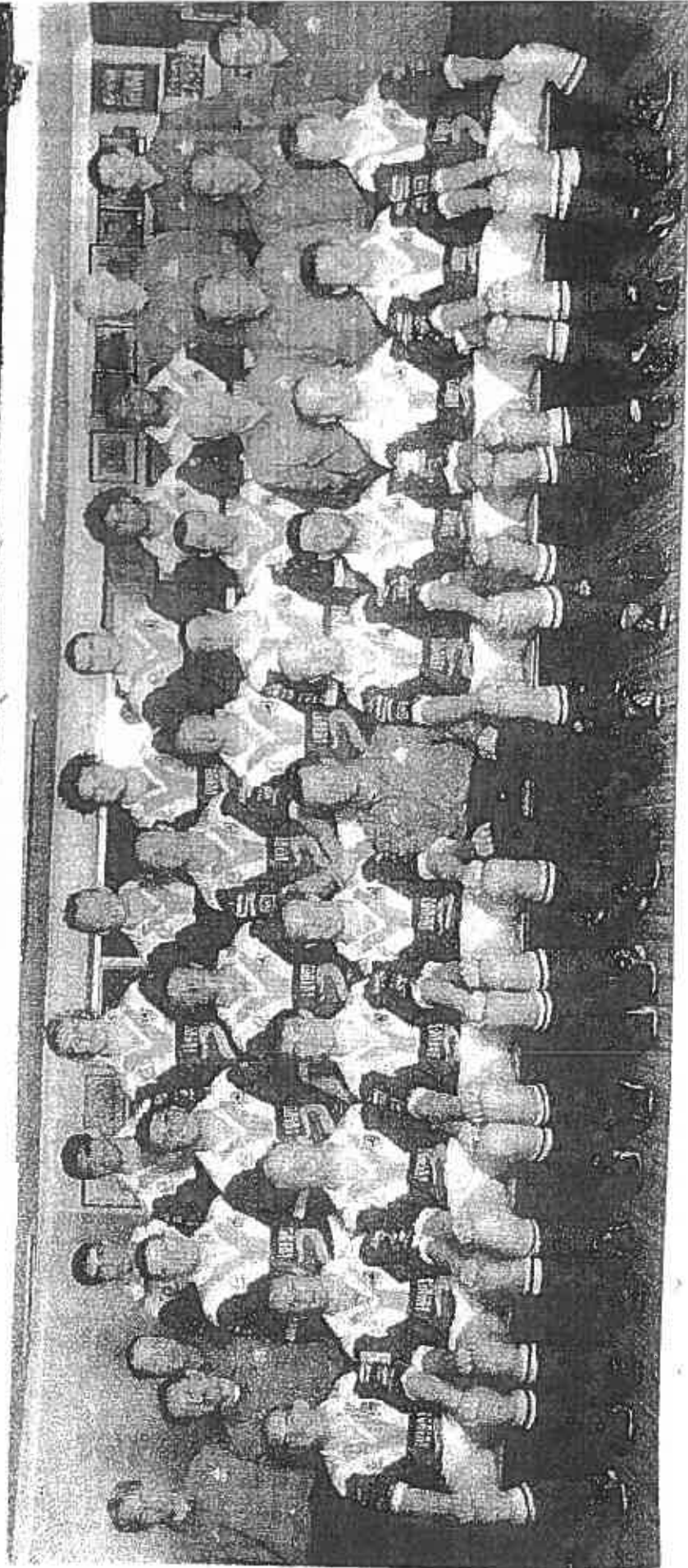
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QUEENSLAND CUP POINTS TABLE AFTER FINAL FIXTURES ROUND

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	Points For	Points Against	TOTAL
BURLEIGH	22	16	5	1	707	366	33
REDCLIFFE	22	16	5	1	789	486	33
IPSWICH	22	15	6	1	732	465	31
WYNNUM	22	15	6	1	700	536	31
TWEED HEADS	22	14	8	-	606	564	28
TOOWOOMBA	22	11	10	1	738	595	23
NORTH OLD	22	11	11	-	638	457	22
NORTHS	22	10	11	1	615	589	21
EASTS	22	10	12	-	626	641	20
COMETS	22	7	15	-	466	749	14
SOUTHS LOGAN	22	4	18	-	484	978	8
WESTS	22	-	22	-	361	1036	0

A GRADE POINTS TABLE

TEAM	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Pts For	Pts Agst	TOTAL
Wynnum	20	14	5	1	753	391	29
Redcliffe	20	14	5	1	499	373	29
Burleigh	20	14	6	-	592	379	28
Norths	20	12	7	1	618	410	25
Easts	20	12	7	1	580	470	25
Brothers/Valleys	20	12	8	-	604	443	24
Souths Logan	20	7	13	-	470	635	14
Ipswich	20	6	13	1	446	661	13
Runaway Bay	20	4	16	-	366	666	8
Wests	20	1	16	3	286	786	5

COLTS POINTS TABLE

TEAM	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Pts For	Pts Agst	TOTAL
Norths	20	16	2	2	852	288	34
Redcliffe	20	15	4	1	739	415	31
Burleigh	20	15	4	1	634	356	31
Wynnum	20	14	5	1	618	465	29
Souths Logan	20	9	9	2	501	596	20
Wests	20	8	12	-	549	650	16
Ipswich	20	7	13	-	490	629	14
Brothers/Valleys	20	6	14	-	432	676	12
Easts	20	5	15	-	476	722	10
Runaway Bay	20	1	18	1	377	871	3



Leading Points Scorers:

Name	Club	Tries	Goals	Total
Steven West	Ipswich	15	97	254
R. Cressbrook	Burleigh	9	62	160
Damien Quinn	Wynnum	11	58	160
Brenton Bowen	North Old	15	49	158
Rick Dodd	Souths Logan	17	43	154
Scott Thorburn	Easts	4	61	138
Marty Turner	Norths	9	46	129*
Aaron Barba	Redcliffe	28	-	112
Nathaniel Barnes	Tweed Heads	15	24	108
Jade Wogand	Comets	10	34	106
Damien Richters	Redcliffe	6	38	100

*Field Goal

Steven West (Ipswich)
leading point scorer 2003

Jets set to land at new home base

By Michael Hillier

LEAGUE: The Ipswich Jets may have played their last game at Bendigo Bank Oval, with the Ipswich Showgrounds the favoured site to become the club's new home ground.

Jets chief executive Craig Teevan has revealed the Jets were exploring the option of leaving Bendigo Bank Oval, which comes under the control of the Ipswich Rugby League (IRL).

He said the Jets had lost a lot of money from Saturday night's well-attended finals match against Wynnum because they didn't make any profit from alcohol or food sales.

Under the current situation, the IRL makes money from the sale of alcohol while Swifts control the canteen and food rights.

"It's a shame things get to this stage but in all honesty, it's a business," Teevan said.

"The Broncos moved from Lang Park to ANZ Stadium many years ago for the same reason. We don't make a return. We lose to play here, simple as that."

Teevan said the returns from a possible move to the Ipswich Showgrounds could be greater than that at Bendigo Bank Oval.

"We're still a month off from finalising a lot of things (with the Ipswich Show Society)," he said.

He stressed the Jets had not left the North Ipswich venue at this stage.

"It's not over the line yet but it's a very, very big possibility," he said.

But for the Jets to remain at the Oval, the Ipswich club and the IRL will have to quickly work out their differences.

An independent source yesterday told the QT that a possible solution would be for the Jets to hire Bendigo Bank Oval, possibly for the next three years.

If that happened, the Jets could increase their monthly fee but benefit from running the bar and their own food court.

IRL chairman Ray Jorgensen said the IRL was "there for rugby league in Ipswich".

He said his committee would wish the Jets all the best if they elected to move on.

Jorgensen said the IRL was working on a five-year development plan that involved some major corporate backing.



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— Craig Teevan

"If the Jets want to come on board, we'll accept them," said Jorgensen, whose group looks after the ground and pays the bills.

It is understood that IRL sponsor Bendigo Bank would be firmly against the Jets leaving the venue. With televised matches and other extensive media coverage on the Queensland Cup, Bendigo Bank receives tremendous exposure.

Ipswich Show Society manager John Sheppard said his organisation didn't want to come between the IRL and the Jets.

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Jets launched in style

LEAGUE

By Michael Miller

IPSWICH Jets recruit Adam Connelly is back wearing his green and white home town colours and he's enjoying every minute of it.

After a stint with NRL club North Queensland and a crack at rugby union, Connelly has found himself back in Ipswich where he hopes to help the Jets win their first Queensland Cup premiership.

The speedster has played fullback for the Jets in the pre-season trial matches.

"It's been good. I've been enjoying it," the former IGS track and field star said at the club's season launch at Jets Leagues Club last night.

"We've had a good couple of runs. We've got a lot to work on out of the trials."

Connelly, 25, is looking forward to next Saturday's Cup opener against competition newcomers Brothers/Valleys at Bendigo Bank Oval.

"You can't take anyone lightly. Everyone wants to knock off the better sides and Ipswich was one of the better sides last year."

Players, officials, sponsors and special guests attended last night's season launch.

Jets chairman Sandy Savage and chief executive Craig Teevan thanked the sponsors for their assistance.

Ipswich coach and former Queensland skipper Trevor Gillmeister mingled with players and guests throughout the evening.

Gillmeister is excited about his team's prospects this season.

"I'm very pleased with the depth. That's something we knew we had to work on," Gillmeister said.

"No disrespect to the players we had last year, but we probably only had 19 or 20 genuine Queensland Cup players. This year we've got 27 to 28 (up to that standard)."

With the improved depth throughout the club, Gillmeister said there would be intense pressure on for spots in all three grades.

Gillmeister is yet to announce his new skipper following the retirement of prop Jamie Mathiou.

Club stalwart and Queensland Residents lock Danny Coburn is tipped to take over the captaincy.

The Jets unveiled their new playing strip last night. The jersey features the club's traditional green colour with a splash of gold across the top.

The Queensland Cup will this season be

Ipswich star backs team's title tilt



Ipswich product Adam Connelly and partner Miranda Sullivan enjoy last night's club launch at Jets Leagues Club.

Photo: Fiona Richardson MA0404LC

played over 22 rounds, with the top five sides qualifying for the finals.

Redcliffe Dolphins are the defending premiers. Ipswich is scheduled to clash with the formidable Dolphins in round 8.

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Ipswich Jets

Colours: Green, White and Gold.
Home ground: Bendigo Bank Oval.
Club started: 1986 (in the Brisbane Rugby League).

Recent successes: Made the Queensland Cup final series last year, reached the grand final (losing to Redcliffe) in 2002.

Major sponsors: Luxury Paints and The QLD Group.

NRL club associate: South Sydney Rabbits.

Chief executive: Craig Teevan.

Old Cup coach: Trevor Gillmeister.

A grade coach: Shane Shoesmith.

Cotts coach: Jim Landy.

Old Cup team captain: Yet to be announced (likely to be Danny Coburn).

Gillmeister says: "It's looking good. I'm very pleased with the depth. That's something we knew we had to work on. No disrespect to the players we had last year, but we probably only had 19 or 20 genuine Queensland Cup players. This year we've got 27 to 28."

McAllister right for Jets opener

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

A ONE-match ban slapped on Jets prop Danny McAllister following last September's season-ending loss to Wynnum won't prevent the consistent forward from playing in Saturday's round one clash against Brothers/Valleys.

Jets chief executive Craig Teevan last night confirmed that the QRL had given McAllister permission to take part in the season opener on the grounds that he had already served his suspension.

After the loss to Wynnum, a Queensland Residents team played a representative game in Western Australia.

Jets officials successfully argued that McAllister, regarded by many as the leading prop in the competition, would have

played in that game had he not been suspended.

McAllister was suspended over an on-field incident during Ipswich's heavy loss to Wynnum.

McAllister's new front-row partner for the clash at Bendigo Bank Oval is Kerry Theuerkauf.

The West End junior replaces retired skipper Jamie Mathiou. Veteran lock Danny Coburn is the new skipper.

"I think it's a good reward for Cobes," Teevan said.

The Jets will field a vastly different backline to the one that coach Trevor Gillmeister had at his disposal last season.

The newcomers are fullback Adam Connelly, winger Gordon Rattler and centre Steve Matai.

Terry Iese, who played with West End, was one of a number of players who narrowly missed selection.

Shane Williams has been named in the Jets' reserve grade squad.

Teevan quashed speculation that the club had fallen out with Williams, who had been linked to IRL club West End.

Teevan said he had "no doubt at all" the utility had the ability to force his way back into the Queensland Cup side.

"Providing of course he does everything right, he's as good a chance as anyone," Teevan said. "He's proven to us before that he can do the job."

Williams trained with the Jets last night and a move to West End now appears extremely unlikely.

Jets: Adam Connelly, Gordon Rattler, Damian Flint, Steve Matai, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Danny McAllister, Jamie Tomlinson, Kerry Theuerkauf, Kyle Warren, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn (c). **Interchange:** Dale Robertson, Troy Theuerkauf, Mat Cameron, Tim Gee. **Kick off:** 6pm at Bendigo Bank Oval.

13-3-2004

New baby gives Jet a timely boost

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

AFTER a week of pleasant distractions, Jets forward Kerry Theuerkauf can finally concentrate on his footy again.

The 27-year-old prop has this week endured a few sleepless nights after his wife Angela gave birth to their second daughter - Mackenna - early yesterday morning.

"I won't get a call at halftime," a relieved Theuerkauf joked before heading to training last night.

The West End product, who has replaced retired prop Jamie Mathiou in the starting side, is excited about Ipswich's chances in this year's hotly-contested Queensland Cup.

"Not many people have been rating us (highly) around the place. But I think we've improved again on last year with more variety in the backs," Theuerkauf said.

"I reckon the club looks the best I've seen it in the four years that I've been there."

The Jets open their season with a tough encounter against Cup newcomers Brothers/Valleys at Bendigo Bank Oval tonight (6pm).

Theuerkauf's younger brother Troy, who has added 7kg to his frame in the pre-season, will start on the interchange bench.

Dale Robertson, Mat Cameron and Tim Gee join Theuerkauf on a powerful looking bench tonight.

Former Swifts player Michael O'Connor will play hooker for Brothers/Valleys.

The Jets also meet Brothers/Valleys in BRL colts (3pm) and A grade (4.30pm).

Jets: Adam Connelly, Gordon Rattler, Damian Flint, Steve Matai, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Danny McAllister, Jamie Tomlinson, Kerry Theuerkauf, Kyle Warren, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn (c). **Interchange:** Dale Robertson, Troy Theuerkauf, Mat Cameron, Tim Gee.

Kick-off: 6pm at Bendigo Bank Oval, North Ipswich.



KERRY THEUERKAUF

Ipswich winger returns ready to score

LEAGUE

JETS winger Steven West will return to the Queensland Cup with renewed confidence after his three-try haul with the club's reserve grade team last weekend.

West was disappointed after being axed from Trevor Gillmeister's team following the 40-22 loss to Toowoomba Clydesdales.

The diminutive winger made some basic mistakes and he struggled to make an impact against the Clydesdales.

But West has turned his axing into a positive by recap-

turing his form and confidence with an impressive display against Wynnum Seagulls in last weekend's Mixwell Cup match.

His elevation caught the prolific point-scorer by surprise.

"I wasn't expecting it after just one week," he said.

West replaces Tim Gee on the wing for tomorrow's crucial match against Burleigh Bears at Pizzey Park. Gee is set to start on the interchange bench.

West is confident the Jets can record their first win of the season tomorrow. "It's just our ball control that is killing us. If we can control the ball, we'll

have no worries."

Gillmeister is keen for his backline to fire against the Bears. "I'm looking forward to Sunday actually. There's a few blokes, especially the backs, who are starting to come out of their shell a little bit," he said.

— Michael Miller

Jets (likely): Nicholas Cowburn, Gordon Rattler, Steve Matai, Adam Connelly, Steven West, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Kerry Theuerkauf, Paul Cohen, Kyle Warren, Marcus Jensen, Brian McCarthy, Danny Coburn (c). Interchange: Dale Robertson, Peter Pulou, Tim Gee, Shane Williams.

Kick off: 3pm, Pizzey Park.

13-4-2004

Jets lacking pride & passion: coach

IPSWICH Jets rugby league coach Shane Shoemith admits his team is lacking confidence after its third-straight Mixwell Cup A grade loss.

Shoemith said his players lacked urgency on occasions and made basic mistakes in the 28-10 loss to Wests Panthers at Centenary on Friday night.

He said his team failed to adapt to the slippery conditions.

"We're just not playing with any pride or passion," Shoemith conceded.

"It is (a worry) in a way but we can always turn it around in the next week or so."

Colts player Ben Noller played strongly at halfback for the Jets, who were also well served by Dale Robertson, Terry Iese and Matt Gordon.

After starting the season with three-straight victories, the Jets have now slipped off the pace.

But the Jets have an ideal chance to snap the losing streak when they play Brothers Valleys at Bendigo Bank Oval this weekend.

Meanwhile, the Ipswich colts will also be searching for improvement after their 48-6 loss to the Panthers.

Ipswich's only moment of joy came from a try to Chris Porter.

A grade — Wests 28 d Jets 10 (S Williams, G Thomson tries; N Noller goal).

Colts — Wests 48 d Jets 6 (C Porter try; C Fullarton goal).

Gilly starts search to fix big problem

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

A DISASTROUS start to the season has prompted desperate Ipswich Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister to begin searching for more prop forwards in an attempt to beef up his lightweight pack.

The Jets' season slipped further into crisis mode on Saturday when they were thrashed 58-6 by the North Queensland Young Guns in Townsville.

Ipswich lacks size and firepower up front following the retirement of prop Jamie Mathiou and the possible unavailability of leading prop Danny McAllister (neck) for the remainder of the season.

Gillmeister yesterday revealed he had phoned some of his league contacts in an attempt to lure a fringe NRL player to Ipswich. "I even rang Daniel Anderson in New Zealand. I rang around hoping to pick up one or two front rowers," Gillmeister said.

"You can't win without going forward."

So far his behind-the-scenes work has been unsuccessful.

The Jets' lack of size up front was highlighted by the fact that Kerry Theuerkauf has started at prop in every match this season.

The consistent Theuerkauf is better suited to the backrow and in previous years he has been used off the bench.

Saturday's loss was Ipswich's fifth in succession in their worst start to a Queensland Cup season in many years.

But the shattering defeat fell short of the club's heaviest Cup loss -- a 64-4 loss to Norths at Bendigo Bank Oval in 1997.

In a remarkable turnaround since the Jets' brilliant start to the 2003 season under rookie coach Gillmeister, the under siege Ipswich side has not celebrated a victory in 11 matches.

Ipswich lost its two finals matches at the end of last season and its three trial games in 2004.

The Jets started the current season with a shock 18-18 draw to Brothers Valleys and they have not won since.

"We did the little things good last year," Gillmeister said.

"We got on a roll, had quick play the balls and our support play was good."

It has been a completely different tale this year, with handling errors plaguing the Jets' campaign.

Gillmeister admitted he felt "embarrassed" for his players as the Young Guns piled on the points in front of a massive crowd in the curtain-raiser to the NRL match.

"They played well. You've got to give them credit," Gillmeister said of the Young Guns.

He said the Jets only had the ball about 16 times in the first half and 17 times in the second half.

"That's just not enough football, you can't win games like that," Gillmeister said.

The frustrated Jets mentor conceded that some of his players were still finding their

feet, while others were "happy to be in the side".

"There's still quite a few blokes still battling with the step up," Gillmeister said.

He said the standard of play in the competition had improved 20% on last year.

Halfback Ricky Bird, who failed to finish the game because of an ankle injury, scored the only try for the Jets.

Jets' next game: v Tweed Heads at Bendigo Bank Oval, Saturday 6pm.

Jets prove they can be winners

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

IPSWICH Jets have given their flagging Queensland Cup campaign a much-needed boost but the harsh reality is that the team still faces an uphill battle to be a major force this season.

The Jets thrashed Tweed Heads 38-8 at Bendigo Bank Oval to climb off the bottom of the ladder.

Spurred on by a vocal group of supporters, the Jets took their early season frustrations out on the hapless Seagulls by running in 22 unanswered points in a whirlwind start.

The home side led 22-4 at half-time. Had it not been for some pushed passes, the Jets could have been further in front.

"I still know there's a lot of room for improvement," relieved Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister said.

"We did our best to let them back into the game. The boys said after the game that they were probably the most physical side we've played all year."

Gillmeister and his close-knit group of players yesterday relaxed at the Caloundra races.

The Jets will need to call on every bit of their team spirit if they are to fire back into Queensland Cup contention.

Ipswich has the weekend off due to the QRL under 17 and 19 championships before tackling premiers Redcliffe at Dolphin

Oval on Saturday week.

Skipper Danny Coburn believes his team can build some momentum after Saturday's breakthrough win. "It's been coming, we haven't been far off the mark," Coburn said.

The hard-hitting lock said the "fun" factor had returned to their game against the Seagulls.

Coburn said the players appreciated the support from the rowdy group behind the goal posts.

"It was awesome. It really lifted us," he said.

Steven West and Joel Smallwood both bagged two tries for the Jets.

In another positive sign, centre Steve Matai played his best game for the club after a slow start to the season.

The hard-running Matai made several clean breaks. His last break led to a crowd-pleasing try to halfback Ricky Bird.

Prop Geoff Thomson made an encouraging top grade debut.

Thomson was well supported by Mat Cameron and Kerry Theuerkauf.

The Jets look set to be without winger Gordon Rattler for at least eight weeks after he hurt his collarbone against the Seagulls.

Kyle Warren hurt his knee but the former North Queensland forward should be fit to play the Dolphins.

The Dolphins suffered their first loss of the season on Satur-

day when they were beaten 34-26 by Toowoomba.

Jets' next game: v Redcliffe at Dolphin Oval, May 8.

Jets crunch game chance to revive season

IPSWICH Jets are desperate to break their Dolphin Oval hoodoo today when they clash with Queensland Cup arch-rivals Redcliffe.

Since the state league kicked off in 1996, Ipswich has suffered 10 successive losses on the Peninsula.

Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister insists his team isn't using the poor record as extra motivation in today's ABC-televi- sion game.

But there's little doubt that Gillmeister will have his players fired-up for a match which

could make or break their season.

A win today could mark the start of a mid-season resurgence for the Jets, who have just three competition points after seven rounds.

The Jets will be missing winger Gordon Rattler after the speedster broke his collarbone in their 38-8 victory against Tweed Heads last fortnight.

Redcliffe coach Neil Wharton has tinkered with his forwards, sliding forward mainstays Danny Burke and Grant

Flugge back to bench and promoting Nathan Sologinkin and Gavin Cooper to the starting 13.

The Jets will also clash with Redcliffe in BRL colts and A grade matches at Dolphin Oval today.

The colts are coming off a big win over Brothers Valleys but Jim Landy's team may find the going tough because of injuries and the possible promotion of star winger Gideon Mzembe.

The Queensland Cup game kicks off at 2.05pm.

— Michael Hillier

10-5-2004

Surprise news gives Jets a lift

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

LEADING Ipswich Jets prop Danny McAllister is on target to make a surprise return from a career-threatening neck injury in the next few weeks.

McAllister's likely return within the next month was one of the few positives to surface out of the weekend after the Jets were belted 34-8 by Redcliffe in their Queensland Cup match at Dolphin Oval.

The Jets prop received his positive news after visiting a neurosurgeon.

"I'm going to struggle for a couple of weeks when I come back I know that. But I'll just do my best," McAllister said after watching his teammates crash to their sixth loss of the season.

"I'm still going to training but it's a bit limited. I can't do the contact (work) at training (yet)."

Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister would love to have the former South Sydney prop back in his starting side.

However, Gillmeister said his current team couldn't afford to sit back and wait for injured players like McAllister to return.

"Those blokes in there can't mark time until he gets there, or if he does get there," Gillmeister said. "If he can play that's good, but you can't be waiting for him to come back."

Gillmeister was furious with his side at half-time after the Jets failed to capitalise on a promising start against the competition heavyweights. The Jets led 4-0 early but the Dolphins took con-

trol to lead 28-4 at the break.

Gillmeister said it looked like some of his players "put the cue in the rack for the last 10 minutes" of that first half.

"That's the disappointing thing. And the problem is the same three or four blokes are busting their backsides every week," Gillmeister said, referring to consistent players like Kyle Warren, Danny Coburn and Ricky Bird.

"I'm probably being a bit biased, but if there's two better forwards running around at the moment than Cobes or Killer (Warren), I haven't seen them and that's including the Redcliffe blokes."

Gillmeister said the Jets had no excuses even though they were again forced to reshuffle their backline following injuries to Gordon Rattler and Nicholas Cowburn.

"We went away from what we've been training to do. You could have thrown a blanket over us in that last 15 minutes (of the first half)," he said.

McAllister and injured hooker Jamie Tomlinson watched Saturday's game from the bench.

Although the Jets are anchored near the bottom of the table, McAllister believes his club can still string some wins together.

"We showed that against Tweed. You couldn't even say who was the best player in that game, it was just everyone," he said. "When the Jets play like that, we can beat anyone."

Redcliffe forward Daniel Green said the Dolphins' game plan was to overpower the Jets

towards the end of each half.

"Everyone comes out firing in the first 10 to 15 minutes because we are the benchmark obviously," he said. "That's what we're learning, hold that pressure and we'll be right."

Green, a former Ipswich player, broke the Jets' spirits in the first half when he forced a mistake out of fullback Joel Smallwood.

Jets' next game: v Easts at Langlands Park, Saturday 3pm.

The Jets are sitting near the bottom of the ladder after a poor start to the Queensland Cup season. But the club plans to lift itself off the floor as **Michael Hiller** discovers after putting some tough questions to Jets chief executive officer **Craig Teevan**.

The bottom line

The Queensland Cup team has failed to live up to expectations this season. What has gone wrong?

We didn't get off to the best of starts with a draw against Brothers-Valleys after leading 18-0 after 15 minutes. We lost our way a little after this and have lost a few games by less than six points. That hurts our confidence. In the last two years we won those tight games. That is largely due to having a couple of other senior players on the field who kept things simple at crucial times of the game. Jamie Mathiou was a good leader and he has retired. Graham Mackay was another experienced leader and he retired. We tried to cover for these guys extensively in the off-season but we came up empty. The loss of Danny McAllister and Jamie Tomlinson after just two rounds also didn't help. Due to these circumstances we lack experience at vital times of football games.

With a finals position seemingly out of reach, will the Jets look to blood some younger players?

Most definitely. Local Norths junior Gideon Mzambe looks like he will get a start on the wing this week. Front-rower Robbie Wilson will also come off the bench in Qld Cup this weekend. Both are Colts players. Also Chris Scanlan was just starting to find his feet before he injured his shoulder. He will get a go once he recovers and Cody Fullarton is really starting to come of age. Jim Landy has got the Colts team playing well and despite their position on the ladder, there is plenty of good players in this team who will get an opportunity if form warrants. I must stress though that we won't be giving players an opportunity for opportunity sake. They will have to earn their spot because we still have a job to do for the rest of the season. Pride needs to be restored in what we have achieved over the past two seasons.

The likes of Ricky Bird, Danny Coburn and Kyle Warren have performed at a high standard each week. Why are some of the other players failing to perform up to that high standard each week?

Gilly has been working hard on the players' mental attitudes and mental toughness. This has certainly been lacking from certain players. Sometimes players get a false sense of how well they are playing and sometimes players think they are playing better than they really are. These above-mentioned guys are playing well because they prepare well and they are honest with themselves. They know what they have to do and they go out there and do it. These players have been terrific and should be certainties for both the Queensland Country and Queensland Residents teams. They deserve to be anyway.

The club has some terrific support from many sponsors. But what can be done to attract more spectators to home games?

Unfortunately we cannot promote games to the extreme that we would like. Only having access to gate



CRAIG TEEVAN

receipts means we must maximise this return. If we were in the fortunate position of obtaining funds inside the ground, then we would have dollar days and other special promotions because what we might lose out on the gate, we would pick up inside the ground. This would increase crowd numbers, the atmosphere would be far better and the whole entertainment package would entice more and more families to come and support the team.

Critics argue that there is not enough local talent in the Queensland Cup side. What are your thoughts?

This has been a long worn out criticism. You only have to look at the NRL teams and many of the Qld Cup clubs to see that teams import players who they believe can do the job. The number of local players in each side is diminishing. The Comets are having their best ever season this year after many years of mediocrity. Why? Because they have imported many players. Success is what people judge you on but don't get me wrong, I would love to see more local talent in our Cup side. But again they must have the ability to be there. Our club has spent considerable resources on our colts team and our junior development squads in the past so that, in time, local players will come through the system and take their place in the top team. I mentioned some players earlier who will do that in the next few years. But development is a problem. Looking into our future recruitment processes and looking at our younger players, unfortunately there was not one Ipswich player named in the Southern Division under 17 team who competed at the recent state championships. That is a concern.

What positions will you target when recruiting for next year?

Definitely front row. Size is important and we lack that at the moment. More experienced players to help our developing players will also help us to win the tight games and put us back at the top of the pile again. The current players have a chance to cement certain positions between now and the end of the year. That will have an effect on our future recruitment priorities.

The club's colts and reserve grade team have slipped off the pace after a bright start to the season. Why do these teams continue to



Jets centre Steve Matai and an Easts opponent jump for the ball at Langlands Park last Saturday. The loss was Ipswich's seventh defeat of the Queensland Cup season.

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struggle?

Backing up in the tough competition of the BFL week after week is an area where players are having difficulty.

John Ribot has bought the Jets Leagues Club. How will this help the football club?

John's expertise and financial support will help the Leagues Club become more profitable and have better facilities for our members. With better figures in the Leagues Club, it is hoped the football club's grant will increase. At present, many Qld Cup clubs are receiving grants from their Leagues Club two times and sometimes three times larger than our current grant. In the past we have had to live to our means and the board have been very diligent in ensuring we stay afloat. But to be competitive year after year, you need the resources to be more professional and if you are more professional, you can ask more

of the players to ensure we succeed year in year out. John's contacts in the corporate world are also an obvious advantage.

Will Trevor Gilmeister coach the Jets in 2005?

I certainly hope so. Gilly is a priority. To date we haven't had formal contract discussions about next year but he has already begun planning for next season. He talks to me constantly about what we need on and off the field next year so that is a good sign that he intends to stay around. You certainly couldn't blame him for our recent form. He got great results last year but unfortunately the loss of some key experienced players has made life a little tougher for him. In all honesty, I believe the only reason Gilly won't be with the Jets next year is if he gets an NFL contract and we won't be standing in his way if he does. Other than that I have every confidence he will be back.

Jets strongman fires up

LEAGUE

By Michael Hillier

IPSWICH Jets powerhouse Terry Iese is making up for lost time.

After a stop-start season, the New Zealand-born centre made his Queensland Cup debut for the Jets last Saturday.

And he didn't disappoint, with his two tries paving the way for the Jets' impressive 36-12 win over the North Queensland Young Guns.

The former Redbank Plains and West End star also stung the Young Guns with some bone-rattling hits in defence.

His performance on debut was enough to convince Jets coach Trevor Gillmeister

and Ipswich supporters that he has a big future in the Queensland Cup.

Iese, 24, probably would have made his top grade debut several months ago had injuries and personal commitments not interfered.

"I'll try my hardest to stay in the side now," said Iese, who has been named at centre for tomorrow's clash with Tweed Heads at the Piggabeen Complex.

The Goodna-based footballer admitted to feeling surprised with his selection last weekend.

Iese received the call-up after making his comeback from a two-month injury (knee) lay-off in the previous week's Mixwell Cup A

grade match.

"I was surprised because it was only my second game back," Iese said. "I didn't think he (Gillmeister) would even look at me but I'm glad I got the chance."

Iese said he was enjoying his time at the Jets.

"I'll be there next year. I just like the way Gilly coaches," Iese said.

Gillmeister may have to make several late changes for tomorrow's encounter against the Seagulls if Ricky Bird (hip), Kerry Theuerkauf (shoulder) and Danny Coburn (illness) are ruled out.

The Jets coach said his players had a "spring in their step" after their upset win last weekend.

Meanwhile, Ipswich will play Runaway Bay in Mixwell Cup A grade and colts matches today.

The Jets thrashed Runaway Bay in both grades at Bendigo Bank Oval last Saturday.

But colts coach Jim Landy said Runaway Bay would put up more of a fight in today's return game on the Gold Coast.

Jets: Cody Fullarton, Gideon Mzembe, Terry Iese, Tim Gee, Gordon Rattler, Brendon Lindsay, Ricky Bird, Danny Coburn, Matt Cameron, Kyle Warren, Danny McAllister, Marc Pickling, Kerry Theuerkauf. Interchange: Walter Mackie, Matt McPhee, Paul Cohen, Joel Smallwood. **Kick off:** 3pm.

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Cruel loss torments loyal supporters

ANOTHER one that got away.

For the fifth time this season the Ipswich Jets have lost a Queensland Cup match by six points or less.

Tweed Heads inflicted further pain on the inconsistent Jets yesterday with a 28-24 win at the Piggabeen Complex.

The bitter feeling of defeat has left loyal supporters and players like prop Danny McAllister scratching their heads.

"I wish I could give you an answer to that, I really do," Jets prop Danny McAllister said when asked about the Jets' failure to repeat the form which carried them to a big 36-12 win over Young Guns the previous week.

McAllister, who is poised to retire at the end of the season, was fuming at the final scoreline. "We should have won that by 20 (points)," the Queensland Country prop said. "(Tweed's) off-loads killed us."

Both sides scored five tries but the Seagulls were more accurate in the goal-kicking department.

However, the result may have been different had the referee not disallowed a try

to Jets youngster Cody Fullarton with nine minutes remaining.

Fullarton was ruled to have lost the ball over the try-line when the Seagulls were clinging to a 22-20 lead.

McAllister, his teammates and Ipswich supporters were adamant that Fullarton grounded the ball.

Fullarton received an even bigger setback just minutes later when he injured his knee. Jets medical staff are almost certain that Fullarton has suffered damage to his cruciate ligament.

Injury also cut short Kyle Warren's involvement in the game. A hamstring strain forced the Queensland Residents forward off the field late in the first half.

The Seagulls led 16-14 at half-time.

Teenage forward Matt McPhee and experienced pair Kerry Theuerkauf and Walter Mackie toiled hard all day for the Jets.

Mackie, a former New Zealand A forward, has re-signed with Jets for 2005.

— Michael Hillier

Jets' next game: v Redcliffe at Bendigo Bank Oval, Sunday 3pm.

Colts seal double

A THREE-try haul from Ipswich colts player Peter Savage has lifted the Jets to back-to-back wins over Runaway Bay.

The Jets prevailed 38-22 against the struggling Gold Coast club on Saturday night to keep their faint Mixwell Challenge play-off hopes alive.

Savage also booted five goals to finish with a personal tally of 22 points.

"He was tremendous for us last night," colts coach Jim Landy said of Savage, who received the players' player award.

Savage took on the goal-kicking in the absence of Cody Fullarton, one of several colts players now in the Queensland Cup team.

In the Mixwell Cup A grade match, the Jets thrashed Runaway Bay 52-10.

Fullback Allan Petersen and centre Richard Allwood crossed for four tries each for the Jets.

Petersen has played at five-eighth for the majority of the season but his move to fullback worked wonders for the Jets on Saturday night.

Jets colts season successful

IPSWICH Jets colts coach Jim Landy says his side's season can still be viewed as a successful one despite their failure to make the finals.

The young Jets finished the season in seventh spot with eight wins and a draw after yesterday's shock 32-20 loss to Brothers Valleys at O'Callaghan Park.

"It was a bit disappointing that we didn't finish the season off but that's football," Landy said.

However, the experienced Jets coach has drawn plenty of positives from the fact that so many colts players have been promoted throughout the season.

Gideon Mzembe, Robbie Wilson, Chris Scanlan, Cody Fullarton and Matthew McPhee all tasted Queensland Cup action this season.

Scanlan played on the wing in yes-

terday's Queensland Cup game after Mzembe withdrew through injury.

Landy believes the players who are ineligible for the colts grade next season can push for higher honours.

"The guys who are going up should at least push for a reserve grade spot or hopefully Cup," Landy said. "The opportunity is there for them."

Landy said tough hooker Chris Porter, Scanlan and McPhee were his team's most consistent players this year.

Young halfback Jarrod Biggs was the most improved player, he said.

Meanwhile, Jets A grade coach Shane Shoesmith said his side had probably "underachieved" this year.

Shoesmith's team finished the

season in sixth spot with 10 victories after yesterday's 32-24 win over Brothers Valleys.

The former Swifts coach felt his team could have made the top four had they not dropped several games against the bottom teams.

One of the biggest challenges Shoesmith faced this season was lifting the spirits of players who had been dropped from the top grade.

"Guys who come back from Queensland Cup, they're a bit dejected the following week," Shoesmith said.

"First week they always seem to be down the dumps instead of wanting to play to get back into the side."

He said Ailaoa Chong-Nee, Dale Robertson and Matt Dahtler were the pick of the forwards. Todd Riggs was the most consistent back, Shoesmith said.

Gilly set to walk

Poor training facilities frustrate Maroons legend

LEAGUE

By Michael Miller

FRUSTRATED Ipswich coach Trevor Gillmeister has threatened to quit the Jets unless the club's training facilities are improved.

Gillmeister is becoming increasingly annoyed that the proposed construction of a gymnasium at Bendigo Bank Oval is no closer to fruition, despite weeks of talk.

Since linking with the Jets in 2003, the Queensland and Australian league great has been reluctant to enter into any "political" battles between the Jets and the IRL.

But a row over the proposed establishment of a gymnasium at Bendigo Bank Oval has prompted Gillmeister (pictured) to speak out.

The former Broncos forward is



pushing for a gymnasium facility to be built at the Jets' home ground, the North Ipswich venue which the club rent's from the IRL.

Jets players use the Ipswich Grammar School gym during the season but train at Bendigo Bank Oval.



Gillmeister is happy with the facilities on offer at IGS.

But he desperately wants to have a gym in operation at Bendigo Bank Oval to assist with the weekly preparation of his team.

Gillmeister feels so strongly about the issue that he won't re-

sign with the Jets until the matter is sorted out.

"We're not professional enough and it's not the Jets' fault. That's the reality of it," a frustrated Gillmeister said yesterday.

Gillmeister said, without a gym on site, his players were disadvantaged compared to other Queensland Cup teams.

"I feel for the players. The players are the meat in the sandwich and that's what shits me," Gillmeister said.

"It's frustrating for me and the players. It looks like they (IRL) don't want us to win."

IRL chairman Ray Jorgensen claimed no one from the Jets had approached him about allowing the Jets to put a gym facility in place.

"Gilly hasn't come to me and spo-

ken to me personally about it," Jorgensen said.

"If they want a gym, then we've got to work out where to put it. There's no big drama as far as I'm concerned."

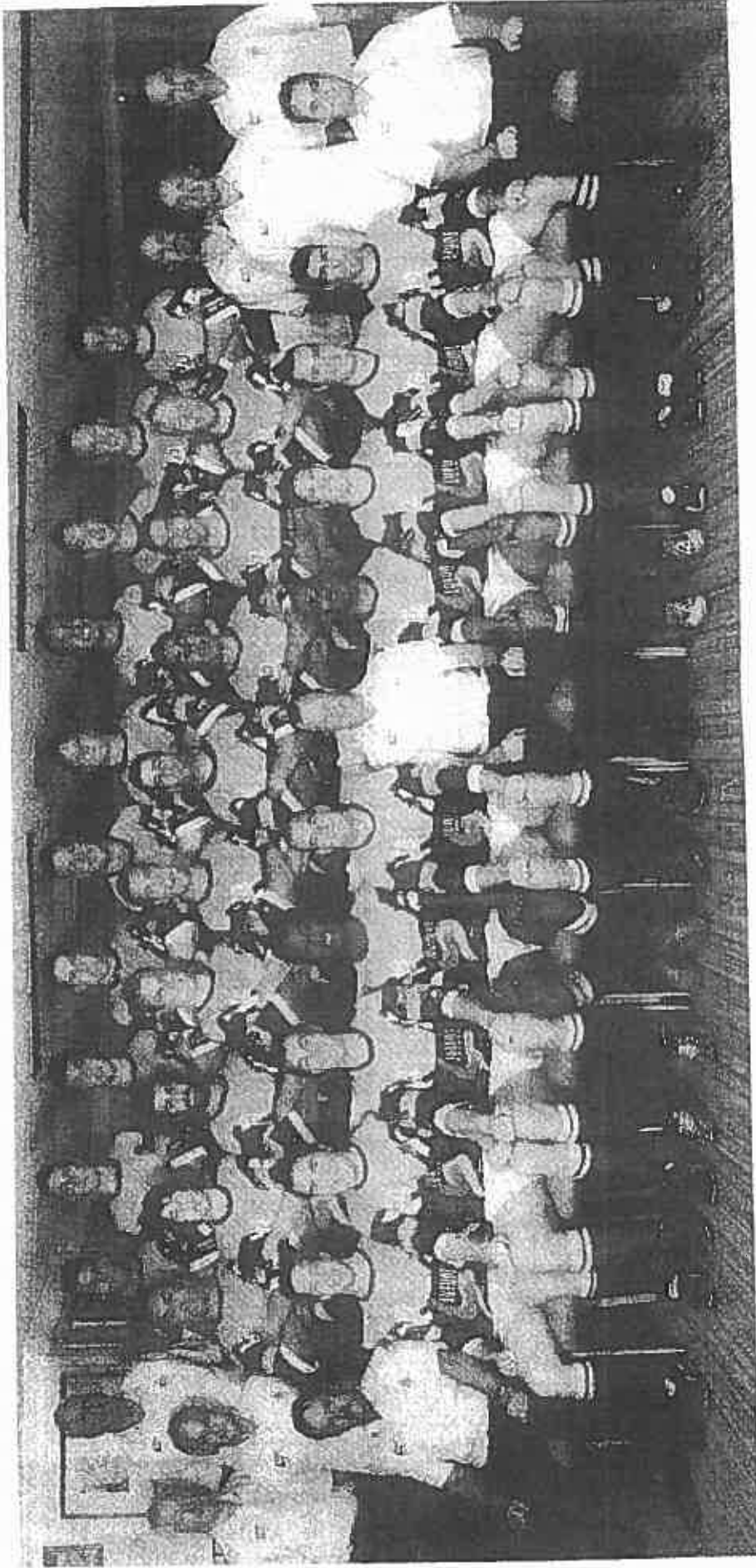
Jorgensen told the QT that he would be willing to let the Jets bring in a demountable building which could be used as a gym.

The IRL and the Jets have held some discussions with the Ipswich City Council about the issue.

It's understood the IRL told the council the Jets had already been given a room next to their dressing room which could be used as a gym.

But Gillmeister said that room was too small.

One option is for the gym to be built on the council-owned land next to Bendigo Bank Oval.

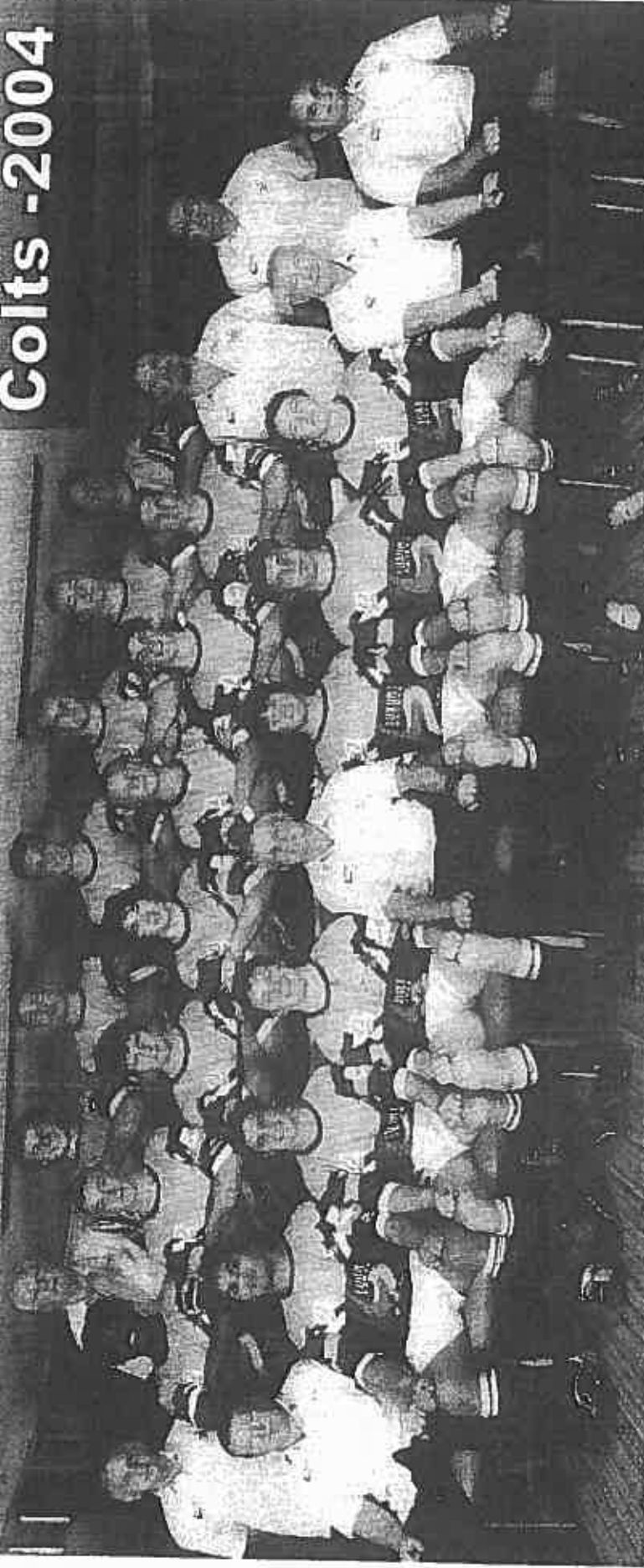


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QUEENSLAND CUP SQUAD

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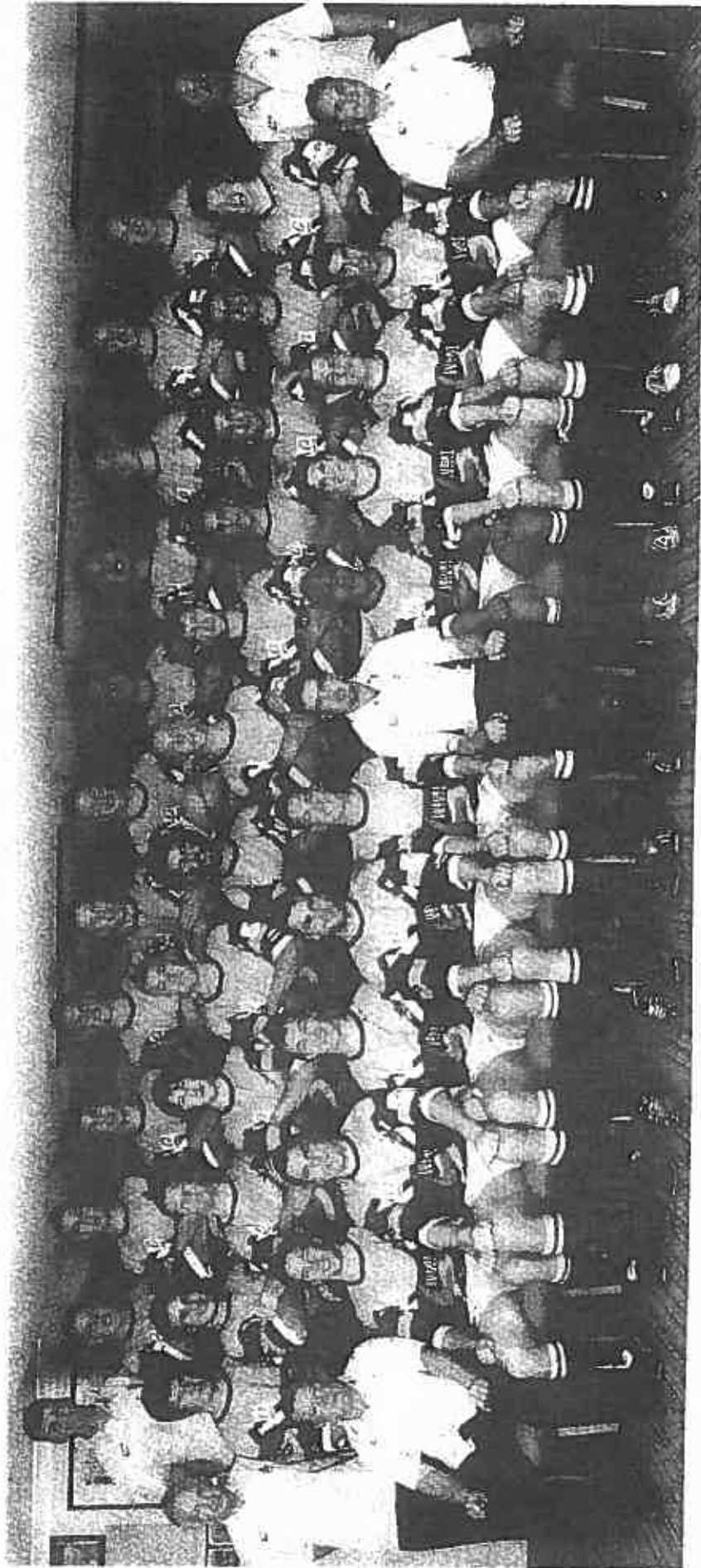
Front Row - Cliff Langer (Trainer), Mitchell Savuro, Chris Porter, Danny Fellingham (Captain Jim Landy (Coach), Ben Noller, Paul Jackwitz, Joshua Halter, Bob McNamara (Manager), Craig Teevan (CEO)

Middle Row - John Newton (Head Trainer), Gideon Mzembe, Luke Wright, Darcy Dingle, Cody Fullarton, Kieron Moloney, Jason Kippen (Trainer), Neil Bloxside (Trainer)

Back Row - Kerry McNamara (Manager), Chris Scanlan, Matt McPhee, Peter Savage, Dane Blewett, Dean Weller, Darryl Parker

Absent: Roy Saunders (Team Doctor), Les Savage (Chairman)





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FOGS A GRADE SQUAD

Richard Allwood, Jordan Atkins, Ailaoa Chong-Nee, Paul Cohen, Nicholass Cowburn, Matthew Dahtler, Trent Dighton, Michael Durham, Marc Fickling, Tim Gee, James Haynes, Terry Iese, Marcus Jen Jensen, Sonny Lavea, Brian McCarthy, Steve Matai, Jay O'Dougherty, John O'Toole, Allan Peterson, Brett Porter, Peter Pulou, Matthew Ralph, Frances Renouf, Todd Riggs, Adam Roney, Mark Sharrad, Save Sia, Joel Smallwood, Troy Theuerkauf, Geoff Thomason, Kyle Watson, Steven West, Lewis Williams, Shane Williams.

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