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League to restart next month

RUGBY league enthusiasts have one month to wait before the first pre-season competition — the Woolies — commences.

As in previous years, the finalists from the Brisbane Rugby League grand final will clash in the first round of the six week competition.

This means the Ipswich Jets will play Valleys on Sunday, February 11, at Neumann Oval. They then play matches against Wynnum-Manly (Feb 18), Logan City (Feb 25) and Wests (Mar 4).

Semi-finals will be played on either Tuesday, March 6, or Thursday, March 8. The final will be played on March 11.

The State League competition starts March 18 and ends on Sunday, April 29. The Winfield Cup premiership starts the following weekend.

Training for the 1990 season has been underway since the end of the 1989 season with many Jets players training by themselves or with another player.

Club team training officially started in the last week of November before breaking for Christmas on December 19.

Jets A grade manager Barry Cronau said training had started on Tuesday with new fitness trainer John Newton.

Newton, a former Brothers player and Ipswich rugby league representative, has taken over the fitness training duties from Vic Mellors, who is concentrating on his tertiary studies this year.

Cronau said the level of fitness the players had was "just coming along" at this stage.

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"All the players who attended training before the break were given fitness programs and it looks as though most have stuck to them," Cronau said.

He said fitness would not be a problem with the Jets premiership bid this season.

"It wasn't our fitness level which lost us the premiership in 1989. It was just some silly mistakes."

Missing from the Jets' line-up this season will be five of last year's premiership run-on side, the same number that left after the 1988 final.

Gone to Beaudesert to play are prop Ben Olsen, centre Ross Williams and halfback Ray Ovens. Also gone are second rower Darren Wolens (Eastern Suburbs) and five-eighth Garry Morrissey (Southern Suburbs).

On the positive side, the club hierarchy and coaches have recruited wisely from the local club players.

Jets management committee chairman Gary Parcell said new signings included Mark Muller (Fassifern), Terry Crossley, Jim Allan, David Jones, Stu Brown (all from Swifts) and James and David Broadway (West End).

The club has also signed former rugby union backs Adam Bax (Rangers) and Craig Lawson (Brothers-Brisbane).



• Ray Ovens



• Ross Williams

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Jets on guard against Logan

THE "easybeat" tag associated with the Logan City Scorpions in 1989 will not carry any weight with Jets' A grade coach Jim Landy when the two sides clash at the Oval tomorrow.

Logan City has failed in its first two outings, going down to Brothers 52-0 and Easts 31-14.

"I wouldn't say they're going to be easybeats after two rounds of the Woolies pre-season competition. No team will be easy this season," Landy said.

Landy's main objective of the pre-season has been to find the players he can shape into an A grade competition side.

He said 24 players would have worn the A grade jersey after Sunday's match.

No positions were finalised and probably would not be for some time.

Landy said former Roma halfback Ricky Ferguson (knee) and fullback Darren Wolens (shoulder) would miss the match.

Their places have been taken by former Swifts halfback Jim Allan and centre Darren McGrath respectively. Under 19 centre Michael Stenner teams with Sam

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Smith in the centres.

Reserves for the match include last year's A grade captain Steve Parcell, back from his honeymoon. They also include 1989 under 19 halfback Ron Cox.

Landy said all reserves would play.

The hooking position remains with Kelvyn Allery who has been playing faultlessly according to Landy.

Part-time under 19 hooker Darren Shaw, who Landy classes as "exceptional" in the position, returns to the under 19 team.

A grade team: Dean McGrath, Peter Bulmer, Sam Smith, Michael Stenner, John Moynahan, Scott Brown, Jim Allan, Brad Chicken, Andrew Walters, Brett Kaatz, Tony Watson, Kelvyn Allery, Ken Covington. **Reserves:** David Haug, Steve Parcell, Ron Cox, Mark Muller.

Match times on Sunday: Under 19 commences at 2.45pm, C grade 4pm, Reserve grade 5.15 and A grade at 6.30pm.

Injury clouds Jets' trial win

By DAVID LEMS

JETS' winger John Moynahan is expected to miss the next few games after dislocating his shoulder in Ipswich's 18-10 rugby league victory over Logan City on Tuesday night.

The speedy Moynahan was taken from the field just 10 minutes into the Brisbane competition trial match at the North Ipswich Reserve.

However, coach Jim Landy said Moynahan is sure to return to the backline quickly.

"He was in a bit of pain but the doctor thinks he'll be back in a few weeks," Landy said yesterday.

The Jets coach was pleased with his side which contains a number of new and young players.

After Ipswich ran away 18-0 in the first half, Landy made a number of changes.

"We dropped plenty of ball in the second half but it's only a trial," Landy said.

"I was particularly happy with our defensive line and things are looking good.

"The main thing was for our young and new players to find their feet in this level of football."

Under 19 players like centres Michael Stenner and Ganton prop Ken Covington have big chances to secure A grade spots.

Good performances in coming weeks could see them join Ipswich's Queensland under 19 players — centre Sam 'Slamin' Smith and five-eighth Scott Brown.

Other good Ipswich news from Tuesday night's game was the return of last season's captain Steve Parcell.



• Jets managers Barry Cronau, left, and Harry Russell . . . like changing the guard.

Harry recalls Jets' old days with fondness

LISTENING to Jets assistant A grade manager Harry Russell talk you get the impression he yearns for a return to the "old days" when rugby league was a working man's sport and not the professionally run sport it is now.

Russell has seen players and managers come and go, experienced the highs and lows of the game and witnessed the changes 40 years has done to the game.

After a short playing career in the late 1940s with Booval-Swifts, Russell gave the game away and started his managerial career.

"About 1950 I first became involved with Ipswich Rugby League (IRL) representative teams," Russell said.

"In those days the team I managed was the first grade juniors. It was sort of like a C grade team by today's standards."

From there he quickly graduated to selecting Bulimba and Kruger Cup sides.

He can remember managing Cup sides which included Dud Beattie, Noel Kelly and Gary Parcell. The Australian front of the day.

"I managed players whose sons are now playing for the Jets like Brett Kaatz's and David Haug's fathers.

"I've got a lot of good memories from the days when Ipswich sides used to travel by rail motor to games in Bundaberg, Toowoomba and Rockhampton.

"But probably the wildest side I looked after was a Goodna mob. They were the wildest players I've managed. They were always coming up with some new stunt to pull."

Some of the fellow team managers he has worked with over the years and will never forget include: Des "Banjo" Green, Tom Sullivan, Doc Campbell

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Roy Fowler and Dennis Jackwitz.

"And that's just a few of them," he quips.

Russell has been managing Jets sides since they joined the Winfield State League competition in 1982 under coach Greg Quinn.

"The only disappointments I've had with the Jets have been when they've had teams that should have done better. It was the same with Bulimba Cup teams."

He said with the emphasis on players to perform everytime they took the field the game had suffered and prospered at the same time.

"Players expect more now that rugby league has become a professionally run sport. It is good in a way. Three or four years ago the Jets looked like a country team thrown together, but not now.

"On the other hand the social part of the game has slipped away a lot."

It was as manager of the Trades and Labour Cup sides that he met present Jets A grade manager Barry Cronau.

With a grin he remembers the first instance when he met Cronau.

"It was after a match at Gatton. I can't recall what happened, but I remember a woman hitting me with her bag and Barry stepping in and clearing up the situation."

The Russell/Cronau presence can be likened to the changing of the guard.

"I've been thinking about giving it away for the past three years, but Barry keeps me going for another year whenever I mention it."



• Jets halfback Tony Waddups winds up against Brothers in yesterday's rugby league battle at the North Ipswich Reserve.

Jets can blame costly mistakes

By SANDY DUNN

THE Brothers A grade rugby league team made the most of the situation to snatch a 23-22 victory from the Ipswich Jets at the North Ipswich Reserve yesterday.

A more fairer result would have been a 22-all draw. But unluckily for the Jets they had to endure a six minute period before the match ended which proved too long.

Errors at vital stages in the last 20 minutes cost the Jets dearly.

The most costly mistake was a charged down clearing kick by the swarming Brothers defence which ended in the Brethren scoring the equalising try with seven minutes remaining.

Brothers centre Gavin Darwin sealed the victory for his side when he quietly stood behind play and calmly slotted a 30 metre field goal.

Leading 14-12 at the break, the Jets looked likely to coast to an easy victory in the second half if willing to work hard.

Unfortunately, the winning edge disappeared from their attacking play. Too many unforced errors and a lack of desire to put the man with the ball on the ground in the tackle cost them dearly.

Coach Jim Landy put the loss down to the try Brothers scored

The scores

Brothers 23 (R Cannon 2, J McGraw, D Mulkerin tries, G Darwin 2 goals, fg, J McGraw goal) d Ipswich 22 (J Allan 2, J Simpson C Baker tries, J Simpson 3 goals).

When they scored: (5th minute) Jets — Allan try, Simpson goal 6-nil; (17th) Brothers — McGraw try, Darwin goal 6-all; (24th) Bros — McGraw pen 8-6; (27th) Bros — Cannon try 12-6; (32nd) Jets — Baker try 12-10; (39th) Jets — Allan try 14-12; (46th) Jets — Simpson pen 16-12; (58th) Bros — Cannon try 16-16; (69th) Jets — Simpson try, goal 22-16; (73rd) Bros — D Mulkerin try, Darwin goal 22-22; (77th) Bros — Darwin fg 23-22.

Scrums: Ipswich 13-7. Penalties: Ipswich 8-5.

Lower grade scores: Reserve grade: Brothers 57 d Ipswich 6.

C grade: Brothers 22 d Ipswich 12. Under 19: Ipswich 46 d Brothers 18.

his forwards' performance, the sombre-faced Landy broke into slight smile at the mention of stand-in five-eighth Jim Allan's match.

A last-minute inclusion into the side, Allan hit all the right buttons and played his best match yesterday.

The stocky utility back figured in two of the Jets four tries, one in the 5th minute and the other 30 seconds from half-time.

However, it was probably his over the shoulder pass to fullback Jack Simpson, which saw the "Comet" score, that capped off a fine all-round performance in attack and defence.

Allan was well-supported in the backline by halfback Tony Waddups and outside centre Peter Bulmer, both of whom never stopped trying.

Up front in attack, many of the Jets breaks came from wily second rower Andrew Walters. He is the side's most consistent line breaker and his fellow forwards would do a lot better supporting him whenever he takes it up.

The Jets' remaining try came from an exciting passing movement in the 32nd minute which saw at least 14 pairs of hands touch the ball before prop Ken Covington passed to winger Clinton Baker who scored in the right-hand-side corner of the river end at the Oval.

from the charged down clearing kick and a lack of commitment up front.

"All the forwards were guilty of putting too much ball to ground in the second half. They also made a few errors running onto the ball too late," he said.

Despite being disappointed with

Jets smash the drought

A SUCCESSFUL conversion attempt as the full-time siren sounded gave the Ipswich Jets Reserve grade side their first victory in three weeks yesterday.

Down 18-14 with two minutes remaining, Jets full-back Darren Batchelor finished off a fine individual effort to score wide of the posts and lock the game at 18-18.

It was left to former Logan City player Neil Stapleton to kick the extras and snatch victory from his previous club. Stapleton calmly slotted the conversion and gave coach Shaun O'Loan the win he has been after.

Centre Mark Muller found good form scoring two opportunist tries in the first half.

The backline was kept moving forward due to the slick service of halves Dale Wendt and Craig Lawson.

In the forward pack recently returned prop Ricky Jones continued to impress along with fellow prop Dave Jones and second rower Anthony Page.

● The Booval-Swifts combination of fullback Terry Crossley, centre Steve Marriner and winger Geoff Budby proved the attacking difference in the Jets C grade team yesterday.

Coach Phil Economidis said all three played well and had paved the way for the 22-12 victory.

"Terry Crossley showed what he is capable of today when he 'hit the toe' and displayed his speed to score two tries," Economidis said.

"We still have a lot of room to improve. However, the result was very encouraging."

He said up front second rower John Dodds and Stapleton played well.

● Colts coach Keith Polkinghorne had little to say about his side's 70-0 whitewash of Logan City.

Team manager Noel Bragg said once again the team went into the match without any fresh reserves.

"Four of our reserves were sick and didn't make the trip down," he said.

Winger John Green continued his point-scoring run with one try and seven conversions.

Fellow winger Wil Pickering scored four tries, Lindsay Tetzlaff three, Mark Denning three, Troy Bourke 2 and newcomer Mark Parcell one.

Ankle injury rules out top Jets prop

AN ankle injury at work has ruled out Jets A grade rugby league prop Tony Watson from tomorrow's crunch match against Wynnum-Manly at the Oval.

It has also thrown coach Jim Landy's plans into disarray.

With the Jets failing to produce their best form in the opening rounds of the Winfield Cup competition the last thing Landy needs is Watson's late withdrawal.

To make matters worse workaholic prop David Haug has been ruled out of the side because of work commitments with the Ipswich City Council.

Landy said State under 21 representative Ken Covington, returning from Melbourne, would take Haug's place. However, replacing Watson would take longer.

Wynnum-Manly has not registered any points in the competition and A grade coach Brian Walsh has gone on the record saying the match against Ipswich will be his side's best chance of breaking the drought.

Landy said he has made it plain to players this week at training what was required.



● Jets prop Tony Watson ... out of the Wynnum clash with an ankle injury.

"We have got to win this match no matter what happens. We're not thinking of anything else except winning. We have got to improve and that means winning," Landy said.

"Apart from the late injury to Tony (Watson) and David's (Haug) unavailability we have the strongest possible side ready to play.

"With the return of our State rep's our lack of depth in areas has been improved."

The continued absence of Peter

Bulmer (ankle) has given Colts player John Green a chance to make his A grade debut in the side. He comes in for Darren Batchelor who moves back to Reserves.

A point-scoring machine in the Colts competition, Landy said Green would take over the goal-kicking duties in his first match.

On the other wing is Fassfern signing Mark Muller who is playing his second full A grade match.

Muller has moved out from the centres and taken the place of dismissed winger Clinton Baker who was suspended for four weeks on Tuesday after being found guilty of attacking the head of an opposing player in the tackle.

Landy said he knew little of the changed Wynnum side.

The last time the two sides met was in the Woolies pre-season competition on February 18. The result then was a 20-all draw.

Team: Jack Simpson, John Green, Sam Smith, Brad Chicken, Mark Muller, Jim Allan, Tony Waddups, Ken Covington, Steve Parcell, Andrew Walters, Brett Kaatz, Craig Spark. One to be named.

Jets' key five need big games

JETS Reserve grade coach Shaun O'Loan has pinned the side's hopes of victory on the performances of five key players.

If all five have good games he expects the remainder of the side to perform as well.

O'Loan is confident the front row, consisting of props Ricky Jones and Tony Pratt and hooker Mark Stonebridge, will meet the challenge head on and lead by example.

Behind them he is expecting halfback Dale Wendt and team captain Anthony Page, in the second row, to provide the direction the side lacks at times.

"We can't afford to lapse at any stage of the match. If we do the scoreline may end up looking like last week's against Souths," O'Loan said.

"If everybody has a good game we'll go alright."

● **C GRADE** coach Phil Economidis is quickly running out of ideas on how to salvage his side's premiership chances.

At training this week he has tried to weld together a side assembled from limited resources by taking them "back to basics."

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"Training this week consisted of a lot of basic ruck patterns with an emphasis on keeping the ball alive," Economidis said.

"Last weekend they wasted far too many attacking opportunities by losing the ball which placed them under constant pressure."

He said the side's problems in defence had also been addressed.

"They know they have to move up in a line everytime not just for the first 10 minutes of each half. If they don't the match will be lost."

This weekend's match also heralds the return of utility forward Dwayne Pocock at lock.

Reserve grade: S Waters, D Batchelor, P Bulmer, J Moynahan, O Cowburn, S Hartland, D Wendt, S Conway, A Page, S Moore, R Jones, M Stonebridge, T Pratt.

C grade: D Marshall, M King, D McQueen, D McGrath, J Broadway, C Grant, Z Kunde, D Pocock, R Jones, J Dodds, S Reidel, K McHugh, N Stapleton, P Scully.

Knee injury stops Kaatz

NOT all injuries in rugby league happen on-field, as Jets second rower Brett Kaatz can sadly testify.

The hard-running backrower had his season cut sadly short this year when a simple defence drill at training turned sour.

What was to be a simple backs versus forwards defensive exercise backfired when Kaatz underestimated the hitting power of lightweight utility back Brad Chicken and injured himself.

The centre's "hit" caught Kaatz off guard and resulted in his right knee twisting savagely.

Originally thought to be a simple dislocation by team doctor Roy Saunders, the injury was later diagnosed as severe cruciate ligament damage.

Kaatz said news of the revised diagnosis stunned him as he was under the impression the damage was not serious.

"I thought when you tear knee ligaments you can hear them snap or break. I didn't and I was able to walk away from it afterwards without any swelling," Kaatz said.

"The specialist I consulted had a look with an arthroscope which revealed my knee to be in perfect shape except there was no cruciate ligament."

At 24 years of age the forward is still a youngster with several years left in the

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game . . . or so he thought.

His only chance now is reconstructive surgery. He is booked in for October 25 and is then expected to spend six months rehabilitating the knee.

"I have to get it done or else never play again and I'm not ready to stop playing at this stage."

He knows the road back to first grade will be difficult, having already experienced a potentially career-ending back injury while playing with Eastern Suburbs (Brisbane) in 1986.

The lower back injury occurred early in the season and resulted in him missing the rest of the year and half of the 1987 season.

He returned to Ipswich in late 1987 and linked with the Jets under Tom Raudonikis and played several games before hitting top form in 1988.

As a reminder of his good — or bad — fortune, Kaatz now suffers from constant lower back pain. He was also forced to give up his trade as a bricklayer.

"I suppose you could say I haven't had a bad run," Kaatz says tongue-in-cheek about his two major injuries.

Kaatz has been sidelined since the end of the first round.

— SANDY DUNN

Colt hopes to beat his knee knock

AN troublesome knee injury is unlikely to force Ipswich colts lynchpin Sean Adams out of the Brisbane Rugby League U/19 grand final.

The talented halfback hobbled from the field late in the second half of Sunday's one-sided 30-14 preliminary final against Valleys, but coach Keith Polkinghorne was confident Adams would recover.

"He has had to put up with the injury for the last half of the season. At this stage he is uncertain as to its nature, but usually after a couple of physio sessions it comes good," Polkinghorne said yesterday.

"The extra week's lay-off will help him as well.

Ipswich will now have a 14 day break before playing the winner of Sunday's Valleys/Wests clash in the grand final on September 30.

Ipswich crossed for five tries, including a double to Queensland under-19 five-eighth Scott Brown, and John Green landed five goals from six attempts to barnstorm into red hot premiership favouritism.

Green sent Ipswich to an early break with a penalty goal in the fifth minute.

Prop forward Gordon Pidgeon, relishing the finals atmosphere, hit the Valleys defensive line 30 metres out turned and found lock forward Doug Evans in support. Green converted and Ipswich led 8-0 12 minutes into the match.

Adams found daylight after a strong ruck by prop forward Troy Burke and again Green found the posts.

At 14-0 ahead Jets playmaker Brown put the result beyond doubt when he sent centre Lindsay Tetzlaff into open spaces from deep within the Ipswich 25m line minutes after the break.

Tetzlaff raced 30m before giving wing support Williams Pickering an untouched sprint to the line. Brown scored minutes later after another length of the field movement and the Diehards were gone.

Valleys struck back and scored three belated tries in the final five minutes of the match, but the flurry of points came far too late.

A relieved Polkinghorne revealed his major concern going into the match surrounded the "traditional danger periods" — the 10 minutes either side of halftime.

"In the past our efforts in the final minutes before halftime and the opening minutes of the second half have let us down badly," Polkinghorne said.

"That was not the case on Sunday."

Ipswich 30 (S Brown 2, S Adams, D Evans, W Pickering tries, John Green five goals) **d Valleys 14.**

● **In other rugby league news,** Ipswich under 17 teams took one step closer to clinching the Brisbane Rugby League Fred Harold Flag competition with a hardfought 6-4 win over Souths on Friday night.

Souths dominated the first half, highlighted by uncompromising defence, to take a 4-0 lead to the break.

The Magpies held the four point margin until seven minutes before time when Jets centre Darren Rasmussen equalised in the corner.

Goal-kicker Shane Jackowitz absorbed the pressure to calmly pot the winning conversion.

The juniors Jets remain the only undefeated team in pool 1 which includes Souths, Logan District, Easts and Wynnum.

MICHAEL BOSTER

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● On the verge of creating history — the 1990 Ipswich Jets U/19 team: Top row — Neville Spark (assistant manager), Troy Burke, Adrian Biddulph, Mark Denning, Gordon Pidgeon, William Pickering, David Broadway, Lindsay Tetzlaff, Matthew Ralph, Noel Bragg (manager). Middle row — John Newton (trainer), Scott Brown, Sean Adams (vice-captain), Darren Shaw (captain), Scott Williams, John Green, Keith Polkinghorne (coach). Bottom — Shane Page, Doug Evans, Graham Taylor, Paul Gibb, Lawrence Martyn.

Colts raring to feel finals fever

IPSWICH colts rugby league coach Keith Polkinghorne has downplayed his side's apparent lack of nerves as the countdown for Sunday's grand final moved into top gear yesterday.

In a little over 48 hours Ipswich players will file onto Lang Park and face traditional rivals Valleys for a tilt at the title and a place in history.

Since Ipswich entered the Brisbane Rugby League competition in 1986 no team from the club, despite two grand final appearances by the Jets' top side in 1988-89, has tasted premiership glory.

The Jets rookies, the minor premiers for the past two years, are within 80 minutes of etching their names into the history books.

It was a remarkably calm Ipswich side which joked and laughed during the team's grand final photo session on Wednesday night.

"Nervous, nah not really mate," secondrower and skipper Darren Shaw said, echoing the sentiment of his team-mates.

"We really have not had much time to think about it. This week has been like any other week during the season. We have not done anything different."

"I don't know if nerves will effect us on the day. We will just have to wait and see."

Polkinghorne, ever the calming influence, knew better.

"They will all get nervous in their own way. Grand finals are like no other game. Until players actually experience it, it is very difficult to explain."

Ipswich trained on Monday night, mainly light ball and fitness work, had a tough hitout at West End on Wednesday and will train again for a final time tonight.

The Jets have proven this season that they are the most attacking side in the competition, with the freakish ability to score regular tries from within their own quarter line.

Polkinghorne is not concerned about his side's ability to post points.

Twenty wins from 24 matches attests to that fact.

"We can score tries. It's my job to much sure is that we stop the other team from doing the same," the Jets coach said.

"We have got to be able to tighten up the middle of the ruck. That is an area which has let us down this season."

With only four losses in 1990 Ipswich easily won the minor premiership.

Ironically for such a successful team only three players, two of whom are involved in Sunday's grand final, tasted representative honours.

Secondrower Shane Page and former Jet Terry O'Toole were named in Brisbane representative sides earlier this year and five-eighth Scott Brown was named in the Queensland under 19 team.

O'Toole joined Sydney-based club Canterbury Bankstown mid-season.

Polkinghorne said being overlooked by State selectors had given a number of his players extra incentive for Sunday.

"Not that they need any extra motivation, but a few of the blokes were a little bit dirty on missing out on rep selection."

The match starts at 10am on Sunday at Lang Park.

Ipswich squad: Troy Burke, Adrian Biddulph, Mark Denning, Gordon Pidgeon, William Pickering, David Broadway, Lindsay Tetzlaff, Matthew Ralph, Scott Brown, Sean Adams (vice-captain), Darren Shaw (captain), Scott Williams, John Green, Shane Page, Doug Evans, Graham Taylor, Paul Gibb and Lawrence Martyn.

— MICHAEL FOSTER

The scoreboard says it all

IPSWICH under 19 rugby league players yesterday turned a date with destiny into a lasting relationship with history.

The junior Jets defeated the A grade side's bogey team Valleys 24-18 to win the Brisbane Rugby League colts grand final at Lang Park.

In doing so they became the first first Ipswich team to taste premier-ship glory since the club re-entered the Brisbane Rugby League competition in 1986.

In 70 minutes of rugby league the Ipswich colts managed to partly erase the bitter disappointment of the club's A grade grand final losses to the Diehards in 1988-89.

Both teams scored four tries apiece with the radar-like boot of Ipswich's prolific pointscorer John Green proving the difference.

Green kicked four goals from five attempts while his Valleys' counterpart Danny Law could only manage one from four.

In an emotion-charged dressing room after the match Ipswich coach Keith Polkinghorne struggled to come to grips with his side's history-making achievement.

"Mate, I'm not really sure what to say. It really has not hit me," Polkinghorne said, wiping a generous portion of champagne from his face.

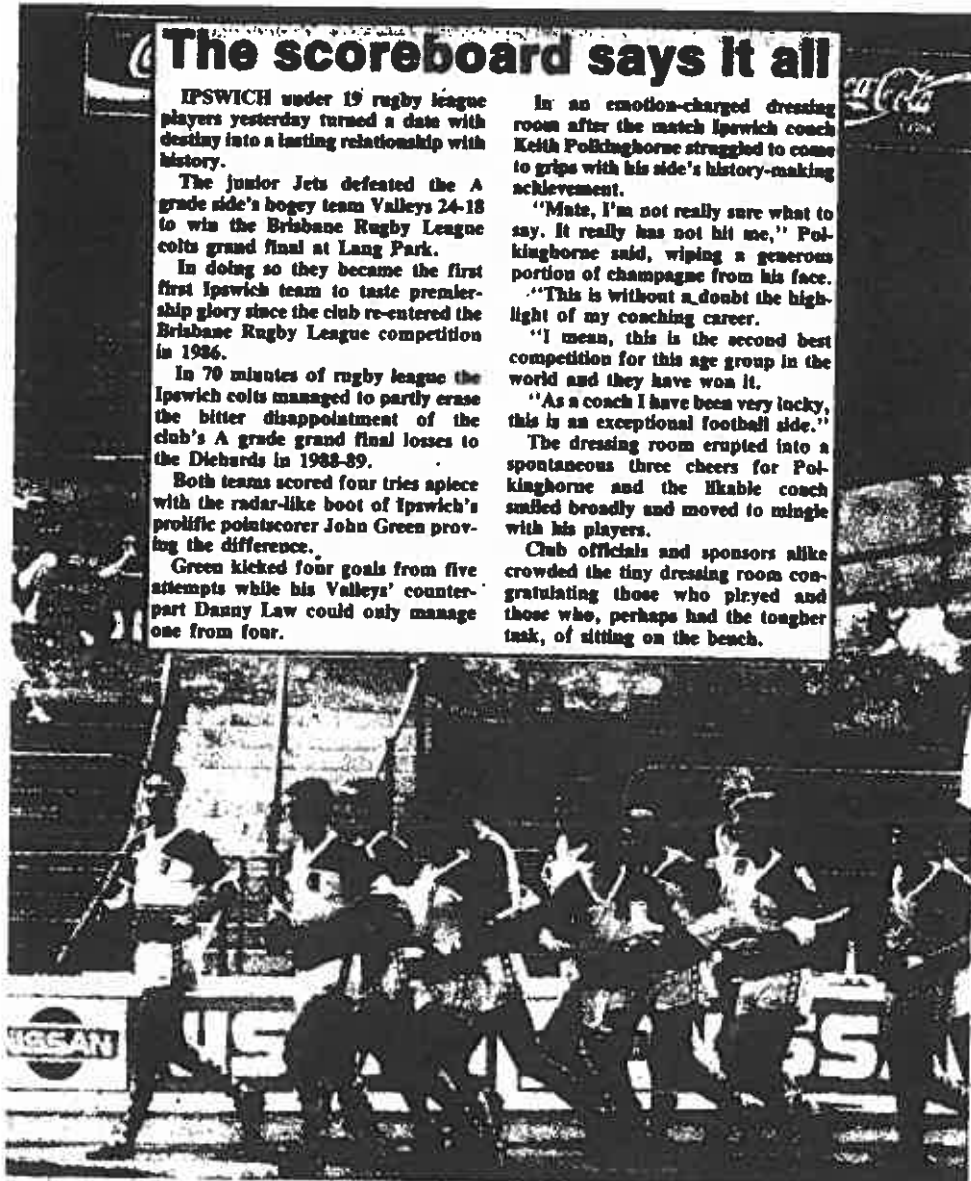
"This is without a doubt the highlight of my coaching career.

"I mean, this is the second best competition for this age group in the world and they have won it.

"As a coach I have been very lucky, this is an exceptional football side."

The dressing room erupted into a spontaneous three cheers for Polkinghorne and the likable coach snarled broadly and moved to mingle with his players.

Club officials and sponsors alike crowded the tiny dressing room congratulating those who played and those who, perhaps had the tougher task, of sitting on the bench.



• "WELL DONE IPSWICH" the giant scoreboard beamed, as the Jets colts completed the traditional grand final lap of honour after defeating Valleys 24-18 at Lang Park yesterday.

The history-making Ipswich Jets

Bloodied hooker in tears

TALENTED Ipswich colts hooker Scott Williams yesterday described his sin-blin stint during yesterday's historic 24-18 grand final win over Valleys as the "worst 10 minutes" of his life.

Williams was sent from the field on a touch judge's report two minutes before half time after grappling with a Valleys player on the ground.

"He got me for shoving the guy, but it was in retaliation more than anything else," Williams said nursing a bloodied nose after the match.

"The ref actually called the linesman on. If he (referee) was going to send anyone off, he should send us both. That would have been a fairer decision."

Williams admitted he was reduced to tears as he watched Valleys turn a four point half-time deficit into a 12-8 lead with

two smart tries in the opening minutes of the second half.

Replacement prop forward Paul Devlin crashed over two minutes after the break. Skipper Alan Wieland, son of Valleys legend Vic Wieland, shrugged off three defenders six minutes later. "I was in tears. When Valleys crossed for those two tries I blamed myself," the nuggetty rake revealed.

"I could not help but feel I had let the whole team down."

"When I got back on the field, I said to myself 'well this is it, you have got a lot to make up for'."

"The way we came back was fantastic. It was unreal to be part of this team."

Williams turned from villain to hero with solid defence and probing runs on the edge of the Valleys ruck when he returned to the game — **Michael Foster.**



● Replacement forward Adrian Biddulph slips a short pass during Ipswich's historic 24-18 win yesterday. Biddulph threw the final pass for winger John Green's match-turning try in the second half.



● Ipswich skipper Darren Shaw grasps the Winfield Cup trophy with joy after the greatest thrill of his life.



● Jets centre Lindsay Tetzloff compliments his skipper Darren Shaw after yesterday's historic win.

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• Ipswich under 17 skipper Jeremy Schloss and five-eighth Jim Lenihan with the spoils of victory — the Fred Harrold Flag.

Unbeaten Jets fly the flag

THE Ipswich Jets under 17 players wrapped up the Brisbane Rugby League Fred Harrold Flag by downing Souths 26-8 in the series final on Saturday night.

The Jets last won the annual under 17 competition in 1988.

Ironically the majority of those players were members of the Jets colts side which broke the club's Brisbane premiership drought at Lang Park on Sunday. The under 19s defeated Valleys 24-18.

Ipswich under 17s remained undefeated throughout the Fred Harrold Flag series with victories over Brisbane premiers Wynnum, Easts, Logan City, Souths during round robin matches of pool 1.

The Jets finished on top of pool 1 and went on to defeat Redcliffe, the second top side in pool 2, in an elimination final.

Fellow pool 1 team Souths beat pool 2 leader Wests in the other elimination final to force a show-down with Ipswich.

Ipswich had scored a narrow 6-4 win over Souths during the round

robin matches and most supporters were expecting a tight final.

The Jets dominated from the outset scoring 10 points in the opening 10 minutes to have the Magpies back-peddalling.

Fullback Brendan Cumberford crossed in the fourth minute and secondrower Steve Boothby was handed a gift four-pointer minutes later.

Winger Shane Jackwitz converted and Ipswich led 10-0.

The Magpies battled back into the match and salvaged a 10-8 halftime deficit.

Despite losing Queensland under 17 hooker Michael Pearce and Cumberford soon after the break, Ipswich maintained its momentum and control.

The Jets posted three second half tries to Jackwitz, halfback Dean Gibb and five-eighth Jim Lenihan.

Ipswich's defensive line was best served by Boothby (18 tackles), skipper Jeremy Schloss (14 tackles) and secondrower Mark Trevorrow (12 tackles).

Saturday night's impressive Gilbert Park victory gave the Brisbane's junior division yet another reason to include an Ipswich side in its regular under 17 competition.

Ipswich 26 (B Cumberford, S Boothby, D Gibb, S Jackwitz, J Lenihan tries, S Jackwitz 3 goals) d Souths 8.

• Today's full Junior Sport wrap-up — pages 21, 22.

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Haug named top Jet

UNCOMPROMISING Ipswich rugby league forward David Haug's playing ability was recognised at the Jets' presentation night during the weekend.

The quietly spoken front-row specialist won the Les Madsen Memorial trophy as the club's A grade Player of Year. The award is his highest honour in rugby league to date.

Despite the Jets failure to secure a semi-final berth for the first time in two years, Haug had a tremendous season and emerged as one of the shining lights of the club's 1990 campaign.

His value to Ipswich was never more evident than during the Jets' final round match against arch-rivals Valleys.

The Dichards, true to name, managed to edge out the hapless Jets 20-18 with an opportunist try 10 minutes from full-time, but it was the non-stop performance of Haug which stole the spotlight.

His efforts caught the eye of then St George coach and former Australian prop Craig Young, who commented favourably after the match about the 26-year-old's hard running and uncompromising style.

Ipswich coach Jim Landy yesterday confirmed the retention of Haug was one of the club's major priorities for 1991.

"I am fairly confident that he (Haug) will be with the club next season. This year was his first full year in A grade and he has come ahead in leaps and bounds," Landy said.

Haug collected his second award as A grade's Most Serviceable Player.

Queensland Residents lock forward Craig Spark and utility player Brad Chisham won A grade's Best Forward



● Jets prop David Haug.

● Promising Ipswich prop forward David Haug capped off a strong season when he was named the Jets A grade Player of the Year over the weekend.

and Best Back awards respectively and halfback Jim Allan was judged the Clubman of the Year.

Colts prolific scoring machine John Green, who cracked the 300 points barrier this season, received the club's trophy for highest point-scorer.

● Lower grade awards: Reserve grade — Anthony Page (Best Forward), Mark Muller (Best Back), Dale Wendt (Best Player), Steven Moore (Most Serviceable), Third grade — Scott Reidel (Best Forward), James Broadway (Best Back), Dave Marshall (Best Player), Robert Jones (Most Serviceable), Colts — Doug Evans (Best Forward), Lindsay Tetzlaff (Best Back), Darren Shaw (Best Player), Sean Adams (Most Serviceable).

— MICHAEL FOSTER

Profile: Jim Landy,

Landy's lessons

By MICHAEL FOSTER

IN 1984 — the year he replaced former Ipswich Norths coach Ray Hine — Jim Landy plunged headlong into the challenge of coaching A grade rugby league.

Six years on and the passion of that challenge burns strongly — the bitter sweet taste of success and failure remains as familiar.

Last month, Ipswich Rugby League (IRL) officials re-appointed Landy to the club's top job for another 12 months.

IRL president Les Stokes confirmed the club had signed its coach of two years to a one year contract ahead of seven other applicants.



● Re-appointed Ipswich Jets A grade coach Jim Landy ... looking

"We had applications from New Guinea, Darwin as well as Queensland. It is an indication of the club's faith in Jim Landy that he has been re-signed," Stokes said.

Bolstered by his re-appointment the former Norths coach gave a steely promise that season 1991 would be one to remember.

"This year has been very much a learning experience for a lot of our younger players and they certainly will be better for the run," Landy said.

"Blokes like Brad Chicken, Jim Allan, Randall Taylor, Gavin Mintz and Scott Brown were all unfamiliar faces to A grade at the beginning of the year.

"Football goes in cycles. This year we experienced down-swing, but it is not a permanent situation. The Jets will be back."

Grand finalists in 1988 and 89 to seventh place (five wins, 10 losses and three draws) in the Winfield Cup series in 1990 — the Jets' fall from grace has been well documented.

Despite Ipswich's below par performance this year Landy said he never doubted the club would re-appoint him.

"I honestly thought they (committee) would show faith and stick by me," he said.

For Landy, the opening four premiership matches, crystallise 1990.

"If there is one lesson I have learned this year, it is the importance of getting away to a good start," he said.

"We lost three out of our four opening matches by three or four points each. That cost us six valuable premiership points — points which would have had us well and truly in the semi-final hunt.

'Football goes in cycles. This year we experienced down-swing, but it is not a permanent situation. The Jets will be back'

"Two things stick in my mind. Those opening matches and the frustration of having four or five games to go in the season and knowing that we were no chance at figuring in the finals."

Ipswich lost to Norths 18-16, Brothers 23-22, Wests 38-14 and drew 18-18 with Logan City for a less than impressive Winfield Cup start.

Landy said the Queensland Rugby League's decision to drop C grade competition and play two full premiership rounds next year would favour the Jets, along with a number of Brisbane clubs.

"It has been no secret this year that the club has struggled with a lack of



● Jim Landy as seen through the eyes of QT cartoonist Wil Mitchell.

"With the change to next year's format and the commitment by the club to build-up player strength that problem will be largely erased."

"We had to put on a brave face at the beginning of the year and say our player stocks were right for 1990.

"But when you lose the quality of player we did at the beginning of the year it makes things tough."

"The bottom line was we just did not have the finances available to replace those players."

Ipswich lost topline lock forward Darren Wolens (Easts), live-wire half-back Ray Owens (Beaudesert), five-eighth Gary Morrissey (Souths) and centre Ross Williams (Beaudesert) from last year's grand final side.

As the off-season approaches, Landy will fill his former busy weekend schedule with long overdue household chores and the odd game of golf, but thoughts of rugby league are never far away.

"You can't help yourself thinking about the next season. It is hard to explain, I guess it's in my blood," the Ipswich coach said.

Above all Landy considers himself a "players' coach", in that, he places the importance of his players far and above that of the coach.

As far back as 1984, he had definite ideas about what his role would be.

"My job is to try and get the most out of the players — to get all that they are capable of giving," he said at the time.

For Landy, it is a job description which has not changed.

● Ipswich Rugby League has also re-appointed reserve grade coach Shaun O'Loan and Colts coach Keith Polkinghorne for next season.

Third grade coach Phil Economidis, the man without a team, has been retained as coaching co-ordinator to all

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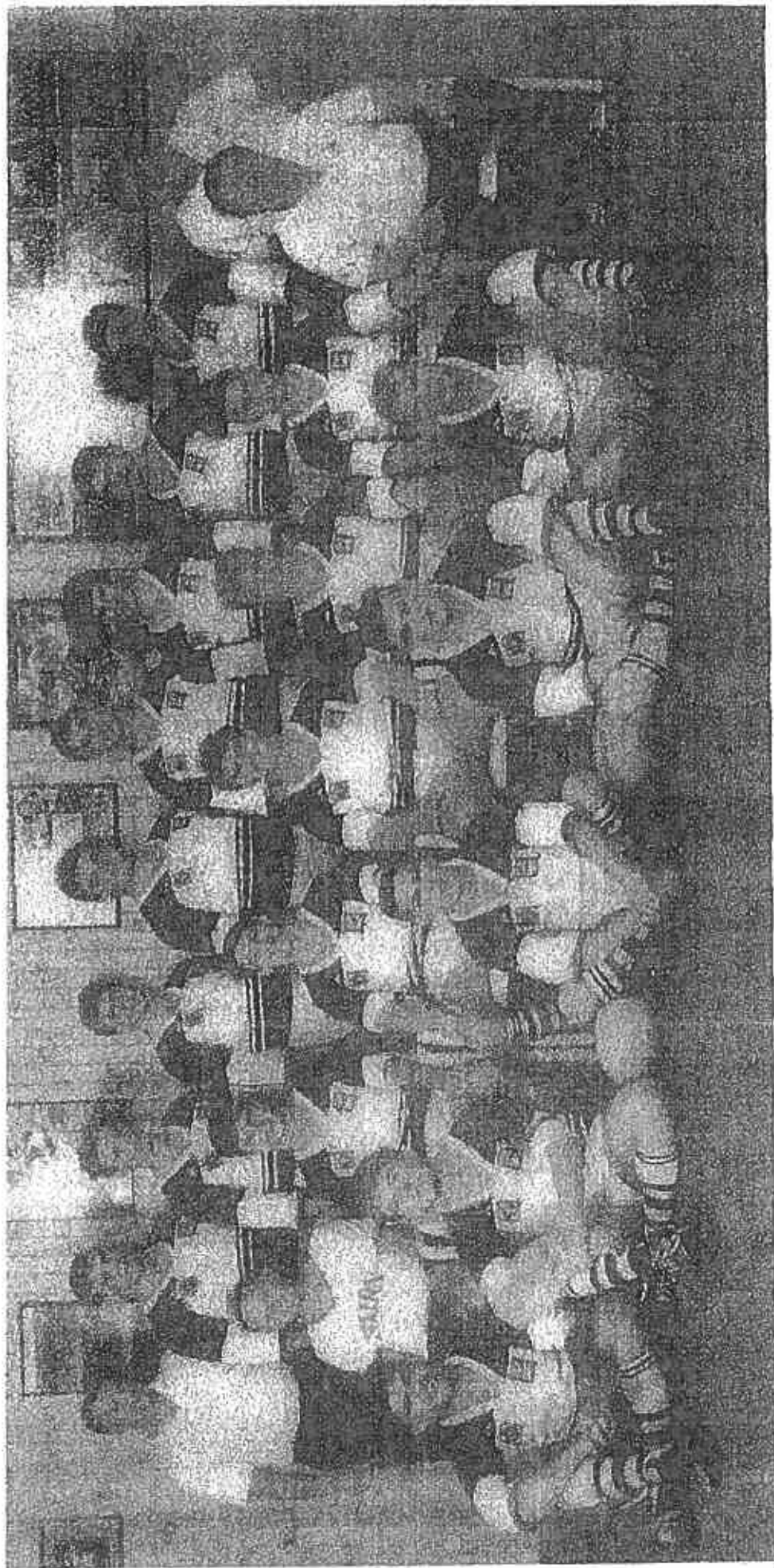
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BARRY SLEDGE (COACH), MICHAEL PEARCE, CLINT MASLEM, JASON COLBURN,
BRENDAN COMERFORD, BLUE KANOFSKI (MANAGER)

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JIM LENIHAN (VICE CAPTAIN), DARREN RASMUSSEN, JEREMY SCHLOSS (CAPTAIN),
SHANE TOOHILL, HEATH DENMAN, DEAN GIBB.

INSETS

LEFT ... SHANE JACKWITZ
CENTER ... MERV GUMBLETON (STRAPPER)
RIGHT ... STEVE BOOTHBY



Back Row: Neville Spark (Asst Manager), Troy Bourke, Adrian Biddulph, Mark Denning, William Pickering, Lindsay Lezian

David Broadway, Matt Ralph, Noel Bragg (Manager).

Middle Row: John Newton, (Trainer) Scott Brown, Sean Adams, Darren Shaw, Scott Williams, John Green, Keith Polkinghorn (Coach)

Front Row: Shane Page, Doug Evens, Graham Taylor, Paul Gibb, Lawrence Martin.

JETS PLAYERS 1990

A GRADE

David Abel
James Allan
Kelvin Allery
Clinton Baker
Darren Batchelor
Adam Bax
Nick Brennan
Scott Brown
Peter Bulmer
Glen Chandler
Brad Chicken
Ken Covington
Ron Cox
Ossie Cowburn
Terry Crossley
Doug Evens
Rick Ferguson
John Green
David Haug
Ross Henderson
Michael Johnson
David Jones
Rick Jones
Brett Kaatz
Craig Lawson
Dean McGrath
Dane McQueen
Gavin Minz
John Moynahan
Mark Muller
Anthony Page
Steve Parcell (Capt)
Gordon Pidgeon
Matthew Ralph
Duane Pocock
Darren Shaw
Jack Simpson
Sam Smith
Craig Spark
Michael Stenner
Mark Stonebridge
Rodney Sturgess
Randall Taylor
Lindsay Tetzlaff
Simon Tracey
Tony Waddups
Andrew Walters
Tony Watson

RESERVES

James Allan (Capt)
Clinton Baker
Darren Batchelor
Adam Bax
Darren Belsham
Nick Brennan
James Broadway
Stuart Brown
Brett Bourke
Peter Bulmer
Glen Chandler
Brad Chicken
Sam Conway
Ron Cox
Terry Crossley
Robert Cunningham
Lyndon Curry
John Dodds
Keith Evens
Ken Fuller
Cam Grant
David Haug
Jason Hall
Shaun Hartland
Randall Harper
Milton Hikati
David Jones
Rick Jones
Brett Kaatz
Mick King
Zane Kunde
Craig Lawson
Steve Mariner
Dean McGrath
Dane McQueen
Kerry McQuilty
John Moynahan
Steve Moore
Mark Muller
Roy Nielson
Anthony Page
Duane Pocock
Randall Taylor
Simon Tracey
Steve Waters
Dale Wendt

THIRDS

Brad Albury
Kevin Ballinger
Darren Belsham
Adam Bax
Brett Bourke
James Broadway
Len Carius
Sam Conway
Ossie Cowburn
Ron Cox
Terry Crossley
Shane Cushway
John Dodds
Rick Ferguson
Wayne Finch
Ken Fuller
Shane Golinski
Cam Grant
Shaun Hartland
Gavin Herrman
Wayne Hingst
Ian Johnston
Robert Jones
Mick King
Shaun Knight
Zane Kunde
Robert Lye
Scott Lye
Craig Manz
Steve Mariner
David Marshall
Dean McGrath
Keiron McHugh
Dane McQueen
Steve Moore
Tony Pratt
Scott Reidel
Tony Ross
Paul Scull
Neil Stapleton
Mitch Turnbull
Steve Waters
Dale Wendt (Capt)

COLTS

Sean Adams (Vice Capt)
Adrian Biddulph
David Broadway
Scott Brown
Troy Bourke
Jason Coyne
Mark Denning
Doug Evens
Paul Gibb
John Green
Michael Johnson
Lawrence Martyn
Terry O'Toole
Shane Page
Mark Parcell
William Pickering
Gordon Pidgeon
Matthew Ralph
Jason Sessarago
Darren Shaw (Capt)
Graham Taylor
Lindsay Tetzlaff
Scott Williams

IPSWICH JETS

U/17

Steve Boothby
Jason Colburn
Brendan Comerford
Heath Denman
Dean Gibb
Shane Jackwitz
Jim Lenihan (Vice Captain)
Clint Maslem
Michael Pearce
Anthony Ralph
Darren Rasmussen
Jeremy Schloss (Captain)
Brad Smith
Shane Toohill
Matt Trevorrow

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Peter Jackson

Selector

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Club Doctor

Player of the year Brad Chicken

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Noel Bragg

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Neville Spark

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Trainer

John Newton

Trainer

Sevens form gives Jets debutant a spot

An outstanding QRL Winfield Sevens tournament has landed former Moree rugby league halfback Peter Dodd the Ipswich Jets' highly sort after number seven jersey.

Dodd beat incumbent half Jim Allen, rugby union convert Jason Hetherington and Craig Lawson for Sunday's premiership opener against Souths at the North Ipswich Reserve.

Hetherington has been named five-eighth outside of Dodd in the top side, while Lawson, rated as one of the club's fastest players, will make his debut as a winger.

Allen, on the comeback trail after off-season knee surgery, will start in reserve grade.

Jets coach Jim Landy confirmed yesterday that impressive form during Sunday's victorious sevens campaign had earned Dodd the selectors' nod.

"His (Dodd) pre-season form has been very solid, but he went particularly well during the Sevens," Landy said.

"He's very quick and a tough defender.

"But like every other A grade player he knows he has to perform to hold his spot."

Jets Centre. Ross Williams (shoulder),

• League

secondrower Brad Chicken (hamstring) and Lawson (hamstring) are under minor injury clouds, but Landy is confident the trio will pass fit.

"They have all been given to Friday to prove their fitness. At this stage I don't think there will be any problems," Landy said.

Landy quashed suggestions that players would struggle to keep their mind on the job following Sunday's historic win.

"We celebrated on Sunday night, but now that's over and the real business of winning a premiership begins," he said.

"If anything, the Sevens win gave us the perfect start to the season."

• **A grade team:** Lex Neal, Craig Lawson, Ross Williams, Jack Simpson, Chris Brennan, Jason Hetherington, Peter Dodd, David Haug, Steve Parcell, Tony Watson, Nick Brennan, Craig Spark and Brad Chicken.

• **Reserve grade:** S Waters, M Ward, L Tetzlaff, T Hooper, B Landrigan, D Wendt, J Allen, S Ward, C Anderton, R Jones, R Walsh, G Browning and B Cumner.

• **Colts:** B Commerford, D Rasmussen, M Denning, J Lenihan, S Jackwitz, J Sessarago, S Adams, G Taylor, D Ropati, I Theaker, M Pearce, J Colburn, S Econimedes, D Gibb, T Bva, J Mathers, C Cockrane.

— MICHAEL POSTER

15-4-1991



• Ipswich Jets speedster Craig Lawson evades the grasping defence of Brothers lock forward Daniel Mulkerin during yesterday's football game at the Ipswich Reserve. Jets won 28-0. Full report back page.

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• Ipswich's great escape JETS IN GUTSY FINISH

IPSWICH Jets rugby league players yesterday donned their new 1991 coat of steely determination to snatch a last minute Winfield Cup win over a spirited Wests at the Ipswich Reserve.

The Jets escaped in over the tireless Panthers 20-16 with less than a minute on the clock after the scores were locked at 16-16 and a draw looked the most likely result.

Ipswich and Easts, sitting two points clear at the top of the competition ladder, remain the only two undefeated teams after four rounds of the premiership — latest table, page 23.

The absorbing Ipswich escape came with two minutes left on the clock.

Wests had been reduced to 12 men after five-eighth Craig Bowen was sin-binned for a professional foul in the 76th minute.

Jets "Mr Magic" Jack Simpson charged down a field-goal attempt by Wests fullback Craig Green at point blank range on his own 25 metreline.

He miraculously managed to hold the ball for a 30m surge over halfway.

The next tackle took the Jets within field-goal range, but second-rower Brad Chicken gambled on Wests being a man short and spun a wide ball to winger Craig Lawson.

Lawson surged onto the lofted pass to crash over a metre within the corner post for his sixth try in three weeks and his most important.

The win was not without its cost.

Jets goal-kicking winger Brett Landrigan left the field heavily concussed in the early stages of the second half.

From the outset, Wests — playing the match at a breakneck pace — unsettled the Jets previously solid defensive line with rapid play the balls.

More than once in the first half Ipswich was caught back-peddalling as Panther ball runners targetted the play the ball area behind the marker position.

Second-rower Paul Schuler found a gaping hole in the middle of the Jets ruck for an untouched 50m sprint for the line to send the send Wests ahead 6-4 in the 26th minute.

The Panthers second try, which gave the visitors a 12-8 lead at the break, was a similar scenario.

Half Adrian Lam turned a pass inside to lock Peter Taylor, who was running in behind the marker position and again Ipswich was found wanting.

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• Boom Jets halfback Peter Dodd took another set closer to representative football after playing a starring role in yesterday's cliff-hanger at the Ipswich Reserve.

Despite the unusually high number of ball-handling errors and defensive lapses, mostly attributed to a determined Wests performance than anything else, Jets players managed to produce a quality of character rarely seen last season — commitment to each other.

Ipswich halfback Peter Dodd took a further step towards representative honours with another sparkling performance.

Dodd had the leading hand in the Jets opening try by fullback Lex Neal and scored the second himself.

Jets props David Haug and Kerry McQuilty, until he was replaced midway through the second half,

both produced strong games.

Brisbane selectors will sit down next month a pick two teams — Metros and the Capitals — for the revamped State League series.

A number of Ipswich players must be pushing selection, including skipper Steve Parcell, back-rowers Craig Spark, Nick Brennan and Chicken, halfback Dodd and winger Lawson — Michael Foster.

Ipswich 20 (L Neal, J Hetherington, P Dodd, C Lawson tries, J Simpson 2 goals) d Wests 16 (D George, P Taylor, P Schuler tries, G Duncan 2 goals).

Scrums: Wests 4-2, Penalties: Ipswich 9-8.

• Full Brisbane scores and table — page 23.

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WINFIELD CUP
SUNDAY, 28th APRIL
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JETS SET FOR TOP HONOUR

THE roaring Ipswich Jets' rugby league train yesterday continued its barnstorming run through rival Winfield Cup stations with a 28-8 win against Redcliffe at the North Ipswich Reserve.

The victory stretched the Jets' winning sequence to five and should ensure the club features prominently in the Brisbane representative sides to contest next month's revamped State League series.

Selectors will meet this week to decide the line-up of the two Brisbane teams, Metros and Capitals.

While Jets coach Jim Landy was reluctant to forecast any selection decisions, he was eager to praise another committed Ipswich display.

"It was a very good effort," Landy said. "The back-play has really improved in recent matches and it's paying dividends for us."

"We pressured Redcliffe into making handling errors with our defensive pattern. It was very strong again."

The Jets put Redcliffe on the back-pedal in the 10th minute when fullback Lex Neal — playing against his old club — capitalised on a break from centre Ross Williams to score near the posts.

Redcliffe was down to 11 men midway through the first half when forwards Darryl Holder and Tony Gadsby were given 10 minute sin-bin stints within minutes of each other.

A Dolphins' penalty closed the gap to 6-2 before Jets' booker and captain Steve Parcell snared Ipswich's second try.

Centre Jack Simpson and prop David Haug combined for a neat wrap-around move which sent Parcell in under the posts.

Trailing 12-4 after 28 minutes, the Dolphins worked themselves into several try-scoring positions only to lose the ball with the line in sight.

Consecutive scrum wins against the feed — two of five in the match

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● Jets prop Kerry McQuilty stands in the tackle and prepares to unload against Redcliffe at North Ipswich Reserve yesterday. Jets won 28-8 to make it five straight.

— set the foundations for Ipswich's third try which came two minutes before the half-time break.

Five-eighth Jason Hetherington spun a lofted pass to centre Jack Simpson who found prop David Haug looming in support.

The in-form front-rower got the ball to winger Brett Landrigan who side-swiped the Redcliffe defence to score in the corner and set-up a 16-4 half-time lead.

A try to bullocking Redcliffe centre Steve Cherry narrowed the margin to 16-8. 15 minutes into the

second-half but the Ipswich feathers remained unruffled.

Winger Craig Lawson added to his 1991 try tally when he fended off the cover defence to cross out wide in the 60th minute.

Man-of-the-match Williams carried the Dolphins defence with him across the line for a 75th minute try.

Ipswich 28 (L Neal, C Lawson, R Williams, J Simpson, B Landrigan, S Parcell tries; B Landrigan 2 conversions) **Redcliffe 8** (S Cherry try, S Pringle 2 conversions).

More league — page 22.

JETS' JINX ENDS RUN

VALLEYS retained its tag as the Ipswich Jets' hoodoo team with a 26-14 win in yesterday's Windfield Cup rugby league clash at Newmann Oval.

The high-flying Jets were grounded for the first time in 1991 as a win-hungry Valleys turned a 14-6 halftime deficit into a comfortable victory.



● Hardworking Ipswich second rower Nicholas Brennan takes a breather. Jets lost yesterday.

By LESLEY TAPSALL

Ipswich played 20 minutes of the second half with only 12 men after halfback Peter Dodd and winger Craig Lawson were sent to the sin bin for play-the-ball infringements.

Valleys capitalised on the man short, running in three tries within 15 minutes to shutdown the Ipswich hopes.

The referee was strict on play-the-ball infringements. He sent Valleys five-eighth Trevor Schodel and Ipswich lock Brad Chicken to the sin bin in the first 10 minutes.

Ipswich won the penalty count 16-13, but coach Jim Landy conceded his team's second half indiscretions proved costly.

"It's a bit uncharacteristic for us to be undisciplined, but we were," Landy said.

"Valleys copped the penalties in the first half and it was reversed in the second. We were prepared to play by the rules, but we weren't strict enough."

Chunky halfback Dodd was Ipswich's lynchpin in attack and set up the Jets opening try in the 10th minute.

Dodd ran across field from the base of the scrum and threw a cut-out pass to his right to send nippy Brisbane representative winger Craig Lawson over in the corner.

Winger Brett Landrigan made up for an earlier penalty goal miss by slotting the conversion from near touch.

The Jets stretched their lead to 12-0 in

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the 20th minute when centre Jack Simpson backed up centre Ross Williams and fullback Lex Neal to dive in under the posts.

Valleys, on the back pedal from Ipswich's quick play the balls, were struggling until fullback David Bourke barged through the middle of the rack.

The Diehards, Ipswich's nemesis in the 1988 and 1989 grand finals, grew in confidence in the second stanza and broke through the crippled Ipswich defence.

Valleys halfback and man-of-the-match Brett Daunt ran 30m to score in the 52nd minute; Schodel outprinted the cover in the eight minutes later; and prop Frank Rolfs scored in the 67th minute.

"We lacked discipline and the ability to regroup in that second half," Landy said.

"It was a good first 40 minutes from us, but we just couldn't go on with it.

"Valleys really picked up their game — I don't think any (Brisbane) team would have beaten them."

Results: A grade — Valleys 26 (D

Bourke, T Schodel, B Daunt, F Rolfs tries; S Polzin 5 goals) d Ipswich 14 (C Lawson, J Simpson tries; B Landrigan 3 goals). Halftime: Ipswich led 14-6.

Reserve grade — Valleys 38 (C Geric, D Baidon, M Harvey, D Fraser, P Oelen, G Kerr, G Cecil, tries; Kerr 3, J Coultis 2 goals) d Ipswich 8 (R Walsh try; J Allan 2 goals). Halftime: Valleys 12-4.

Colts — Valleys 35 (S Williams, M Hyues, S Howland, M McKenzie, B Galen tries; McKenzie 5 goals; D Searle field goal) d Ipswich 4 (D Rasmussen). Halftime: 25-0.

● Meanwhile in Sydney, New South Wales Rugby League officials are unlikely to take action against Western Suburbs over an admission from fullback Shaun Devine that he feigned injury as part of a pre-match plan against Penrith yesterday.

The Magpies inflicted the Panthers' first defeat of the premiership with a tense 12-8 victory at Penrith Park yesterday, denying Penrith the competition lead and leaving North Sydney and Manly on top.

● Full story and more league — including A Reke's Review — on page 29.



• Three of Ipswich's powerful Queensland combination — from left — Darren Burns, Tom Lenihan and Mark Sessarago.

Six make State U17 league side

SIX of Ipswich's most talented rugby league players are preparing for the biggest thrill of their life after recently making the Queensland under 17 side.

They are: centres Darren Burns and Tom Lenihan, second rowers Mark Sessarago and Roger Best, frontrower Anthony Fowler and five-eighth Todd Brown.

The Ipswich 16-year-olds will play in the curtain-raiser to the third State of Origin clash between Queensland and NSW at Lang Park on June 12.

Burns, Lenihan, Sessarago, Best, Fowler and Brown dominate the Queensland under 17 squad, which was recently chosen after a carnival in Brisbane.

They led the Ipswich side to a crushing 48-0 victory over Central Queensland. Ipswich was also only nar-

rowly beaten by North Queensland 30-28.

Their excellent combination in defence and attack earned them Queensland jerseys. They have been school and club mates for a number of years.

Sessarago and Fowler go to St Edmund's College with Lenihan a former St Edmund's student. Burns goes to Ipswich Grammar School with Best and Brown being Bremer High schoolmates.

Burns, Best and Brown play for West End and Lenihan for Norths in the Brisbane under 17 competition.

Sessarago and Fowler are with Brothers in the Ipswich under 19 competition.

Sessarago will represent Queensland for the third time in league.



• Ipswich Jets' Brett Kaatz (left) and Brad Chicken give their support to the club's Miss Brisbane Rugby League Quest entrant Tracey Field.

Tracey a footy fan

IT comes as no surprise that rugby league rates high on Tracey Field's list of interests.

Tracey, 19, is the Ipswich Jets' entrant in this year's Miss Brisbane Rugby League Quest.

A loyal Jets fan, Tracey said she loved nothing more than the excitement of a rugby league match.

"I was right on the sideline at the Origin match — it was a fantastic experience to be there," she said.

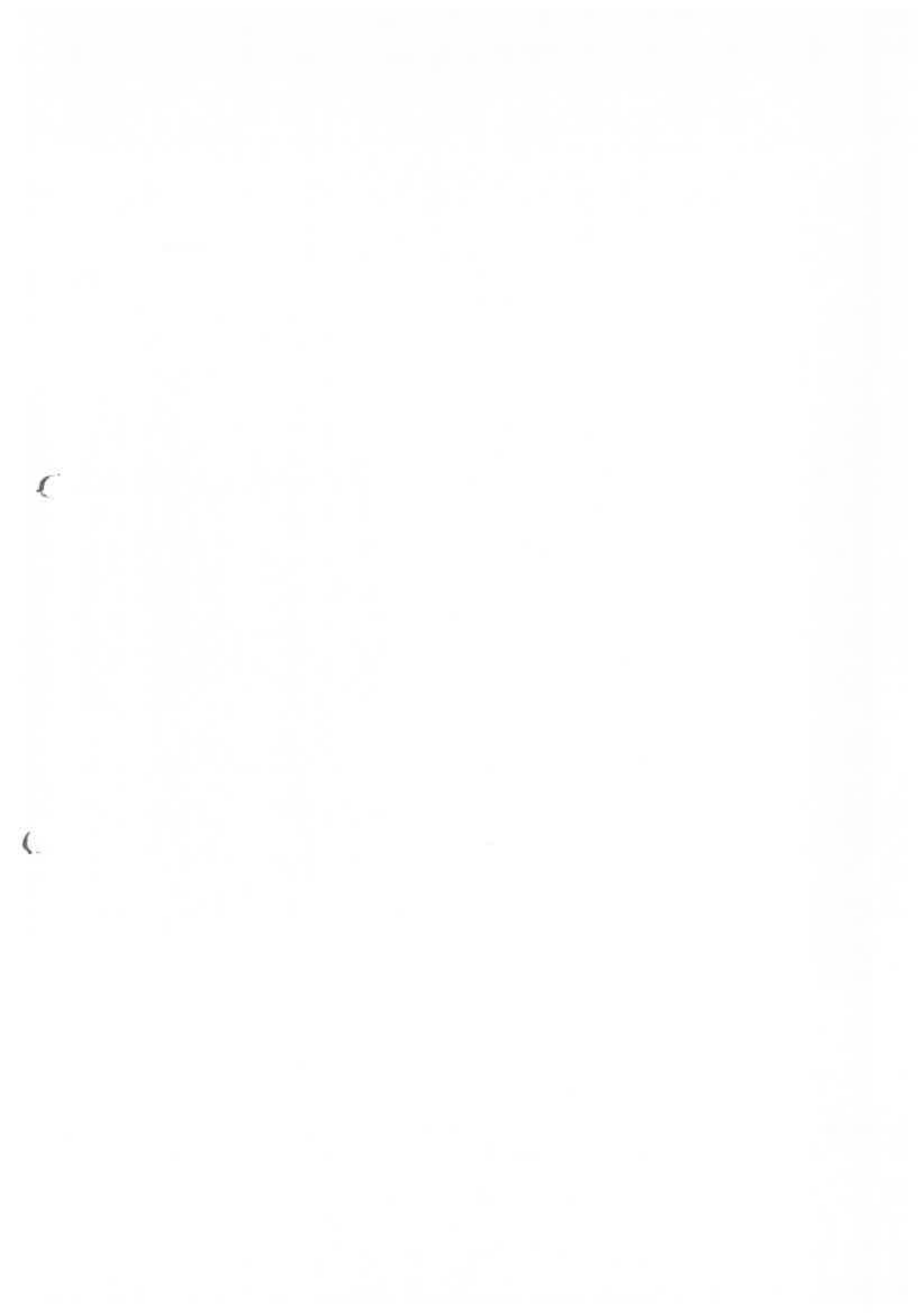
"I also try to make it to every Jets home game."

Rugby league aside, Tracey, who works at the Racehorse Hotel, is a keen cyclist and enjoys socialising.

She has planned a number of ventures to raise money for the quest, starting with a carwash at Target, Booval tomorrow from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

There will also be plenty of giveaways and raffles, including a football autographed by the Jets A grade side.

Tracey extended special thanks to her sponsors — Bumpa T Bumpa, Target (Booval), McDonalds and the Racehorse Hotel.



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Jets claw way back; coach Landy satisfied



IPSWICH rugby league coach Jim Landy left Dolphin Oval yesterday a satisfied man after the Jets' courageous 12-12 draw with Redcliffe.

In a dramatic turnaround from last week's loss to Wests, Ipswich fought back from a four-point deficit at halftime to snatch a much-needed premiership point.

The Jets also ended the Dolphins' seven-match winning streak.

Both sides are walking the semi-final's tightrope in fourth place on 15 points — one point ahead of defending premiers Valleys, who went down to Wests at Purcell Park.

The Panthers moved into outright third spot while Logan City joined Valleys in fifth position after their loss to Brothers at Crosby Park — latest table on page 23.

"I thought we did enough to win but I'm happy to come away from here with a point," Landy said.

"We were forced back (by the referee) 10 metres in defence instead of the mandatory five which put a huge amount of pressure on us out wide.

"We were under tremendous pressure for most of the first half and to hold out like we did was courageous.

"It's a good stepping stone for our next match against Valleys."

Landy's post-match comments were mirrored in the Jets' tackle sheet. They notched up more than 300 tackles with second rower Nick Brennan and lock Brad Chicken contributing 42 and 40 respectively.

Brennan and Chicken were well supported by props Brett Kaatz (39) and David Haug who made 28 hits, despite a severe bout of influenza.

"The defence was great but our kicking game could have been better. We could have cleared the ball a little bit earlier on a number of occasions," Landy said.

It seemed as though Landy took the words right out of Redcliffe coach Trevor Day's mouth.

"It was a tough defensive game and I'm happy to take the point," Day said.

"We knew they would be hard. They came off a flogging last week from Wests and had to improve."

Ipswich stunned Redcliffe with a straightforward backline try in the second minute from former Dolphins fullback Lex Neal.

The home side levelled eight minutes later when second rower Ian Graham unloaded to lock Gordon Barwick near the posts.

Redcliffe, buoyed an 8-2 penalty count in the first half, relentlessly pounded the Jets line and came up with their second try in the 27th minute through fullback Matt Barclay.

Dolphins centre Steve Cherry broke the line inside Ipswich's 22 and found co-centre Dean Revell who fed the ball to Barclay for a try in the corner.

In contrast to the first half, the Jets applied most of the pressure after the break.

A penalty goal to Ipswich in the 48th minute from right in front closed the gap to 10-8.

Redcliffe finally buckled 12 minutes later when the Jets scored after copybook quick hands to Tyrone Hooper on the wing.

A high tackle on Dolphins second rower James Wainwright in the 73rd minute resulted in a penalty right in front and skipper Trevor Benson was content to take the two points through the boot of Shaun Pringle. — Scott Thompson.

Scores: A grade: Ipswich 12 (L. Neal, T. Hooper tries; J. Hetherington 2 goals) drew with Redcliffe 12 (M. Barclay, G. Barwick tries; S. Pringle 2 goals).

Reserve grade: Redcliffe 52 (M. Anderson, J. Phillips, T. Webb, D. Bryan, S. Worden, B. Revell, B.

Rouse tries; A. Southward 8 goals) drew Ipswich 4 (R. Jones try).

Colts: Redcliffe 18 (C. Burrows 2, B. Rouse tries; S. Cook 3 goals) drew Ipswich 8 (J. Colburn try; J. Sessarago 2 goals).



● Ipswich five-eighth Jason Hetherington will be keeping his eye on the Logan City Scorpions at Meakin Park tomorrow

Jets must win over Scorpions



IPSWICH rugby league coach Jim Landy is not overly concerned about the "Sam Backo factor" as the Jets get set for their last roll of the Winfield Cup dice against Logan City at Meakin Park tomorrow.

Backo will start for the Scorpions who will be playing in front of a hometown crowd tipped to be in the vicinity of 10,000.

The former Test, Queensland and Broncos prop was used off the bench by coach Ken Coles against Brothers and Redcliffe but gets a start in a match the Jets must win to stay alive in the finals race.

"Obviously having a player of Sam's ability and experience in the team will lift Logan City," Landy said yesterday.

"He's a good ball distributor so we'll just have to go out to nullify him like we would any other forward.

"But this is really our last chance. Our backs are against the wall. We can either come out with a victory and go on with it or play the last two games for a bit of spending money.

"The players know it's make or break time and will have to put themselves on the line.

"I hear there's going to be a big crowd but what the hell. It will probably lift both sides."

The 118kg Backo, who quit the Broncos because of chronic knee problems, expects to get plenty of attention from the Ipswich defence.

"Everytime I go out to play I expect to get some attention," Backo said. "I've just got to go hard

Landy has made a number of changes to the side beaten 28-8 by Valleys, pending the outcome of fitness tests today.

Frontline goalkicker Brett Landrigan has been named as Craig Lawson's wing partner, but Landy conceded the blond-haired flyer was only a slim chance of overcoming an ankle ligament injury.

Should Landrigan be ruled out, Ty Hooper would be first choice but he is still not 100 percent after a bone-jarring collision with the North Ipswich Reserve goalposts last Sunday.

Landy has some respite in the form of Queensland under 19 centre Mark Denning, who has been named as a fresh reserve in his first match back from representative commitments.

Peter Dodd has earned a recall to A grade at halfback with Jason Hetherington moving back to five-eighth.

Craig Spark has been shifted back into the pack at second row with Steve Waters a fresh reserve.

"Brett is keen to play but the doctor doesn't give him much chance," Landy said.

"I don't know how Ty is yet either and we might even look at wing

Mark on the wing."

Landy wants quicker play-the-balls after last week's effort when, after splitting Valleys wide open, the Jets failed to finish off.

● The IMB Group, a Logan City firm behind the push to have a Logan City-based rugby league team in the Sydney competition by 2001, has planned a bumper day at Meakin Park.

The firm is giving away a Daihatsu Ferozza 4WD plus a dinghy and trailer and \$1500 worth of fuel from BP. Entry forms will be available at the ground.

There will be a celebrity touch football match at 12.30pm and a battle of the bands concert after the main game at 5pm.

● A supporters bus will leave the Jets clubhouse at 10.30am tomorrow. Cost is \$4 return and bookings can be made by contacting Bill Wilson on 281 2744.

The Jets team: Lex Neal (fullback), Craig Lawson, Brett Landrigan (wingers), Jack Simpson, Ross Williams (centres), Jason Hetherington (five-eighth), Peter Dodd (halfback), Brad Chicko (lock), Nick Brennan, Craig Spark (second row), Brett Kautz, David Haug, Ken Covington (props; one to be omitted), Steve Parrell (c) (hooker).

Reserves: Mark Denning, Steve Waters, Ty Hooper (subject to fitness).

Jets big guns fire; team back in hunt

By SCOTT THOMPSON

IPSWICH — bolstered by the return of their representative players — bounced back into the winner's circle with a convincing victory over Souths in yesterday's Winfield Cup rugby league clash at Davies Park.

Skipper Steve Parcell, lock Brad Chicken and second rower Craig Spark had missed four matches for the Jets because of Winfield State League commitments. They were yesterday instrumental as Ipswich claimed a comfortable 20-12 win and grabbed equal third spot on the ladder — see page 35.

The only setback for the visitors was an injury to left winger Craig Lawson. Lawson limped from the field in agony in the 63rd minute. Landy suspects a corked thigh.

While the Jets were deserved victors, Souths could consider themselves unlucky.

They trailed 14-8 at half-time and bombed three second half tries — two when they were held up over the line by some desperate Ipswich defence and another when centre Floyd Hill spilled a pass after Ken Robertson put him in the clear.

A disappointed coach Souths John Harvey agreed it was a case of missed opportunities for the Magpies who are six points off



● Ipswich skipper Steve Parcell — back to his best in the Jets win over Souths.

the final's pace. "We just put too much pressure on ourselves with dropped ball and those two scrums against the feed didn't help," Harvey said.

"But if we put three wins together in a row we'll be back in there. It's not beyond us."

On the other side of the dressing room wall, Ipswich coach Jim Landy was a little lost for words. Asked who his best players were, Landy replied: "I haven't thought about it — I'm on such a high."

Landy nominated the conces-

sion of penalties while in possession as the only flaw in his side's performance.

At half-time he told his players to control the ball better and cut down on mistakes in their own half. "We gave away a few penalties when we had the ball, which shouldn't happen."

Jets winger Brett Landrigan opened the try scoring in the 19th minute when he finished off a play engineered by Kerry McQuilty. The burly prop burst through the defence then laid the half back rugby union style for the support.

Souths drew level courtesy of a try near the posts in the 19th minute by second rower Paul Bartier. They edged ahead soon after when Stephen Milligan booted a penalty goal from right in front — the result of a professional foul by Jets second rower Nick Brennan, who copped 10 minutes in the sin bin for his trouble.

But Souths' lead was short-lived. Ipswich struck back with two tries two minutes apart before half-time from Chicken and centre Jack Simpson.

Referee Dewar dashed the Magpies hopes of pegging back Ipswich's lead seven minutes after the break when he ruled that hooker Milligan was held up over the line.

Quick-thinking Jets halfback Peter Dodd established an unsailable lead for his side midway through the second half when he skirted around the scrum base to score after Ipswich won a tight-head close to the line.

Former Ipswich player Tony Waddups and Jamie Oates crossed for Souths in the 74th and 76th minutes respectively but by then it was too late.

Ipswich meet Winfield Cup cellar dwellers Wynnum at Kianawah Road on Sunday but coach Landy isn't counting on an easy two premiership points.

"There are a number of sides like Souths who are a bit out of finals contention but look good on paper and are dangerous to the top sides. We're taking it week-to-week," Landy said.

A grade: Ipswich 20 (B Landrigan, B Chicken, J Simpson, P Dodd tries; Landrigan 2 goals) d Souths 12 (P Bartier, J Oates tries; S Milligan 2 goals).

Reserve grade: Souths 14 (D Jones, J Moynahan, P Nocon, C Moroney tries; W Cameron 3, J Wakefield 1 goals) d Ipswich 12 (C Brennan, S Waters tries; M Doyle 2 goals).

Colts: Ipswich 14 (S Jackwitz, M Pearce tries; J Sessarago 3 goals) d Souths 12 (T Drury, W Gutu-gutuwai tries; L Wrigley 2 goals).



• Key players in the Ipswich colts semi-finals charge, from left, Graham Taylor, Shane Jackwitz, Jason Sessarago and Craig Cochrane.

Colts fighting for finals spot

IPSWICH Jets colts coach Keith Polkinghorne can empathise with Broncos coach Wayne Bennett.

Polkinghorne's young Jets, like Bennett's Broncos, can't afford to drop a match in the race for the playoffs — every match is like a grand final.

So congested is the colts' competition ladder that two successive losses would virtually put Ipswich out of the premiership hunt.

The Jets are currently in equal fourth spot on 14 points with Souths. Brothers, whom they meet at Crosby Park on Sunday, are two points ahead on 16 while Easts and Valleys share the lead with 18 points each.

However, it's the bottom half of the table which concerns Polkinghorne most.

Wynnum and Wests are on 12 and 10 points respectively and are breathing down the necks of the top four teams.

"Our main aim is to get in the four," Polkinghorne said, who is in his third season as colts coach.

"It's very tight. We have to win every game from here on."

The Jets have made an impressive start to the second round of the competition with wins over Souths (14-12) and Wynnum (22-8)

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our last two matches. That was a tough game against Wynnum — one of our hardest this year," Polkinghorne said.

Polkinghorne is familiar with success. He steered the Ipswich colts to an emphatic 22-16 win over Valleys in last year's grand final and the year before, won the minor premiership.

He was reluctant to compare the 1991 colts — which contains five members of last year's premiership winning side — with their predecessors.

• **Meanwhile,** Jets reserve grade coach Shaun O'Loan reckons his side can string together a few more wins before the season is out.

The reserve graders have only won two matches this season but their 30-4 cakewalk over Wynnum last Sunday augers well for the remainder of the season.

The reserve grade table: Valleys 20; Easts 16; Wests 14; Norths 14; Souths 12; Brothers 12; Redcliffe 10; Logan City 8; Ipswich 4; Wynnum 0.

The colts grade table: Easts 18; Valleys 18; Brothers 16; Souths 14; Ipswich 14; Wynnum 12; Wests 10; Redcliffe 6; Norths 2; Logan City 0.

● Halfback torments Scorpions

Q Jets back in business

INDUSTRIOUS Ipswich rugby league halfback Peter Dodd returned to his best form as the Jets scored Logan City's big day at Meakin Park yesterday with a comfortable 32-12 win.

Dodd, who was used as a fresh piece against Redcliffe and Valleys, rewarded coach Jim Landy's faith in recalling him to A grade with a polished all-round performance in front of a record 5000-plus crowd.

He continually turned the Scorpions around with his deft boot, landing kicks, booted four tries from seven attempts, scored a try and had a hand in several others.

While Landy was full of praise for Dodd, his rival coach Ken Coles probably paid him the highest compliment.

"I knew we would have to wait for him," Coles said. "All we had to do was keep a straight line in defence but instead they just chased him everywhere and the game opened up."

"It was the worst I've seen us play in two years — they just didn't tackle. I ripped right into them at half time but obviously it fell on deaf ears."

The only player who played up to his potential was Aaron Street (halfback).

Coles meant what he said. When asked what he thought of former Ipswich prop Sam Backo's form, his reply was instant: "On a par with the rest of the forwards. I think everyone would agree with that."

Apart from a baring try in the 14th minute, Backo rarely troubled Ipswich and was replaced 15 minutes into the second half.

In stark contrast to Coles' post-match assessment, Landy called the victory — which put Ipswich back within striking distance of the finals — as one of the most satisfying this season.

"It was a good all-round effort today," Landy said. "Daddy Ball kicked back really well. He and Jason (Hetherington) gave us a bit of zip in the back."

By SCOTT THOMPSON

"We made four mistakes in the first half and they scored off two of them. In the second half we just had to get down out of errors and go on with it."

"It was a game we had to win but unfortunately we have to rely a bit on the results of the other games too."

Fate was kind to Landy and his Jets. Valley's loss to Norths at Bishop Park has enabled Ipswich to sneak into fifth place and one win out of the four — see table page 21.

Ipswich went into the break with a slender 14-12 lead after three goals from the boot of Dodd and tries to centre Mark Denning in the ninth minute and winger Jack Simpson five minutes before half time.

As the scoreline indicated, the second half was all green and white.

The Scorpions defence around the ruck was like wet toilet paper — and the likes of Dodd, skipper Steve Parcell and second rowers Nick Brennan and Craig Spark tore it to shreds.

Dodd put the Jets on a roll five minutes after the resumption when he finished off a brilliant run up the sideline by outside centre Ross Williams.

It was the first of a series of "soft" tries for Ipswich.

● Jets scores

A grade: Ipswich 32 (M Denning, J Simpson, C Spark, S Waters, P Dodd tries; Dodd 4 goals, Simpson 2 goals) & Logan City 12 (S Backo, P Fisher tries; D Hughes 2 goals).

Reserve grade: Ipswich 18 (K Clifford, J Allen, J Leubben tries; D Wendi 2 goals, Allen 1) & Logan City 14 (T Oudier 2 tries, 3 goals).

Cote: Ipswich 88 (D Rasmussen 2, J Scaarago 2, J Leubben 2, J Schloos, M Peters, A Hiddulph, G Taylor tries; Scaarago 9 goals) & Logan City 9.

● Ipswich club wrap-up — p24.

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● Ipswich's destructive halfback Peter Dodd outsmarts Logan's Gary O'Brien during yesterday's Brisbane competition match at Logan City. Jets won 32-12.

Pressure is on for Jets against Norths in finals countdown

IF PRESSURE turns coal into diamonds, then the Ipswich Jets will be sparkling like an 18 carat gem against Norths tomorrow at North Ipswich Reserve.

The Jets are on the frontier of Winfield Cup rugby league oblivion and must beat Norths to keep their semi-final flag flying.

With two rounds remaining, Ipswich is two points out of the four while the Tom Rendonikis-coached Devils have a three point break in second place.

Ipswich has retained the line-up which trounced Logan City 32-12 last Sunday for tomorrow's final home game of the season.

The only injury cloud hangs over reserve forward Brett Kastz, who has a quadriceps tear.

Winger Brett Landrigan's injured ankle has not responded to treatment and he was not considered for selection.

Halfback Peter Dodd and centre Jack Simpson, who slotted a late goal

from the sideline against Logan City, will share the kicking duties.

Jets coach Jim Landy will put the side through a final training session this morning and is confident his team can upset the high-flying Devils.

"We've had a good couple of training nights this week," Landy said. "The players know their backs are to the wall and they're responding."

"This game is worth everything for us if we're going to be there come September."

While Landy has earmarked elusive fullback Pat Cleary and second rower Darryl Duncan as Norths' "match breakers", he said his side wouldn't fall into the trap of marking them at the expense of others.

"We're just going to employ a similar pattern to what worked for us last week — control their ball players and pin down the support players," Landy said.

"They're a pretty mobile side. We



● Ipswich Jets' halfback Peter Dodd (left) avoids the tangle as Valleys' lock Terry Catton and Jet Craig Spark collide in last month's Winfield Cup action at North Ipswich Reserve. Ipswich play Norths in this weekend's do-or-die battle.

have to control the forwards and negate the ball getting to their backs."

The Ipswich team: Len Neal (fullback), Mark Deane, Craig Lawson (wingers), Jack Simpson, Ross Williams (centres), Ja-

son Metherington (five-eighths), Peter Dodd (halfback), Brad Chicken (lock), Craig Spark, Nick Brennan (second rower), David Hogg, Ken Corvington (front row), Steve Parcell (hooker). Reserves: Steve Walters, Tryone Hooper, Brett Kastz.

In other Jets news, players and supporters are invited to reunite at the ground after tomorrow's match. Country singer Noel Williams, Ipswich's version of Slim Dusty, will appear at the clubhouse from 5pm to 7pm — Lesley Tapnell.

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Ovens, Olsen playing for London club next season

FORMER Ipswich Jets players Ray Ovens and Ben Olsen have been included in an ambitious plan by former Australian halfback Ross Strudwick to build up a rugby league base in the soccer-mad British capital of London.

Strudwick is the head coach and driving force behind second-division club Fulham, London's sole professional outfit, which yesterday announced a name change to London Crusaders and a \$161,000 three-year sponsorship deal.

Strudwick announced the signing of four new imports, all from Queensland. They are Ipswich halfback Ray Ovens, 27; 23-year-old Valleys full back Shane Buckley; front rower and Queensland representative Frank Rolls, 22, also from Valleys; and Queensland Rugby Union convert Ben Olsen, 26, who will play in

the second row and spent a few seasons with Ipswich.

With the changes and new signings, Strudwick hopes to chisel out a base and greater support for the game and the club in London and gain a promotion to the first division.

British Olympic bobsleigh brakeman Jason Wing has also signed up to join the aggressive new line-up in the coming season.

Wing, 25, gave up his place in the British bobsleigh squad training for the 1992 Albertville winter Olympics to become a Crusader.

In addition to being a nationally ranked 100m sprinter and high jumper, the 95-kilogram wing has played schoolboy rugby union and amateur rugby league and will play on the flank for Strudwick.

"These signings are the first in a regular

aggressive recruitment program to find more top quality young London players and all-round sportsmen for the club," Strudwick said.

"The aim is to make the capital and its club a major force in what is seen by many as a northern England sport."

The London club, formed 11 years ago, has landed a new three-year sponsorship deal with leading international sports kit supplier Buxton Connection which will help market the club in the capital where soccer is the dominant sport.

One of the club's first major challenges will be the visit of UK league giants Wigan on September 15, in the first round of the Lancashire Cup, which will be played at the Crystal Palace National stadium, now the Crusaders' regular home.



● Ray Ovens.



● Ben Olsen.

Coles to coach Jets

LOGAN City rugby league coach Ken Coles is set to take over from Jim Landy as Ipswich Jets coach next season.

Coles' appointment is expected to be ratified at a Jets board meeting at the North Ipswich Reserve on Tuesday night.

Coles, who has coached the Scorpions for the past two seasons, is believed to have met with Ipswich officials this week and has agreed to contractual conditions.

He will take over the reins from Landy who last night confirmed he did not reapply for a fourth term.

"I never applied. I had a good think about it and decided the urge (to coach) wasn't as strong as it was," Landy said.

"I phoned a few of the players to tell them I was going to have a spell next season.

"I'm looking forward to a break

after such a long period — I've been coaching for 19 years — and will be leaving on good terms.

"I'll definitely be looking to coach again somewhere in the future. Whoever is coaching the Jets next year I wish them all the best and hope for a successful season."

Landy has coached the Jets for the past three seasons after taking over from Tom Raudonikis at the end of 1988.

He guided the club to an A grade grand final appearance in 1989 and a QRL Sevens victory this season.

"I'm a bit disappointed the way things went this year — we never went on with it. But a premiership is there for the taking in future years."

● **In other news**, Jets halfback Peter Dodd pipped Wests' Adrian Lam to win the Cathay Pacific Player of the Year. Dodd, 21, wins a trip to London. — **Scott Thompson**



● Ken Coles — set to take over the reins at Ipswich next season

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Chicken weighs options

IPSWICH Jets rugby league Player of the Year Brad Chicken is still undecided for next season.

The promising 21-year-old lock forward, whose contract with Ipswich expired at the end of the season, conceded he had spoken to Jets coach Ken Coles as well as Wests, but was yet to make a decision.

"I haven't made up my mind what I'll do yet. I'll just wait and see what happens," Chicken said yesterday.

"I had a pretty good season — better than last year — and just hope I can keep playing well."

The coveted Player of the Year award capped a memorable season for Chicken who shone in an otherwise bleak Winfield Cup season for the Jets.

After winning the inaugural Queensland Rugby League Sevens tournament and starting the Winfield Cup with five consecutive victories, the Jets faded in the finals race.

Chicken, who became a regular in the Jets pack this season after spending the previous year in the backline, missed only four Winfield Cup fixtures — one through injury and three through representative commitments with the Brisbane Metros State League side.

Chicken said he had taken on a weight-gain regimen during the off season in a bid to boost his 83kg frame to the 90kg plus mark.

"Last year I was in the centres but I was a lock before that. I enjoy playing lock a lot more and was lucky I only played in the backs once this season," he said.

"I want to stay in the forwards and I'll be doing some weights to see if I can put on some weight for next year. I'd be happy if I could get up to about 90kg."



● Ipswich Jets 1991 Player of the Year Brad Chicken — undecided on his future.

Other Jets award winners: Under 19: Craig Cochran (Best Forward), Mark Denning (Colt of the Year), Jim Leunhan (Best Back). Reserve grade: Dale Wendt (Best

Back), Rick Jones (Best Forward), Simon Tracy (Best and Fairest). A grade: Jason Hetherington (Best Back), Nick Brennan (Best Forward).

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A GRADE

Colin Anderson
Chris Brennan
Nick Brennan
Brad Chicken
Mark Denning
Kennith Covington
Brain Cumner
Peter Dodd
David Haug
Jason Hethrington
Tyron Hooper
Brett Kaatz
Brett Landrigan
Craig Lawson
Sell McConnell
Kerry McQuilty
Ken Mercy
Danny Moore
Lex Neal
Shane Page
Steve Parcell (Capt)
Jack Simpson
Ross Williams
Craig Spark
Tony Watson

RESERVE GRADE

James Allen
James Aitkin
Colin Anderson
Chris Brennan
Nicholas Brennan
James Broadway
Garry Browning
Brad Chicken
Kennith Covington
Ken Crane
Brian Cumner
Mathew Doyle
Jim Allen
Jamie Green
Tyron Hooper
Rick Jones
Brett Kaatz
Shaun Knight
Brett Landrigan
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Shane Page
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Sam Ward
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Dale Wendt (Capt)
Rodney Wendy
Scott Williams
Mathew Williamson

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Shane Economidis
Toa Eva
Doug Evens (Capt)
Dean Gibb
Shane Jackwitz
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29th March, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 1		
Brothers	V	Western Suburbs	at	Crosby Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Valleys	at	Langlands Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Davies Park	
Logan City	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Meakin Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Redcliffe	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
5th April, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 2		
Valleys	V	Brothers	at	Neumann Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Western Suburbs	at	Bishop Park	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Kougari Oval	
Redcliffe	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Dolphin Oval	
Logan City	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Meakin Park	
12th April, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 3		
Brothers	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Crosby Park	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Valleys	at	Kougari Oval	
Western Suburbs	V	Redcliffe	at	Purtell Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Meakin Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Logan City	at	Davies Park	
19th April, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 4		
Brothers	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Crosby Park	
Redcliffe	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Dolphin Oval	
Ipswich Jets	V	Valleys	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Logan City	V	Western Suburbs	at	Meakin Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Langlands Park	
26th April, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 5		
Redcliffe	V	Brothers	at	Dolphin Oval	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Kougari Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Logan City	at	Bishop Park	
Valleys	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Neumann Oval	
Western Suburbs	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Purtell Park	
10th May, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 6		
Ipswich Jets	V	Brothers	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Logan City	V	Redcliffe	at	Meakin Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Davies Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Langlands Park	
Valleys	V	Western Suburbs	at	Neumann Oval	
17th May, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 7		
Brothers	V	Logan City	at	Crosby Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Redcliffe	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Dolphin Oval	
Western Suburbs	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Purtell Park	
Northern Suburbs	V	Valleys	at	Bishop Park	
24th May, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 8		
Southern Suburbs	V	Brothers	at	Davies Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Logan City	at	Langlands Park	
Western Suburbs	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Purtell Park	
Valleys	V	Redcliffe	at	Neumann Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Bishop Park	
31st May, 1992			ROUND 1 / SERIES 9		
Brothers	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Crosby Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Western Suburbs	at	Davies Park	
Logan City	V	Valleys	at	Meakin Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Redcliffe	at	Kougari Oval	

7th June, 1992			CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY		
14th June, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 1		
Western Suburbs	V	Brothers	at	Purtell Park	
Valleys	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Neumann Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Bishop Park	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Logan City	at	Kougari Oval	
Redcliffe	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Dolphin Oval	
21st June, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 2		
Brothers	V	Valleys	at	Crosby Park	
Western Suburbs	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Purtell Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Langlands Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Redcliffe	at	Davies Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Logan City	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
28th June, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 3		
Northern Suburbs	V	Brothers	at	Bishop Park	
Valleys	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Neumann Oval	
Redcliffe	V	Western Suburbs	at	Dolphin Oval	
Ipswich Jets	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Logan City	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Meakin Park	
5th July, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 4		
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Brothers	at	Kougari Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Redcliffe	at	Bishop Park	
Valleys	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Neumann Oval	
Western Suburbs	V	Logan City	at	Purtell Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Davies Park	
12th July, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 5		
Brothers	V	Redcliffe	at	Crosby Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Logan City	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Meakin Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Valleys	at	Davies Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Western Suburbs	at	Langlands Park	
19th July, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 6		
Brothers	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Crosby Park	
Redcliffe	V	Logan City	at	Dolphin Oval	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Kougari Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Bishop Park	
Western Suburbs	V	Valleys	at	Purtell Park	
26th July, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 7		
Logan City	V	Brothers	at	Meakin Park	
Southern Suburbs	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Davies Park	
Eastern Suburbs	V	Redcliffe	at	Langlands Park	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Western Suburbs	at	Purtell Park	
Valleys	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Neumann Oval	
2nd August, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 8		
Brothers	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Crosby Park	
Logan City	V	Eastern Suburbs	at	Meakin Park	
Ipswich Jets	V	Western Suburbs	at	Nth Ipswich Res	
Redcliffe	V	Valleys	at	Dolphin Oval	
Wynnum Seagulls	V	Northern Suburbs	at	Kougari Oval	
9th August, 1992			ROUND 2 / SERIES 9		
Eastern Suburbs	V	Brothers	at	Langlands Park	
Western Suburbs	V	Southern Suburbs	at	Purtell Park	
Valleys	V	Logan City	at	Neumann Oval	
Northern Suburbs	V	Ipswich Jets	at	Bishop Park	
Redcliffe	V	Wynnum Seagulls	at	Dolphin Oval	

FINAL SERIES

16th August, 1992
KNOCK-OUT SEMI FINAL
23rd August, 1992
MAJOR SEMI FINAL

30th August, 1992
PRELIMINARY FINAL
6th September, 1992
GRAND FINAL

Ken Coles
A Grade
Coach
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Togia has mixed emotions



● Ipswich's Junior Togia crunches a Gold Coast opponent during a pre-season trial. Togia will turn out for the Jets A grade side at fullback in tomorrow's Winfield Cup opener against Redcliffe.

BY GUY HARD

NEW Ipswich Jets rugby league fullback Junior Togia will make his A grade debut tomorrow against Redcliffe in place of the man who has taken him under his wing.

Togia, 19, has been elevated to replace dropped fullback Lex Neal, who the former Auckland rugby union junior believes is one of the main reasons he has been playing so well.

"I feel like Macbeth," Togia said. "Lex Neal's the guy who worked me into first grade. He gave me the confidence to do well and now I've taken his spot."

"He's given me all this help and I've done a Pearl Harbour job on him."

But Togia, who returned to Ipswich this year after a brief stint with Sydney club side Wests, now wants to cement an A grade spot with the Jets.

"I really want to stay here now that I've made it here," Togia said.

"I feel bad about Lex but I really want to play somewhere in the A grade team."

Togia, originally from Auckland, came to Australia with his family five years ago but only switched to league in 1990.

Wests plucked him out of the Jets under 19 side last year after three games, but homesickness caused Togia to return to Brisbane.

"I just didn't really like it down there. I missed my family and that so I decided to come back," Togia said.

Togia, a student teacher at QUT's Kelvin Grove campus, is noted for his strong



● Lex Neal — keen to regain his spot.

attacking running from fullback and his ability to break the line, but realises A grade will be a different story.

"When I'm running the ball up, I usually try and break the first two tackles," Togia said.

"But this is A grade, so I'll have to make the first tackle and then try and work a bit to get through."

● In other news, reserve grade fullback Steve Waters has a fractured skull and will be out for at least six weeks.

Waters was injured in the Jets reserve grade trial against Norths last week.

Doctors detected his fractured skull during brain scans after Waters complained of headaches.

● Meanwhile, Western Suburbs' tough forward pack must lift its act against a legacious Easts in tonight's NSWRL match at Campbelltown.

The Wests pack includes internationals Bob Lindner, Paul Langmack and David Gillespie but the side was found wanting up front by Balmain last week.

"The forwards is where the platform must come from," said Wests chief executive Stephen Noyce. "There's a lot of confidence in the side for this match and we have no problems at all," he said.

Easts opened their campaign with a good win over St George and a crucial clash could come in the second row.

Ipswich Jets: Junior Togia (fullback); Brett Landrigan, Craig Lawson (wingers); Brad Denham, Jack Simpson (centres); Ross Williams (five-eighth); Jason Hetherington (halfback); Rob Newell; Brett Kasz (props); Scott Williams (hooker); Derek Flucker, Craig Spark (second row); Brad Chicken (lock).

Halves hold key

IPSWICH Jets coach Ken Coles will put job before sentiment when his team play Logan City in their Winfield Cup rugby league premiership match at Meakin Park tomorrow.

Coles' first Queensland coaching position was with Logan City when he arrived from Sydney, but he departed Meakin Park to link up with the Jets this season.

"I've got a bit of sentiment there, since they were the ones who gave me a coaching post when I first came up from Sydney," Coles said.

"But I look at coaching like a job. I get paid by Ipswich and I desperately want Ipswich to win.

"We have a better side than Logan City and if we play to our potential, I'm confident we can win."

No-one knows Meakin Park better than Coles, but he can expect a less-than-warm reception when he returns to his old stamping ground.

The match has been heavily publicised in the Logan



• Ken Coles — job before sentiment.

City press and while Coles expects a bumper crowd to turn up to "jeer a Jet", he believes his side has an advantage in the halves over the Scorpions.

While coaching Logan City last season, Coles was on the wrong end of the magic of Jets halfback Peter Dodd at Meakin Park, with Ipswich winning 32-10.

But Dodd, recalled to A grade this week, will line up on Coles' side tomorrow.

"I expect us to beat them around the halves area. We're still a little off in our fitness but I'm confident we're better than them," Coles said.

"Peter will have to produce a big game. He knows we've got Todd Brown coming back from injury soon so he'll have to produce the goods."

Ipswich Jets: Jack Simpson (fullback); Brett Landrigan, Craig Lawson (wingers); Ross Williams, Brad Denham (centres); Jason Hetherington (five-eighth); Peter Dodd (halfback); Rob Newell, Brett Kaatz (props); Scott Williams (hooker); Derek Flucker, Craig Spark (second row); Brad Chicken (lock).

Jets minus Denham

By GUY HAND

A BROKEN hand has forced Ipswich Jets three-quarter Brad Denham out of his side's crucial Winfield Cup rugby league clash with defending premiers Easts at Langlands Park tomorrow.

Denham played for most of last week's 32-12 loss to Logan City with a broken hand, and was also found to have a hairline rib fracture after the match.

Coach Ken Coles has promoted inform under 19 back Jim Lenihan to A grade for the match to replace Denham on the wing.

"We've still got a pretty good side even though we've got a lot of blokes out," Coles said.



"The thing is that if the replacements perform, they'll stay in A grade." The Jets worked on their handling, which let them down dismally against Logan City last week, in their final training hitout before the Easts match last night.

Coles put the side through a tough session of ballwork, designed to minimise errors against the newlook Easts side under former Australian hooker

John Lang. Although Easts are without many of their grand final team from last year, including Gold Coast Seagulls signings Darren Wolans and Ian Stains, Coles still believes the Tigers will be hard to toss at home.

"They'll still have a pretty good side out there," he said.

"I'm sure Johnny Lang will have plenty up his sleeve for us."

Former Bundeigh Bulls front rower Chris Rehurger will make his Winfield Cup debut for the Jets in place of the suspended Rob Newell.

Ipswich Jets: Lex Neal (fullback); Craig Lawson, Jim Lenihan (wingers); Jason Hetherington, Chris Brennan (centres); Ross Williams (five-eighth); Peter Dodd (halfback); Chris Rehurger, Brett Kuntz (props); Scott Williams (hooker); Derek Fletcher, Craig Spark (second row); Brad Chicken (lock).

Dodd earns recall

THE Ipswich Jets will gamble with brilliant three-quarter Jack Simpson at fullback in their Winfield Cup rugby league showdown with Logan City at Meakin Park on Sunday.

The Jets have dropped youngster Junior Togia, who played fullback in Ipswich's 22-18 win over Redcliffe on Sunday, and elevated Peter Dodd to A grade.

Dodd, who had been sidelined with a broken jaw, impressed as a replacement on Sunday.

His inclusion at halfback has meant a backline reshuffle, with Jason Hetherington moving from halfback to five-eighth, captain Ross Williams from five-eighth to centre and Simpson from centre to fullback.

Regular fullback Lex Neal, dropped from A grade last week, will play in reserve grade this weekend after missing the Redcliffe match with head injuries received in a bashing while leaving work in Brisbane on Thursday night.

Jets coach Ken Coles said using Simp-

son at fullback was an idea he had been waiting to try.

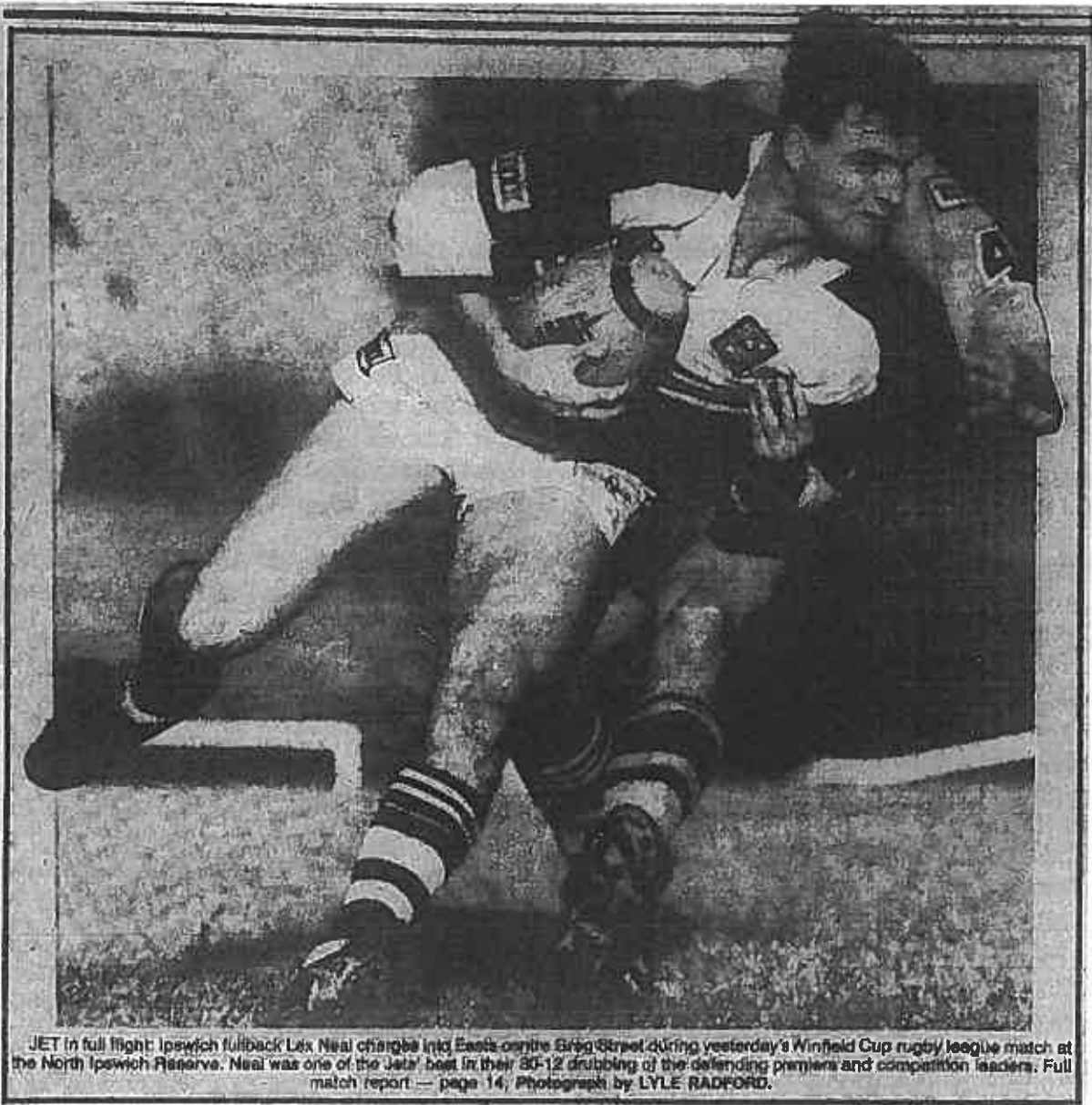
"I've always had a feeling that I've wanted to try him there," Coles said. "With all the things that have happened in the last week, I've now got a chance to do it. Lex will come back this Sunday in reserve grade. Because he didn't play last week he still has to fix his problems so he'll be in reserves."

Coles said he felt this week's team would perform better than the side he ran on against Redcliffe.

"That's a better balanced side than last week's team and we played the last 20 minutes of that game with this line-up," Coles said. "It's probably a gamble using Peter Dodd as well, but he looked good in the last 20 minutes and did enough to warrant selection."

Ipswich Jets: Jack Simpson (fullback); Brett Landrigan, Craig Lawson (wingers); Ross Williams, Brad Denham (centres); Jason Hetherington (five-eighth); Peter Dodd (halfback); Rob Newell, Brett Kaatz (props); Scott Williams (hooker); Derek Flucker, Craig Spark (second row); Brad Chicken (lock).

6-6-1992



JET in full flight: Ipswich fullback Lex Neal charges into Easts on the Greg Street during yesterday's Winfield Cup rugby league match at the North Ipswich Reserve. Neal was one of the Jets' best in their 30-12 drubbing of the defending premiers and competition leaders. Full match report — page 14; Photograph by LYLE RADFORD.

—Jets out to restore lost pride—

OUTGOING Ipswich Jets rugby league coach Ken Coles is hoping the intense media speculation surrounding the club this week can work to their advantage when they take on Souths at Davies Park tomorrow.

The Jets have been in the news for all the wrong reasons this week, with Coles' announcement he would not be coaching at Ipswich next season sparking a public slanging match and speculation as to the club's future.

The simmering row between the Jets and the local league also came to a head this week, with talk now rife that Ipswich's Winfield Cup side will leave the city to play their home matches at Lang Park next season.

Brisbane Division chairman Kevin Brasch has opened the way for



the Jets to use Lang Park for home matches next season if it could help the club in any way.

Presently the Jets reap only 25 percent of bar takings and none from canteen profits. The canteen contract is held by local league club Booval Swifts, with the Jets likely to be better off financially if they moved to Lang Park.

Ipswich Rugby League chairman Noel Brown, whose body controls the local rugby league clubs at loggerheads with the Jets, refused to

comment on the possibility the Jets may leave the city for Brisbane.

"If it is beneficial for the Jets good luck to them but until it becomes more than talk I don't have any comment to make on it," Brown said.

Coles is now trying to rally his troops for their match against sixth-placed Souths. "We've just got to get on with the job and try to score a few more wins before the season ends," he said.

Brad Chicken's troublesome sternum injury is still not healed and he is under a cloud.

Ipswich Jets: Lex Neal (fullback); Brett Landrigan, Craig Lawson (wingers); Ross Williams, Junior Toja (centres); Jason Hetherington (five-eighth); Peter Dodd (halfback); Ken Covington, Rob Newell (props); Simon Tracey (hooker); Brad Chicken, Brett Kantz (second row); Craig Spark (lock).

Jets colts keep club flame alight

THERE'S always light at the end of the tunnel they say, and for the Ipswich Jets this season it's our colts team.

In what has been a barren year at the North Ipswich Reserve, Chris Fullarton's promising colts have kept the flame flickering for the future of the club.

They proved that with a flawless 32-12 win over premierships hot-shots Souths at Davies Park on Sunday. Fair dinkum, it was one of the most impressive performances I've seen from a football side all season. They absolutely wiped the Magpies to move into clear third spot.

Although it was an outstanding team effort, there were a couple of individuals who stood tall.

Jim Lenihan, playing in the uncustomary role of lock forward, was as busy as a Baghdad bricklayer — he rattled off 28 hits before halftime. Jimmy had great support from Steve Boothby while Shane Jackwitz and James Schultz were brilliant in the backline.

There's no doubting that Chris Fullarton is a talented coach and this colts side is a credit to him.

One thing I noticed after the match was that they didn't seem overwhelmed by the result. To them it wasn't an upset. It was like they went out and did what they expected to do — and that's a sign of a good football team.

They still need to work hard to win the premiership and if or when they claim the flag they can rest easy knowing they worked for it harder than any other team.



— League —

UNFORTUNATELY it was another disjointed performance from the A grade side after a week of disruptions.

I'm not making any excuses — we were beaten by a better side — suffice to say we had nothing going for us on the day.

After the problems during the week, we arrived at Davies Park with no strapper and 12 players. It proved a mixture for failure.

But don't write us off against Wests at the Reserve on Sunday. There's still plenty of pride among the players and we're confident we can roll the Panthers. We've done our homework on them and know we have the ability to throw a spanner in their semi-final works.

12-7-1992



● Hard-working Jets second rower Brad Chicken sidesteps Wynnum centre Ricky Taylor yesterday at North Ipswich Reserve. Ipswich lost 32-14.

Pride inspires spirited colts

By SCOTT THOMPSON

IPSWICH rugby league colts coach Chris Fullarton singled out pride as the impetus behind his side's heart-stopping 42-26 knockout semi-final win over Valleys in extra time at Lang Park yesterday.

The young Jets looked spent when they trailed 22-8 two minutes into the second half. But they chipped away at the Diehards' lead to draw level (22-22) by fulltime and powered home in extra time with an overwhelming finish that would have done Kieren Perkins proud.

"It's all about pride and courage. Pride in themselves, pride in their team, in their jersey and their club," a relieved Fullarton said.

"When any one of these blokes pulls on a jersey I know they're going to go out and give their all.

"I wasn't feeling that good when they (Valleys) scored after halftime but I always knew that if we got enough possession our backs could do the job."

The Jets' effort was all the more commendable considering they were without star lock Jeremy Schloss, who injured his ankle on

Friday night, while hooker Michael Pearce was lucky to play after battling an energy-sapping stomach virus on Saturday night.

Fullarton injected Pearce into the match shortly before halftime and it was no coincidence that his presence heralded the Jets revival.

"Bunny (Pearce) was still crook this morning — that's why I couldn't start him. I didn't think he'd even get on the field," Fullarton said. "I know I've said it before but he's got Sydney written all over him. He could play anywhere in first grade."

The Diehards snatched a 10-4 lead by the 20th minute thanks to five-eighth Des Challen who scored under the posts from dummy half from five metres out before working a short blind to send centre Steve Blacker over.

Ipswich kept in touch through centre James Schultz's try out wide in the 27th minute but Valleys lock Danny Boston set up a 16-8 half-time lead for his side when he forged another crack in the Jets' middle to score under the posts.

When Diehards fullback Jason Maloney cut through the Ipswich backline to score two minutes after

the resumption, the Jets' premiership bid seemed finished.

If it was doomed, the Lenihan brothers — Jim and Tom — knew nothing of it as they cranked the Ipswich backline into overdrive.

Winger Tom was finally rewarded with a try in the 47th minute after being denied two earlier opportunities through some desperate Valleys cover.

Centre Jim had everyone guessing — except the referee — six minutes later when he scored a cheeky try from a play-the-ball on the line to close the gap to 22-16.

Winger Shane Jackwitz crossed for his second try in the 60th minute and prop Matt Trevorow converted from the sideline to lock the score up at 22-22.

As the Ipswich revival gained momentum, the rot set in for Valleys. Trevorow narrowly missed a penalty goal attempt in the 65th which would have completed the Jets "escape", but the writing was on the wall for the tiring Diehards.

Ipswich 42 (S Jackwitz 2, T Bannister 2, J Schultz 2, J Lenihan, T Lenihan, D Gibb tries; S Jackwitz 2 goals, M Trevorow one goal) d Valleys 26 (J Maloney 2, S Blacker, D Challen, D Boston; S Johnson 3 goals).

9-8-1992



► Jets centre Jim Lenihan (right) manages to slip a pass to five-eighth Dean Gibb in support.

11-8-1992

Bow-tied Jets trio chase Rothman Medal dream



◉ Ipswich lock Craig Spark tries his tuxedo out for size for tonight's 25th Rothmans Medal dinner in Brisbane. Spark, Jason Hetherington and Brett Kaatz are the Jets three candidates for the rugby league best and fairest award.

◉ Photograph by Kym McEwan-Watson

THREE Ipswich Jets have swapped strapping tape and jerseys for bow ties and dinner jackets as they line up for tonight's Brisbane rugby league "night of nights" — the Rothmans' Medal dinner.

Hardworking forward Brett Kaatz and Queensland Residents representatives Craig Spark and Jason Hetherington are the Jets' candidates for the 25th annual best and fairest award.

The coveted Rothmans Medal is judged by referees who award points on a three-two-one basis to players during Winfield Cup fixtures. Any player sent off (and not exonerated) is ineligible.

Kaatz, who played every Winfield Cup match for Ipswich this season, is expected to poll well.

The only Ipswich recipient in the history of the award is former Australian halfback John Brown (1969).

Former interstate referee and respected league journalist Bernie Framberg will be guest speaker at tonight's silver anniversary dinner at Brisbane's Gateway Hotel.

COLTS GRADE GRAND FINAL

LANG PARK

11.30 am



EASTS

Winfield Cup

Coach: Mr Shane McNally

Fullback:

1. BRIAN HAMILTON

Wing Threequarters:

2. REINHARDT GMEINDER 5. LEON YEATMAN

Centre Threequarters:

3. GEOFF BELL 4. BRETT JOCUMSEN

Five Eighth:

6. CRAIG HOLDEN

Halfback:

7. SHANE CAIRNS

Lock Forward:

13. MATTHEW MARLBOROUGH

Second Row Forwards:

12. PAUL MIERS 11. SCOTT MANNS

Front Row Forwards:

10. MATTHEW SHAW 8. LUKE JORGENSEN

Hooker:

9. DALE WILLIAMS

Replacements:

14. STEVE JONES

16. STEVE TAYLOR

15. PAUL BEAUCLERC

17. MATTHEW WARD

V

IPSWICH JETS



Coach: Mr Chris Fullerton

Fullback:

1. BRENDAN COMERFORD

Wing Threequarters:

2. SHANE JACKWITZ 5. THOMAS LENIHAN

Centre Threequarters:

3. JAMES SCHULTZ 4. JAMES LENIHAN

Five Eighth:

6. DEAN GIBB

Halfback:

7. HENRY THOMPSON

Lock Forward:

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Hooker:

9. MICHAEL PEARCE

Replacements:

14. JOHN BRADY

16. DUNCAN BEGG

15. ROBERT MORRIS

17. ANTHONY SULLIVAN

Referee: R. IRWIN **Touch Judges:** T. GRAHAM L. NASH

Winfield Cup

Colts can salvage wreckage of 1992

By SCOTT THOMPSON

AS Chris Fullarton leaves the Lang Park dressing room for his seat in the Franky Burke Stand about 11.55am on Sunday, he'll take with him the weight of an entire club ... and a rugby league-proud city.

The drills and skills have been drummed into his Ipswich Jets colts over and over again. They're running like clockwork — mentally and physically.

In the countdown to kick-off, Fullarton has spoken to each player about the task at hand before last-minute team instructions and the obligatory well wishes.

Out in the centre, his colts know their fortunes during the ensuing 70 minutes of sudden-death football are important to the Jets now, and in the future.

For the club, it's much more than just a knock-out semi-final. It's the first step towards rebuilding a once fervent pride crippled by a dismal season in the senior ranks.

"I wouldn't say I'll be nervous, but I'm always anxious ... anxious for the boys to do their best," said Fullarton, anticipating the biggest moment in his brief coaching career.

"And if they go out and perform to their ability they will win.

They will do it — they will lead the club back."

For the 37-year-old Fullarton, in his first year of full-time rugby league coaching, mental preparation and toughness — rates highly, with attitude and commitment a close second.

And it's the application of those attributes which he believes will determine the difference between premiership life or death come Sunday.

"Just this week I was telling them about Deek (Australian marathon runner Rob de Castella) and how his socks were soaked in blood (from blisters) but he kept running," Fullarton said.

"And there was a column I read in the paper recently by Herb Elliot. When he trained it wasn't just to improve his aerobic capacity. When he trained he pushed himself harder mentally and taught himself not to give in.

"I've tried to instill that in my blokes. Mental toughness is something we've worked hard on this year.

"I'm big on attitude and commitment. We probably trained an hour to an hour-and-a-half more than the senior sides this year — three nights a week.

"We've really put some work in."

Fullarton aims to bring out the best in the individual. The rest, he says, will follow.

"It's not about revving them all up at once and keeping them revved up. It's each to his own," he said. "They reckon Mark Ella (former Wallaby flyhalf) used to read Phantom comics before a big game."

"Motivation is an individual thing. You can't motivate them all the same way."

Fullarton's successful transition from rugby union stalwart to coaching the professional code has been a ray of hope in a gloomy year at the North Ipswich Reserve.

While the A grade and reserve grade Jets sides floundered, Fullarton kept his team chipping away at the premiership.

He landed the colts job this year virtually untried.

His only foray into league coaching had been as assistant to former Jets reserve grade coach Shaun O'Loan last year.

"Although I'd played union I always was interested in league too," he said. "I spoke to Steve Anderson (QRL development officer) and he got me into a level two course at Seagulls.

"I was very happy to be given the opportunity to coach the colts. It's something I always

wanted to do, and I'm not getting any younger.

"I enjoy being around footballers. The blokes I've got this year are good company.

"I'm trying to build on my knowledge all the time. I'm always keen to learn more.

"Steve (Anderson) has been very helpful at different times. Anyone who doesn't utilise him is fooling himself. He has so much knowledge about the game to pass on. And that's why the QRL has put him there."

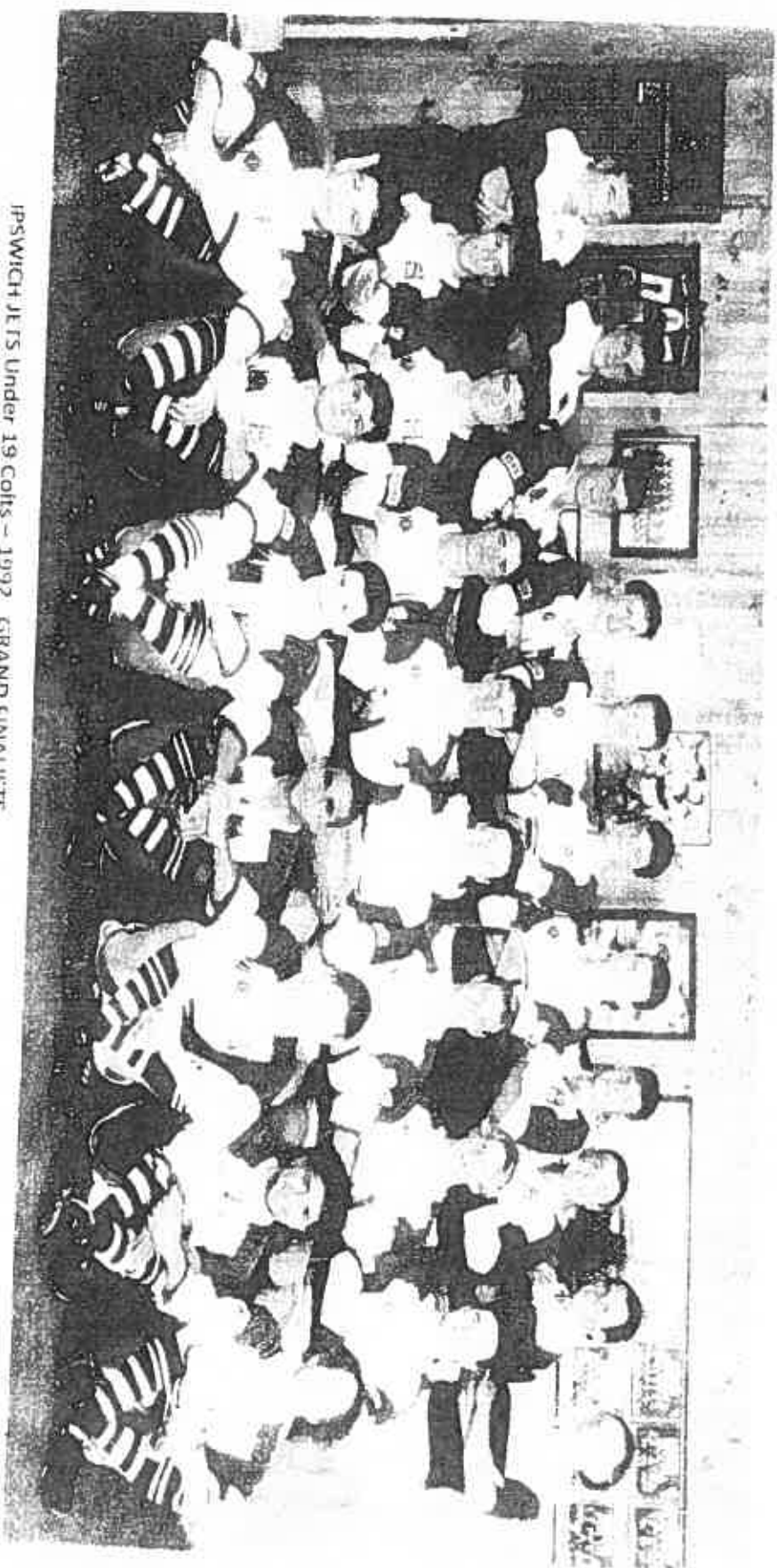
Fullarton has accepted a second stint as colts mentor next season and sees his role as central to the well-being of the code in Ipswich.

"There's a lot of ability in this (colts) side and they've been solid throughout the age groups," he said.

"No doubt we'll lose some to Sydney along the way, but we've got to try and keep the nucleus of the side together and take them through to A grade.

"They are the building blocks of the future. In the past there's been good colts sides lost to Ipswich.

"I've trained my blokes this year as hard as you would an A grade side. That's the role of a colts coach — build the players up for the future."



IPSWICH JETS Under 19 Colts - 1992 GRAND FINALISTS

Back Row (l to R): Noel Briggs (Manager), Chris Fullarton (Coach), Anthony Sullivan, Finn du Booy, Matthew Trewhrow, Jason Colburn, Robert Morris, Troy Bantz, Leighton Barron-Lake, Shaun O'Leary (Assistant Coach), John Newellson (Trainer), Middle Row (l to R): James Seehuller, Freddie Tomlinson, Anthony Ralph, Michael Probert, James Tomlinson, Shane Jackson, Steven Huntley, Brian Walsh.

Front Row: William Carter, Jeremy Schloss, Brendan Comerford, John Brady, Darren Rasmussen, Henry Thompson, Kent Rule.

JETS PLAYERS 1992

A GRADE

**Barry Allen
James Allen
Todd Brown
Brad Chicken
Kennith Covington
Bruce Cumming
Bradley Denham
Bradley Diehm
Peter Dodds
Derek Flucker
Michale Gibson
Jason Herthrington
Brendan Humphreys
Brett Kaatz
Brett Landrigan
Craig Lawson
Ken Mercy
Lex Neal
Robbie Newell
William Pickering
Chris Reberger
Jack Simpson
Craig Spark
Simon Tracey
Junior Togia
Ross Williams (Capt)
Scott Williams**

RESERVE GRADE

**Steven Ace
James Allen
Adam Bax
Adrian Biddulph
Troy Bourke
Chris Brennan
Craig Cockrane
Chris Coles
Kennith Covington
John Diehm
Peter Dodds
Barry Doocey
Derek Flucker
David Haug
Glen Johns
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Aaron Muirhead
Lex Neal
Terry Needham**

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Michael Short
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Ovens' fight over



● A proud moment — Ovens in his Queensland Residents gear.

By GUY HAND

FORMER Ipswich Jets rugby league player Ray Ovens, who won the hearts of Queenslanders with his courageous battle against cancer, died at his Gaites home yesterday morning.

Ovens, 30, lost his fight for life at 2:30am yesterday after a six-month battle with cancer of the stomach and central nervous system.

After failing to respond to intensive radiation treatment, Ovens' condition worsened 10 days ago and he was admitted to Ipswich Hospital on January 3.

He returned home on Thursday and his condition continued to deteriorate.

Doctors told Ovens' family on Sunday the former Queensland Residents halfback would be dead within 48 hours, prompting family members and friends to flock to the Ovens' house at Gaites on Sunday to

pay their last respects.

Ipswich Jets coach Kevin Langer, a former Queensland Residents teammate, was among the visitors on Sunday night.

Former Ipswich Jets coach and Australian halfback Tommy Raudonikis was one of many people to telephone with their best wishes.

Ovens played for Ipswich, Brisbane Souths and Redcliffe, Gold Coast sides Southport and Beaudesert, Gympie Wanderers and English club London Crusaders in his 10-year senior career.

His career highlight was selection for the 1989 Queensland Residents tour of France. Other rep honours included playing for Queensland Country in 1983 and State League selection for Gold Coast (1983) and Wille Bay (1984).

Ovens was pivotal in the first march to the 1988 and 1989 Brisbane grand finals, which they lost to Valley's.

The gutsy halfback was plagued by injury throughout his playing days, before a serious head knock playing in England almost finished his career in September 1991.

Doctors found blood clots near Ovens' brain — a problem which took two operations to correct.

He defied the odds to make a comeback with Crusaders in January 1992 before returning to Queensland in April to play for Beaudesert.

That stint lasted four months, before doctors diagnosed cancer in early August.

A benefit night held last month raised more than \$10,000 for Ovens' family.

He is survived by wife Jayne and six-year-old daughter Natalia.

Ovens' funeral will be held at St Francis' Catholic Church at Goodna at 10am tomorrow.

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A Distinguished Career

Senior Playing Career:

1982	Brisbane Souths
1983	Southport, Gold Coast Vikings
1984	Gympie Wanderers
1985-86	Redcliffe
1987	Souths
1988-89	Ipswich Jets
1990-91	London Crusaders
1992	Beaudesert

Representative Honours:

1983	Gold Coast Vikings in Winfield State League
1983	Queensland Country
1984	Wide Bay Bulls in Winfield State League
1989	Queensland Residents tour of France



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Kevin Langer: footballer on a mission



• The many faces of new Ipswich Jets coach Kevin Langer. From left — reflecting on the past; pondering the job at hand; the famous cheeky grin; down to serious business.

Hurt motivates halfback to restore Ipswich faith

As we speak, Kevin Langer bounces his daughter Emily, all wide blue eyes and tousled blonde hair, on his knee.

On his shoulders, he carries the hopes of a struggling football team and a rugby league-mad city with a proud tradition.

It's a weight he carries just as easily as the impish child who giggles as dad asks her if she'll be coming to watch his football team play this year.

With the Ipswich Jets' season-from-hell behind them and a new club ground at Briggs Rd, Langer enters the hottest seat in Queensland rugby league hoping to turn around the struggling side's fortunes.

The former Queensland Residents halfback has experienced a distinguished rugby league career, with Australian under 17 and Queensland Residents representative honours topping off a sparkling career with Ipswich Norths, Brisbane Wests and Beaudesert.

And the good news for the Jets is that Langer is no stranger to riding white horses into struggling rugby league clubs and shooting down the bad guys.

At his previous club Beaudesert, Langer took the Gold Coast Group 18 easybeats in 1989 to grand final glory in 1990 — his first season at the helm. Langer's Kingfishers retained the premiership in 1991, but couldn't pull off a third winning.

Langer, 29, believes he can turn the Jets into winners. Already he's steered Ipswich to victory in last weekend's Runaway Bay sevens — the club's first serious hitout of the year.

"I want to see the Jets turn around. It's been a big breeding ground, hasn't it?" Langer said.

"It was disappointing to see how bad they went last year. Reserve grade was the worst thing getting flogged 100-0 and 90-0. That was hurting to see that sort of thing.

"That's why winning the sevens was such a bonus. It gave us that winning feeling. The only way you're going to get crowds is winning."

No-one knows more about bouncing back from a bad year than Kevin Langer. At the

height of his rugby league career with Brisbane club Wests, he was jailed for six months in 1987 for embezzlement.

Opposition fans still taunt him, but he's learned from the experience and put it to good use. "I know it was my fault. There's always people in the crowd who'll give it to you, but it doesn't bother me."

Enter Kevin Langer — the Jets captain/coach and a man in the hot seat.

In today's revealing feature, QT sportswriter Guy Hand and photographer Paurina Malone capture the many faces of Kevin Langer. He speaks about his family life; his six-month stint in jail and his plans to make the Ipswich Jets winners again.

When your football team has completed its worst season in history, battled dire financial trouble and provided enough off-field troubles to start a sporting soap opera, where do you find a saviour?

As well as knowing the game inside out, the rescuer needs patience, a good sense of humour, a diplomatic approach and team morale building skills. That person also has to win back the favour of a fickle city and turn past embarrassment into future pride.

It (jail) straightened me out a little bit. I got the fittest I've ever got in there. I done my time good — but it was a long six months. I know I won't be back there.

Langer spent three months in the notorious Boggo Road prison, followed by three months at Woodford prison farm north of Brisbane. A jail stint would have wrecked a lesser man, but Langer made his detractors swallow their criticism — and proved there was plenty of life left in his football career.

Nine months after his release in December, 1987, Langer was the most prestigious player awarded in Queensland rugby league, the Rothmans Medal, in a landslide. His 1988 season was a peacemaker, almost single-handedly steering

Wests — perennial Winfield Cup cellar-dwellers at the time — to within a hair's breadth of the final four.

Soon after he left Woodford, Wests' sponsors QRX gave him a sales representative's job — a job he's kept to this day.

Langer's ability to bounce back gives him more than ample qualifications to relaunch the Jets on the playing field. But Langer is not just confining his talents to playing and coaching the Jets — he's throwing himself into every aspect of the club.



He's taken a spot on the committee — one of rugby league's most thankless jobs — because he wants to give the players more of a voice in the running of the club.

When he's not coaching or playing, Langer can be found organising raffles or arranging

fund-raising functions.

"One thing I want to do is look after the players a bit more — try and get them some gear to wear and that," Langer said.

"You've got to look after the players and make them proud to play for the Jets. If you me, especially when you're down and out, it doesn't bother me."

Already Langer's efforts seem to be bearing fruit. The players are happy — it's not hard to be with Langer's infectious sense of humour firing shots at you continuously.

Club coaching and development officer Phil Economidis believes Langer's enthusiasm will lift the club back to the top of the rugby league tree — and sums up what everyone at the club thinks of the jovial new head coach.

"He's a true professional. What he's done for this club in such a short time is amazing," Economidis said.

"He's turned things around. He's an absolute pleasure to work with and there's such a good feeling around because of him — you know it's going to be a good year."

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Lenihan makes the grade for Jets test

By KYLIE FLAMAGAN

PROMISING Ipswich Jets rugby league centre Jim Lenihan has forced his way into the first grade side for tomorrow's round two pre-season clash against Valleys at Briggs Rd.

Lenihan had a slow start after off-season knee surgery but impressed Jets captain/coach Kevin Langer with his strong showing in the reserve grade match against Wests last week.

"He's had a few setbacks but has come back well and I think he'll add a little bit of spark out there," Langer said.

Langer has named a reshuffled line-up after the Jets went down 42-10 to defending premiers Wests at Purcell Park last week.

Lenihan has come in for Jack Simpson, who is out with a calf injury.

Fullback Tony Weatherley and winger Shane Jackwitz have swapped positions while Jeremy Schloss has moved from the centres to wing.

The Jets will field new second-row combination Simon Tracey and Ross Williams. Tony Page

and Doug Evans will start the match on the bench.

Front rower Sid Pearce has come in for Shane Page, who suffered a slight fracture to the right cheekbone in his first tackle against Wests.

"It's only slight but Shane could be out for one or two weeks," Langer said.

Newly-wed Brett Kartz was not considered for the match as he is away on honeymoon.

Langer said a lack of enthusiasm was the Jets' main problem last week but some solid training runs had rekindled their competitive fire.

"The boys realise what happened out there last week and I've been very pleased with training this week," he said.

Tomorrow's match will be Ipswich's first real hit-out, aside of trials, at Briggs Rd.

"We're hoping a home crowd will get behind us and we expect a close match. The two sides always clash well," Langer said.

"Valleys have a very young side

and I don't know many of the players, so it's hard to say what they'll be like."

Valleys coach Geoff Naylor named a revamped squad for tomorrow's match after the Diehards first round loss to Souths 20-8.

Experienced players Andrew Crowther, Jeff Hanna and Richard Boys have been rested because of injuries, and full-back Brad Baker will start on the bench.

In other round two pre-season Commonwealth Bank Challenge matches, Southern Suburbs play Wynnum Seagulls at Davies Park; Eastern Suburbs take on Redcliffe at Langlands Park; Northern Suburbs meet Brothers at Bishop Park and Western Suburbs clash with Logan City at Purcell Park.

Ipswich: Shane Jackwitz, Craig Lawson, Tony Weatherley, Jim Lenihan, Jeremy Schloss, Matthew Ralph, Kevin Langer, Sid Pearce, Ken Covington, Craig Cochrane, Simon Tracey, Ross Williams, Brad Chikena. Res: Brendan Comerford, Jim Allan, Tony Page, Doug Evans.

Valleys (squad): Andrew Duncan, Aaron Douglas, David Baildon, Murray Elchimer, David McDonald, Justin Myers, Matthew Oiszewski, Darren Fraser, Brett McKenna, Tony Fletcher, Graham Cotter, Kort Goodman, Ben Kennedy, Reserver: Brett Reay, Scott Morris, Brad Baker, Jason Urbanowicz.



● Jim Lenihan — called into Jets' A grade rugby league squad for this weekend.

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□ JETS CRASH — Brisbane Rugby League referee Sean Berndt cautions Ipswich second rower Doug Evans as captain Kevin Langer looks to the ground for an answer to his team's woes. The Jets were crushed 44-0 yesterday — full report on page 15.

'Whole-hearted effort' the key to reaching semi-final



IPSWICH Jets captain/coach Kevin Langer will be looking for a committed 80-minute performance from his players in tomorrow's vital pre-season rugby league clash against Wynnum at Kougari Oval.

The Jets are fifth on the pre-season table and must win tomorrow to have any chance of making the semi-finals.

Injuries have forced Langer to name a reshuffled line-up for the clash.

Winger Craig Lawson is out with rib cartilage problems and Sid Pearce is sidelined with a lower back injury.

Tony Weatherley has regained his A grade spot and replacing Shane Jackwitz at fullback. Jackwitz will start on the bench.

John Green has returned from injury to replace Lawson on the wing.

The Jets have won two of their pre-season clashes (Brothers and Valleys), but Langer has not been happy with their game.

"We seem to be stringing it together in 20 minute patches," Langer said.

"I'm looking for a whole-game effort tomorrow and I think once we get it together we will be a very strong force.

"We had a pretty good training session on Wednesday and team spirit is great and players are keen.

"We're looking forward to a big game and it would be a real confidence-booster to make the semi-finals."

Ipswich (1-17): Tony Weatherley, John Green, Jim Lenihan, Jeremy Schloss, Brendan Comerford, Matt Ralph, Kevin Langer, Doug Evans, Tony Page, Brett Kaatz, Shane Page, Ken Covington, Craig Cochrane, Neville Langer, Shane Jackwitz, Ross Williams, Simon Tracey.

• In other matches, Brothers v Easts (Lang Park); Logan City v Valleys (Meakin Park); Redcliffe v Wests (Dolphin Oval); Norths v Souths (Bishop Park); Wynnum.



• Jets player/coach Kevin Langer takes a breather during a recent game. Langer has called for more from his team tomorrow.

Langer to come back in reserves

By TONY BURKIN

IPSWICH captain-coach Kevin Langer will return in reserve grade against premiers Wests this Sunday, unwilling to change a winning side.

Langer said he could not make changes after the Jets thrashed Brothers 46 nil last Sunday, registering their biggest and most convincing win of the season.

Langer, sidelined for the past six weeks with a knee injury, said his side deserved to be kept together after a win which has them just two XXXX Cup points out of the four.

"When you ask your players to do something and they deliver the goods as our blokes did last Sunday, you can hardly drop anyone," he said.

"That is the best we have put it together all season and even though there is still room for a lot of improvement, the signs are there. Maybe that win could be the turning point for us."

Langer, back on the Brisbane scene after three seasons at Beaudesert in the Gold Coast Group 18 competition, was always confident things could be turned around after a sluggish start to the season.

Before last Sunday's nil scoreline against them, the Jets had permitted 180 points in six outings - a staggering 30 points a match.

"We have plenty of experienced and talented players on board so the problem has obviously been a men-

tal one," Langer said after the Jets had run in nine tries against the hapless Brothers.

Ex-Bronco Matthew Ralph scored three tries and was among the jets' best, along with half Jim Allen, veteran forward Brett Kantz and young centre Jim Lenihan.

While Langer was naturally gloating over a victory which may well snip the Ipswich players out of their slump, Brothers' coach David Wright was fuming.

Wright locked the doors of the dressing room after the match, refusing immediate entry to even the officials of the Australian Sports Drug Agency.

He kept his players for 45 minutes

and each one gave his opinion of the problem.

"There was plenty of soul searching, but we will have to wait for this weekend against Easts to see if it worked," Wright said.

Brothers' nomadic existence for the past five years has been well documented, and Wright said that appeared to be one of the club's major problems last Sunday.

"We played like nomads. There was no teamwork whatsoever, with 13 guys all heading in different directions," he said.

Such was the display by Brothers - rated by Wright as the most disgraceful in his association with the game - that only one of the usual player presentations was made afterwards. Lock Michael Bagley was the recipient.

Brett Kantz... back to his best for the Jets

Jets recall Pocock for Dolphins match

DUANE Pocock has been recalled to the Ipswich Jets lineup for tomorrow's vital XXXX Cup rugby league clash against Redcliffe at Dolphin Oval.

The hard-working second rower replaces Brad Chicken who is in the Queensland City side for tomorrow's clash against Country at Toowoomba.

Jets captain/coach Kevin Langer resisted the temptation to name himself in the starting lineup, instead opting to come off the bench.

"I'll sit fresh again as my fitness isn't quite right to get through a full match," Langer said.

"Tomorrow's a do-or-die match for us and Redcliffe are going to be very hard to beat at Dolphin Oval but we're pretty confident of victory."

Easts demoralised Redcliffe 68-4 last weekend while the Jets stretched Souths to the limit and were narrowly beaten 30-24.

"Spirit among the players is pretty high after last weekend and we know we can do it if we put in a full 80 minute effort."

● In other news, injuries continue to rock the Jets Colts team on the eve of their Chairman's Trophy clash against Redcliffe.

Desi Dodd (sprained ankle) and Val Brown (hamstring) are the latest additions to a growing list of Ipswich casualties.

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"I've got about nine or 10 fit players and four will carry injuries into the match," coach Chris-Fullarton said.

"Some of our dual contract players are also injured. I just hope we can finish the match with 13 players on the field and not with 10 or 11."

Laidley front rower Clinton Peters, on loan from Lockyer, will play his second game for the Colts and comes up against a Redcliffe pack which boasts four Queensland under 19 representatives.

Ipswich are fresh from a 46-18 drubbing of Souths while Redcliffe were beaten 26-22 by Easts.

The Colts have lost only one match this season — their round one clash against Redcliffe.

Ipswich lost two players to the sinbin and the Dolphins capitalised, scoring three tries in the space of 10 minutes.

"It was a game we should never have lost," Fullarton said.

"Nobody's going to throw it in but to be honest, with what we've got, we're not going in as favourites."

The Colts match starts at 12pm with the A grade kickoff at 3pm.

Ipswich (1-17): Tony Weatherley, John Green, Jim Lenihan, Jack Simpson, Willie Pickering, Matt Ralph, Jim Allen, Jeremy Schloss, Duane Pocock, Brett Kaatz, Ken Covington, Matt Trevorrow, Doug Evans.



Experienced Ipswich player Brad Chicken prepares to unload during a recent match. He may return tomorrow from the bench.

Chicken return up to doctor

KEY Ipswich Jet Brad Chicken is expected to warm the bench in tomorrow's XXXX Cup rugby league clash against Wynnum at Briggs Rd.

Chicken has not played since injuring his neck 15 minutes into the Queensland Country-City clash last month.

"Chicko may sit on the line but I want him to have a doctor's clearance before we let him play," Jets captain/coach Kevin Langer said. "The injury seemed to be muscle related and he trained pretty solidly on Thursday night."

The Jets have made no changes to the team who rolled competition leaders Easts at Langlands Park last weekend.

"We're looking forward to a big game against Wynnum," Langer said.

"But our problem has been playing as well as the other team and it's something we've got to break from."

"We have to learn to play as well against the bottom teams as we do against the top sides."

"We're going for our third straight win



and if we're going to do any good this season we've got to string three, four or five wins together."

Langer has appealed to the people of Ipswich to get behind the Jets and spur them on to a much-needed victory.

"We're looking for a big home crowd to give us a go."

"It promises to be a very exciting match and the blokes are really starting to throw the ball in attack."

Langer attributes much of the new-found attacking success to the positioning of powerful centre Jimmy Lenihan out wide.

"Jimmy's quick off the mark and he really takes off on the flat foot," he said.

"Colin Scott has been playing in the centres for Wynnum and it should be an interesting contest between the two."

"Colin's getting on in years and probably lacks a bit of pace."

Ipswich: Tony Weatherley, John Green, Jim Lenihan, Matt Ralph, Willie Pickering, Jim Allen, Kevin Langer, Jeremy Schloss, Duane Pocock, Brett Kaatz, Ken Covington, Matt Trevorrow, Doug Evans.

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GOING DOWN: Wynnium five-eighth Danny Grimley grabs dangerous Jets centre Jim Lenihan around the legs as a teammate comes higher. The Jets won 29-14 to climb into the top four.

Top warning for born-again Jets

By GUY HAND

IN-FORM Ipswich Jets centre Jim Lenihan said the born-again rugby league side have targeted their away XXXXX Cup clash with struggling Logan City tomorrow as a must-win match rather than an easy two points.

Lenihan, who has been a major factor in the Jets' transition from easybeats last season to finals contender this season, said the team could only afford to lose two matches if they were to make the semi-finals.

"We've worked out if we win all the games against the sides below us and knock off one of the top three sides, we should make the four," Lenihan said.

"We beat Easts (third) a couple of weeks ago and we play Souths (second) and Wests (first) at the end of the round, so if we win every game against the lower sides, we can afford to lose the last two and still make the four."

Despite Logan City's bottom place on the ladder, Lenihan believes the Jets will have to perform at their peak to beat them at Meakin Park.

The Scorpions defeated Ipswich 32-12 in the corresponding fixture last year.

"They did give us a bit of a touch-up last year. They'll be pretty tough to beat at home," Lenihan said.

"If we give them a sniff, it'll be tough. We've just got to try to get on top early if we're going to win."

In his first full A grade season, Lenihan, 20, has been firing on all cylinders in the youthful Jets side.

An off-season knee operation has done the trick for the graduate of last season's crack Jets Colts side.

Lenihan was on the verge of breaking into A grade last season, but was twice sidelined with a knee injury.

"I had an arthroscope and an operation at the start of this year because they found I had a burst bursa sac in my knee," he said.

"I didn't even know I had one of the things, but ever since the operation, I've had no problems."

He has recovered to cement a regular A grade berth this



□ Talented Jets centre Jim Lenihan — worked out how Ipswich can make the final four.

season, even being mentioned in some quarters as a Rothmans Medal hope.

Lenihan, a third-year apprentice electrician with Queensland Railways, was courted by Sydney clubs Manly and Newcastle last season.

However, he decided to stay with the Jets for 1993 — a move which he hopes will pay premiership dividends.

"Everyone reckons Wests, Souths and Easts are the only teams with a chance, but I think we're really big chances of making the semi-finals and once you're into the semi-finals, anything can happen," Lenihan said.

"Once we get there, we're big chances to shake everyone up."

Lenihan will have a new centre partner after Matt Ralph was forced out of tomorrow's game with a foot injury.

Player/coach Kevin Langer

has brought exciting winger John Brady into the side and moved Willie Pickering into the centres, but with Ralph the kicker in general play it will mean a change in game plan for the Jets.

"Jimmy Allen (Jets five-eighth) and I will do the kicking."

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get away with it," Langer said.



□ Langer.

With representative player Brad Chicken now fully fit, the Jets have included seven forwards in their squad and will omit one at training today.

Ipswich Jets: Tony Weatherley, John Brady, Willie Pickering, Jim Lenihan, John Green, Jim Allen, Kevin Langer, Brad Chicken, Jeremy Schloss, Brett Kasitz, Duane Pocock, Matt Trevorrow, Ken Covington, Doug Evans (one forward to be omitted).

ROOKIE becomes instant Jets hero

By GUY HAND

DEBUTANT winger John Brady became an instant hero for the Ipswich Jets yesterday, scoring the match-winning try in their 28-24 XXXX Cup rugby league win against Logan City at Meakin Park yesterday.

Brady's try seven minutes from time broke a 24-all deadlock to give the Jets their fifth straight victory.

Ipswich player/coach Kevin Langer was a relieved man after the match, despite the prospect of X-rays today on a finger injury sustained during the game.

"When you win a few in a row, there's always a bit of a let-down and I hope that was it today," Langer said.

"I didn't have a good feeling before the match and I'm just happy to come away with the two points."

The importance of the Jets' victory in finals terms yesterday was heightened with their nearest rivals for a final four spot, Norths and Redcliffe, both posting wins yesterday.

The victory keeps the Jets three points clear of Redcliffe in fourth place.

Ipswich led 14-8 at halftime against the fired-up Scorpions, who eventually clawed back to 24-all before Brady's try.

The Jets' forwards played strongly, with Jets prop Ken Covington playing strongly, back rower Brad Chicken getting through a mountain of work in his comeback match from injury and Brett Kaatz dashing 25m to score a try.

Ipswich's hot prospects Jim Lenihan and Jeremy Schloss did nothing wrong in front of Sydney club Wests' talent scouts, who were watching the pair's performances with interest yesterday.

□ The Jets colts maintained their spot in equal third place on the premiership ladder with a 30-16 win over Logan City yesterday.

But they did it the hard way after leading 24-4 at halftime. The Scorpions outscored Ipswich 12-6 in the second half, although the Jets never looked in danger of losing.

Halfback Danny O'Connor and goalkicking full-back Scott Ward played strongly for the Jets, while Greg Martin performed well both at second row and hooker when switched late in the game.

Ipswich 28 (B Pickering, J Lenihan, J Schloss, B Kaatz, B Chicken, J Brady tries, J Green 2 goals) d Logan 24 (T Burnell, S Hall, P Fisher, N Ballevrata tries, D Foreman 4 goals)



Jets on seek-and-destroy mission

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

IPSWICH Jets Colts are out to bury their Redcliffe hoodoo once and for all in tomorrow's Brisbane rugby league grand final at Lang Park.

The Jets have not beaten Redcliffe in two years and in their last encounter on June 20 surrendered the Chairman's Trophy after the full-time siren.

Ipswich coach Chris Fullarton disregards the statistics and has little doubt if his side play to their potential and pride they will win.

someone thinks they're better than you then you go all out to show them you can perform," Fullarton said.

"Redcliffe are the only team we haven't had a win against but they've had a couple of lucky results.

"In our last game they won after the bell and when we played them in the first round we had a couple of blokes sent to the sin-bin.

"The team has shown a lot of character and pride to come home strongly in our semi-final against Easts and last week's preliminary against Brothers."

game provides them with the opportunity to make amends for last year's shattering grand final loss to Easts.

Winger Tommy Lenihan, centres James Schultz and John Brady, second rowers Willy Carter and hooker Kent Rohl are the survivors from last year's Colts side.

"They remember last year and know this is their last chance at an under 19 title," Fullarton said.

"But the whole team are winners and none of them like getting beaten. Missing out on the Chairman's Trophy was a hard and it should spur them

The Redcliffe pack boasts four Queensland under 19 representatives but Fullarton believes the Jets can control them with their ruck defence and gang tackling.

"Our defence: tightened up during the finals, not only our marker and sliding defence but our scrumming. Players have become desperate to support in defence," he said.

Kick-off is at 11.30am.

Ipswich: Scott Ward, Mick Durham, James Schultz, John Brady, Tommy Lenihan, Travis Baker, Danny O'Connor, Steven Sullivan, Kent Rohl, Rocco Heisch, Darren Burrell, Willy Carter, Desi Doherty, Greg Martin, Phil Sullivan, Clinton Smith, Val Brown, Kerry Thurland.

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LANG PARK

11.30 am



REDCLIFFE

Coach: Mr Steven Bleakley

Fullback:

1. GLEN EVANELISTA

Wing Threequarters:

2. JASON O'HARA 5. TROY MITCHELL

Centre Threequarters:

3. JUSTIN UZELAC 4. CAMERON HURREN

Five Eighth:

6. BRETT TRUDGETT

Halfback:

7. TOM O'REILLY

Lock Forward:

13. ADAM MALLER

Second Row Forwards:

12. DAN NUTLEY 11. RUSSELL LAHIFF

Front Row Forwards:

10. JUSTIN HOOLIHAN 8. PAUL WOODWARD

Hooker:

9. DARREN SMALLHORN

Replacements:

14. NEIL STANLEY

16. JUSTIN WHITE

15. BRENT WINTERS

17. BEDE ROBUCK



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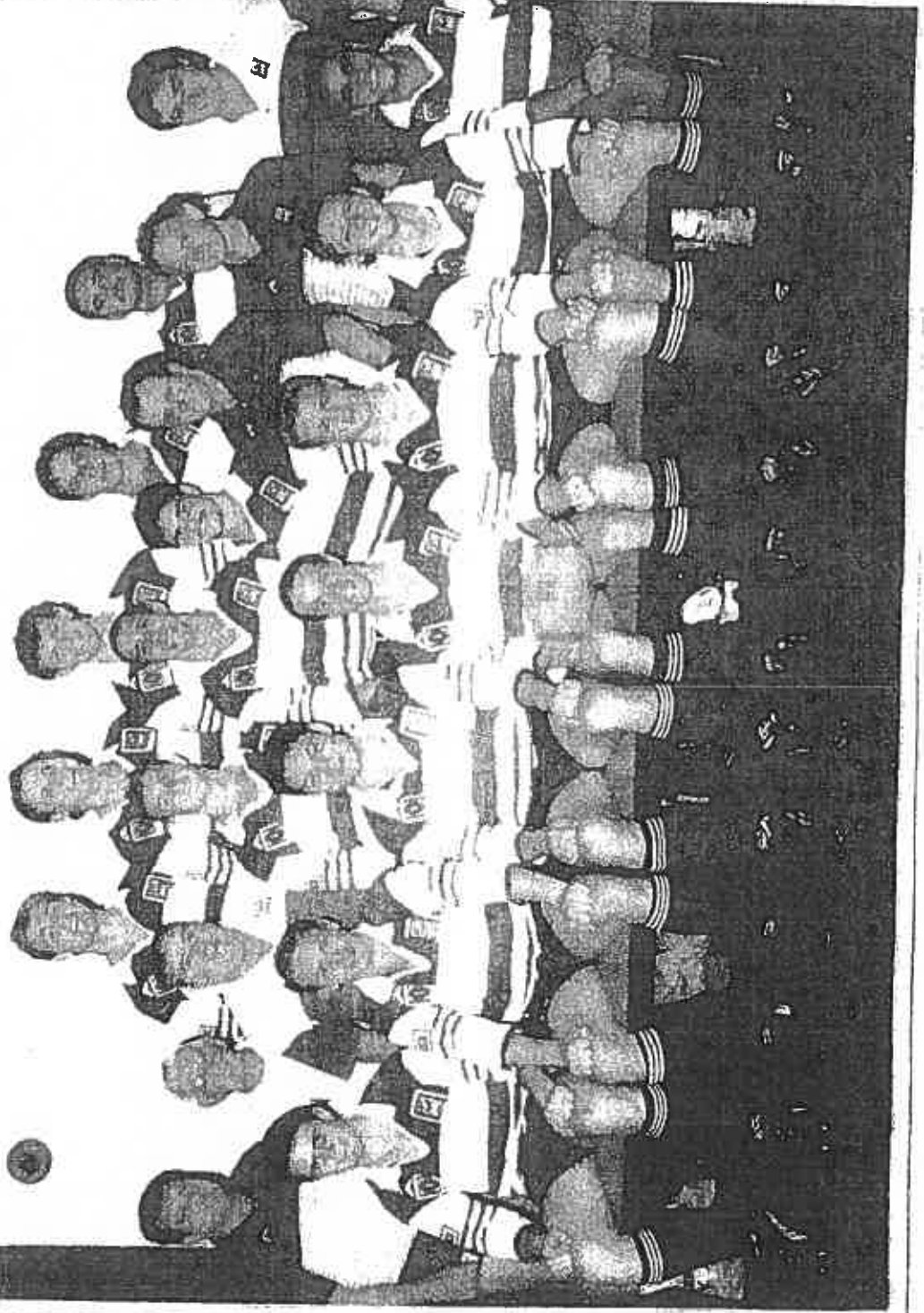
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IPSWICH JETS

Under 19 Colts - 1993

Grand Finalists



Back Row (L to R):

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V. Brown.

Middle Row (L to R):

R. Hacker, J. Sullivan,
N. Bragg, M. Durham,
T. Baker, D. Dodd, S. Oloane,
J. Newton, C. Fullarton.

Front Row (L to R):

D. O'Connor, S. Ward,
W. Carter, K. Rohl,
G. Martin, C. Smith,
J. Brady.

Absent: T. Lenihan, J. Schultz.

JETS PLAYERS 1993

A GRADE

James Allen
Travis Baker
John Brady
Valentine Brown
William Carter
Bradley Chicken
Craig Cockrane
Kennith Covington
Michael Durham
Douglas Evans
Harvey Evens
John Green
Jason Hall
Shane Jackwitz
Brett Kaatz
Brett Landrigan
Kevin Langer (Capt/Coach)
Neville Langer
Craig Lawson
James Lenihan
David Mallet
Greg Martin
Daniel O'Conner
Anthony Page
Shane Page
Sidney Pearce
Clinton Peters
William Pickering
Duane Pocock
Mathew Ralph
Kent Rohl
Jeremy Schloss
James Schultz
Jack Simpson
Matthew Trevorrow
Sam Ward
Scott Ward
Tony Weatherly
Ross Williams

RESERVES

Sean Adams (Capt)
James Allen
Michael Casey
Craig Cockrane
Brendan Comerford
Kennith Covington
Johathon Diehm
Harvey Evens
Joel Fechner
Julian Garland
Jason Hall
Gregory Harmer
Allen Herman
Steven Hocking
Shane Jackwitz
Brett Landrigan
Neville Langer
Craig Lawson
Ben McKenzie
William Pickering
Anthony Page
Shane Page
Sidney Pearce
Duane Pocock
Anthony Ralph
Matthew Ralph
Dean Sarra
Jack Simpson
Anthony Sullivan
Lindsay Tetzlaff
Junior Togia
Simon Tracey
Matthew Trevorrow
Steven Waters
George Wilson

COLTS

Travis Baker
Duncan Begg
Trayjon Bannister
Duncan Begg
Darren Burns
John Brady
Valentine Brown
William Carter
Desi Dodd
Michael Durham
Paul Gardiner
John Green
Roscoe Heisrath
Shane Jackwitz
John Laing
Thomas Lenihan
David Mallet
Greg Martin
Daniel O'Conner
Clinton Peters
Kent Rohl (Capt)
Jeremy Schloss
Clinton Smith
Steven Sullivan
Phillip Sullivan
Kerry Theuerkauf
Chris Windolf

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Jets injury crisis

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

IPSWICH Jets have been rocked by injuries without having played a full rugby league match this year.

Jets, and Queensland Residents forward Brad Chicken (knee), hooker Doug Evans (knee), second rower Duane Pocock (groin) and back Peter Dodd (eye) are all carrying injuries — legacy of last Sunday's Runaway Bay Sevens.

Chicken will wait a week before making a decision whether to have an arthroscope while Pocock is expected to be sidelined for a month.

Dodd suffered a bad gash above the eye in the opening seconds of Ipswich's Sevens campaign which has since become infected.

To add to Ipswich's woes, back rower Brett Kaatz injured

his ankle at touch this week and will miss tomorrow night's trials against Toowoomba Valleys in Toowoomba.

"We've got a couple of injuries first up and hopefully this will be the end of them," A grade captain/coach Kevin Langer said.

Langer has named two sides for the matches against Valleys' A and reserve grade outfits. Both are a balanced mix of new recruits, experienced first graders and upcoming colts.

"I don't want blokes to get discouraged and think they've been named in the number two team for good," Langer said. "This is our first game and I want to have a look at what we can do. It will be a big night for Toowoomba Valleys as it's their 75th anniversary. They'll give us a good hitout and it'll be a chance for us to shake off the cobwebs."

Langer will adopt more of a spectator role in the proceedings, naming himself as a reserve for the Ipswich side.

Brother Neville will play half-back while Matthew Ralph will pack down in the second row.

The number two side boasts an imposing backline, including Clinton Baker at fullback, Ken Meroy on the wing and Aaron Salmer in the centres.

Jets No 1: Scott Ward, John Brady, Stuart Brown, Jimmy Lenthall, John Green, Jim Allen, Neville Langer, Ken Covington, Steve Brown, Dave Jones, Matthew Ralph, Jeremy Schloss, Willie Carter Res. Tony Weatherley, Simon Tracy, Kevin Langer, Ben Mackenzie, Matthew Trevorrow, Tony Sullivan.

Jets No 2: Clinton Baker, Ken Meroy, Aaron Salmer, Peter Gibson, Willie Pickering, Justin Baker, Jason Webber, Troy Baatz, Craig Cochrane, Valentine Brown, Brian McDonald, John Spain, Brendan Jones Res. Jamie McQueen, Tex Chapman, Allan Herrmann, Scott Haspells, Lionel Fraser, Ryan Fraser, Ross Williams, Anthony Ralph, Michael Scott.

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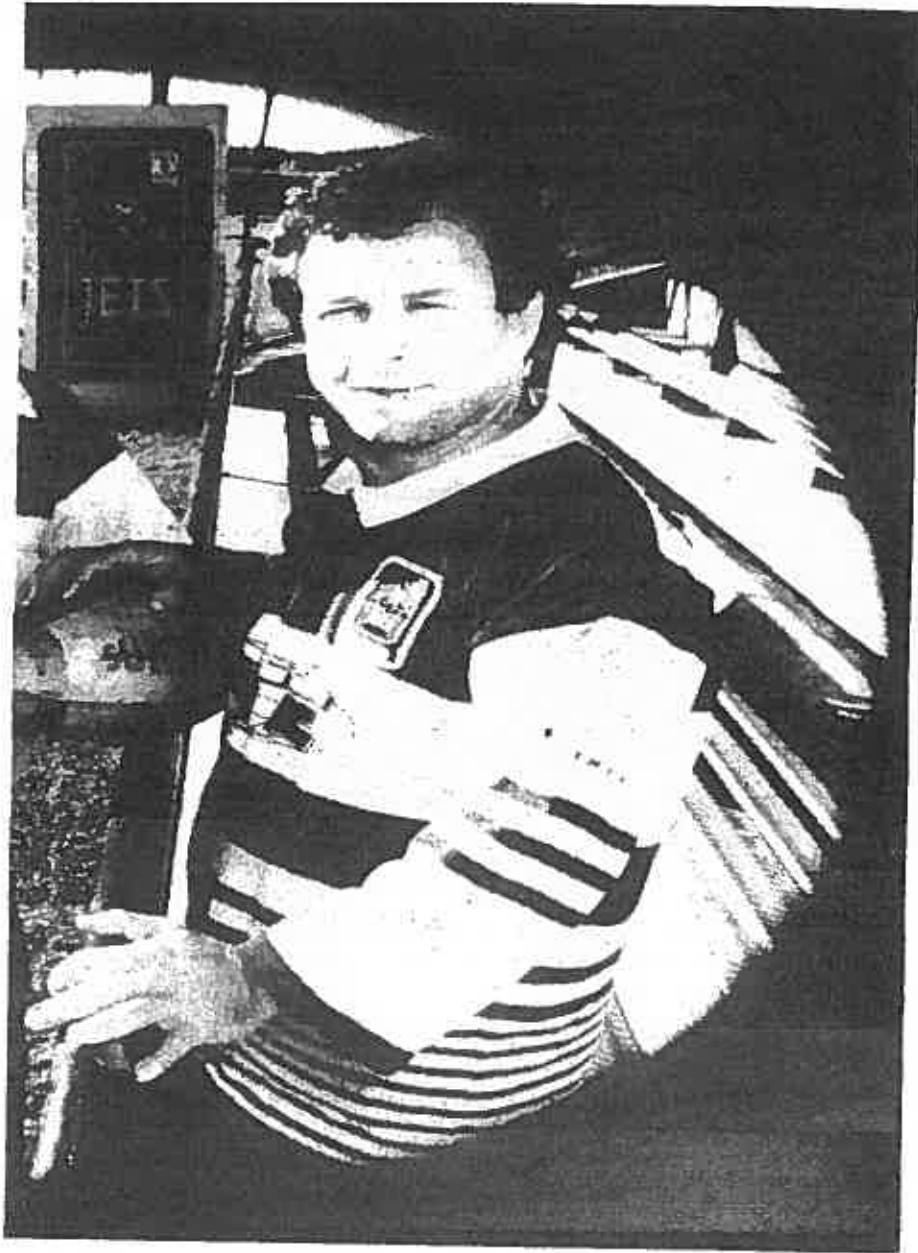
BTE, "the barter company with knowledge", have their company name emblazoned on the Jets jumper as principal sponsors. With a BTE card it is possible to trade goods and services.

Under the sponsorship arrangement with the Jets BTE will give the club \$50,000 in goods and services. The goods in many cases will be used for fund raising purposes therefore generating income without the need for the initial capital outlay on prizes.

The Jets will show off their new look jerseys at their home match this weekend against Easts.

Pictured at Briggs Road after the deal was finalised are (from left) BTE director Dan Berriman Jnr., Ipswich area manager Paul Perrin and Jets captain-coach Kevin Langer.

Kevin Langer
Captain / Coach
1994



Jets sink Broncos

BY KYLE HARRISON

A DRY track and the lure of Sydney contracts provided impetus for the Ipswich Jets, methodical 40-18 XXXX Cup rugby league thrashing of the Brisbane Broncos under 21 side at Briggs Rd yesterday.

The Broncos took their time getting on for the field and probably wished they never did as the Jets ran in seven tries to Brisbane's three.

"It was a big effort," Jets' player coach Kevin Langer said.

"The Broncos didn't play that well. We just played really well and it was very pleasing.

"We found ourselves bogged down against the big Crushers' forwards that week but were able to throw the ball around the backfield.

"Our ball control was so much better and we finished on top of them for a change."

Numerous coach Wayne Bennett and Parramatta's Ron Kiddich were among the spectators and must have left with food for thought.

The Jets gave their fans a sample of what was to come in the third minute when second rower Jeremy Schluss crashed over for a try.

Brisbane equalised in the 13th minute through a try to replacement second rower Parrish Watts — call him



Ipswich Jets 40 (J Schluss, J Brady, J Allen, K Mercer, J Lenihan, W Carter, B Chicken tries; J Allen 1; M Ralph 5 goals) d Brisbane Broncos 18 (P Watts, L Wilson 4; Connell tries; B Walker 3 goals).

Earlier results: Ipswich Colts 26 (T Baker 2, C Smith 2, G Martin tries; M Wainwright 2, A Cherrill 19 goals) d Souths 26 (J Howley, G Worthington, M Lawson 11; Capri tries; M Lawson 5 goals).

Ipswich Reserves 28 (J Baker 2, R Henry 3 tries; J Baker 2, J Green 2 goals) d Souths 14 (S Hoile, S Barnes, C Cooke tries; S Hoile 1 goal).

into the side after the withdrawal of Brad Elton.

Dislike winger Robin Brady regained the upper-hand for Ipswich, first with a crunching tackle which caused his Broncos opponent to spill the ball, and then with a try a minute later.

Workhorse second rower Brett Kanw had the foundations and Jim Ntini finished off the last' third try just minutes after the second.

The Broncos had numerous opportunities to counter attack, holding the ball for a consecutive four sets of six rucks, but the Jets' defence did not waver.

Thirty-nine minutes from fulltime the BRU newcomers crossed and Ipswich carried a 16-12 lead into the break. Interchange back Stuart Brown announced his presence with a try-saving tackle on Broncos flyer Alfred Sogola in the opening minutes of the second half.

Nutris recruit Ron Murray crossed in the 50th minute and the Jets' defence withstood the 55th minute when the Broncos were held up over the line.

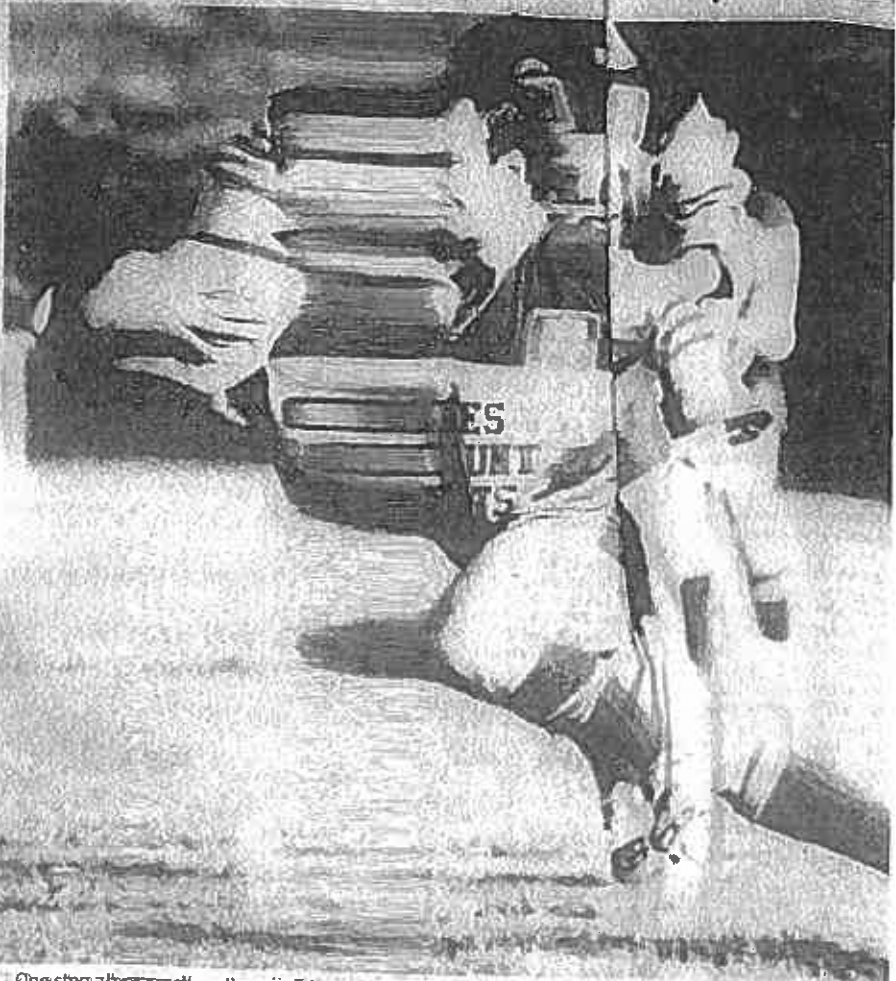
Jimmy Lenihan scored after a brilliant solo effort in the 60th minute, Willie Carter crossed two minutes later and lock Brad Chicken ensured the 40 points with a try under the posts a minute from fulltime.

"The Parramatta coach was up here and the boys really impressed today," Langer said.

"Doug Evans was my pick... he had a blinder. It's also great to see we've got strong wingers who can tackle as well as turn on the pace.

"We'll celebrate tonight but we can't get too carried away by it. We've got Wests next week and by all reports they gave Easts a nice

The boys re impres



One step ahead — Ipswich Jets 18 trouncing off the Brisbane Broncos at Briggs Rd yesterday.

Colts face spear-tackle cha

TWO Ipswich colts players will tonight face the Brisbane Rugby League (BRL) judiciary after being sent off for an alleged spear-tackle during the Jets' 26-all draw against Souths at Briggs Rd.

Jets prop Shane Wardi and fullback Michael Durham were sent off in the latter stages of the game after an alleged spear-tackle on Souths' halfback Jason Tonks. Tonks was uninjured.

buffer for most of the first half.

But Souths, spearheaded by five-eighth Mark Lawson, hit back to lead 10-6 at the break and stretched the advantage to 20-10 in the second half.

"We stood off Souths five-eighth Mark Lawson a bit and, just like last week, we fell away in our defensive line," Jets coach Chris Fullarton said.

"We need more urgency in our defence and numbering

For the second we promising hooker scored a try on field.

"Considering we won, the boys did hold them out and they scored a try draw," Fullarton said.

"Travis Baker was an outstanding game.

The draw denied clean sweep in all it



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□ Practice makes perfect — Jets player Travis Baker (left) and Paul Triggs from Brothers get ready for the Fun Fest tug-o-war on Sunday.



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Jets utility Jim Allan — "It's harder getting and keeping fit. There's more time involved with the game these days."

Swansong for Jets stalwart?

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

IPSWICH Jets utility Jim Allan this week hinted 1994 could be his last season playing rugby league.

Allan, 28, is in his fifth year with the Jets and, if he decides to bow out at the end of the season, a XXXX Cup premiership would be the perfect swansong.

"I'll probably finish up this year," Allan said.

"It's harder getting and keeping fit. There's more time involved with the game these days."

"It would be good to win but there's still a long way to go."

"Anyone one of five teams — Wests, Crushers, Souths, Redcliffe and us — have the ability to win it."

Allan spent five years with Brisbane Easts before linking with the Jets in 1990.

He couldn't get clearance to play the 1989 season with the Jets and played a year as halfback with Ipswich Rugby

League (IRL) club Booval Swifts.

Allan impressed in his debut Ipswich season, winning the IRL Ray Hine best and fairest and top points scorer awards. He scored and converted 202 points.

After mediocre seasons in 1990 and 91, the Jets hit rock bottom in 1992 for wooden-spoon honours. But for New Zealand-born Allan, leaving was never an option.

"I wasn't going to leave the club at my age," Allan said.

"The blokes stuck together. Brad Chicken was a young fellow coming through and Craig Spark was around then."

"It's sort of like this year where everyone's stuck together."

Allan played most of last season at five-eighth but this year, with the club boasting a lot more depth, has settled into a utility role.

"I don't mind and, as long as I'm in the squad, I'm happy to do whatever

Kevvy (Langer) wants," Allan said.

"Peter Dodd, Kevvy and myself are rotating around the halves. I'm a second hooker for Dougie and am filling in a few other spots."

"We've got the interchange working well and that helps for old fellows like Kaatzy and me."

The Jets play long-time nemesis Valleys at Briggs Rd on Sunday and Allan is confident they can take the two points and consolidate their top five position.

"Fellows like myself, Kaatzy and co haven't forgotten those years when Valleys belted us all around the place," he said.

"We beat them at home last year and we're not about to lose to them at home this weekend."

Ipswich Jets: Tony Weatherley, Ken Mercy, Jimmy Lenihan, Stu Brown, John Brady, Peter Dodd, Kevin Langer, Brad Chicken, Simon Tracey, Matt Ralph, Ken Covington, Doug Evans, Shane Page. Res. Jim Allan, Brett Kaatzy, Iremu Schino.

Jets veteran compares coaching rivals

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

IPSWICH Jets stalwart Brett Kaatz contemplated ringing former coach Tommy Raudonikis before tomorrow's XXXX rugby-league clash against Logan City but thought better of it.

Kaatz is preparing to renew ties with Raudonikis, now Logan City coach, when the two sides clash at Briggs Rd.

"I know Glenn Haggath (Logan prop) really well from when he used to play in Ipswich," Kaatz said.

"I was going to ring and rev it up them but decided it could backfire on me."

Raudonikis took Ipswich to their first Brisbane grand final in 1988 — Kaatz's first full year at the Jets.

"I played four or five games under Tommy in 1987 but '88 was the big year," Kaatz said.

"Tommy is a good coach and a real nice bloke to boot.

"He got on really well with all the players. He used to joke around a lot but, when it came down to playing, he'd really put the foot down.

"Kevin (Langer) is on the



League

same level as him and they're both alike.

"Some coaches are right into patterns and what's put on the blackboard is what you've got to do on the field.

"With Kevvy and Tommy, wherever the gaps are is where you head to. We go out, do our normal thing and play it as it happens."



Langer, like Raudonikis in the late 80s, kick-started the Jets' engines and for the second successive year they seem destined for a berth in the finals.

"No one is really standing out for us week after week.

"I think it's a sign of a good side when everyone does their bit," Kaatz said.

"I don't think we've had the crowds at Briggs Rd that we used to get at the Oval in 1988, 1989 and 1990.

"But the Broncos weren't go-

ing so well then. Now they are and some people bypass the Brisbane league."

Kaatz returns to the second row tomorrow after a brief stint up front and a spell on the bench because of niggling shoulder and ankle injuries.

With the club's reserve and colts sides also firing, competition for A grade spots is fierce and players can ill-afford injuries.

"You can't afford to get injured and have a couple of weeks off as there are heaps of younger blokes around ready to take your spot," Kaatz said.

"You've just got to put up with them (injuries) and keep going," he said.

In other changes to the Jets lineup, lock Brad Chicken (ankle), Jeremy Schloss (foot) and Ken Mercy (ankle) are in doubt while prop Shane Page has been dropped to reserve grade.

Ipswich Jets: Tony Weatherley, Ray Mercy, Jimmy Lenihan, Stuart Brown, John Brady, Peter Dodd, Kevin Langer, Matthew Ralph, Simon Tracey, Brett Kaatz, Matt Trevor, Ken Covington, Doug Evans. Reserves: Jim Allan, Ross Williams.



Tireless Jets strongman Brett Kaatz — "with Kevvy and Tony wherever the gaps are is where you head to."

Representative absences not to blame: Langer

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

IPSWICH rugby league captain/coach Kevin Langer has played down claims the Jets missed City representatives Doug Evans and Jimmy Lenihan in Saturday's dismal 38-18 XXXX Cup loss to the Brisbane Broncos at Briggs Rd.

The Jets, who produced one of their best efforts to topple the Crushers last week, were comprehensively outplayed by the bottom-placed Broncos.

Former Canberra, Wests and St George halfback and now Broncos reserve grade coach Ivan Henjak inflicted the most damage, setting up five of the Broncos' six tries and, unlucky, not to cross for two himself.

But Langer refused to blame the absence of Evans, Lenihan and Brad Chicken, a late withdrawal because of the flu, or the presence of Henjak for the loss.

"We just weren't switched on and the enthusiasm wasn't there," Langer said.

"The boys showed they can do it but we weren't in the game first-up. The Broncos played well, I have to give that to them.

"Henjak was just what they needed in terms of direction but their forwards went well too.

"It was our most disappointing effort of the season. Hopefully that bad game is out of the way and we can hit back against Wests next week."

Broncos prop and kicker John Stafford, who booted four goals from six attempts, opened his side's scoring account with a penalty goal eight minutes in.

Second-rower Brett Kaatz put Ipswich on the board in the 16th minute, slipping



through to score from dummy-half when there was no marker defence.

Brisbane centre Tonie Carroll crossed in the 27th minute after a Henjak switch to the blindside, fullback Paul Carige scored in the 30th and bench player Paul Johnson went over on half-time. Broncos led 22-4 at the break.

The Jets scored three tries in quick succession — Matt Ralph in the 64th minute, Aaron Saltner in the 68th and Junior Togia in the 70th — but the match was well beyond their reach.

Broncos coach Glen Bailey lauded the performance of his side, especially the effort of Henjak, who was playing his first game in 14 months.

"I can't thank Ivan enough for the effort he's put in," Bailey said.

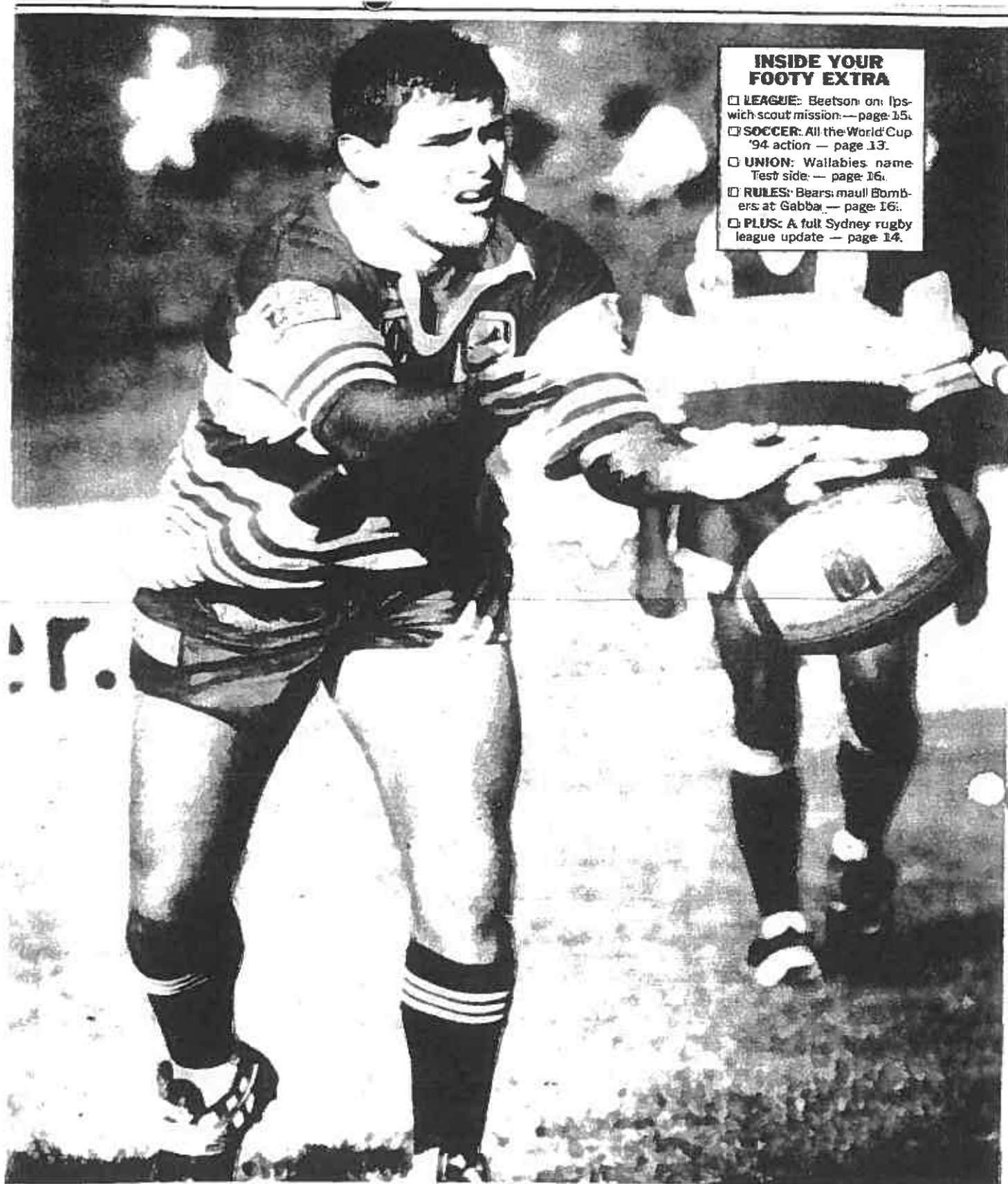
"He's hardly had a run all year and that's the way we wanted him to play it, talking it up and directing the guys."

The XXXX Cup picture brightened for the Jets yesterday, with competition leaders Wests and the South Queensland Crushers also losing. Redcliffe, who beat Logan yesterday, are the new leaders with 20 points. Wests and Ipswich have 19 points.

Brisbane Broncos: 38 (T Carroll; P Carige; L Yeatman; V Timms; P Watts; P Johnson tries; J Stafford 4; W Poching 3 goals) d Ipswich Jets 18 (B Kaatz; M Ralph; A Saltner; J Togia tries; M Ralph 1 goal).



□ Rep centre Jim Lenihan — loss not to blame, says coach Kevin Langer.



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❑ **OFFLOADING THE PASS:** Ipswich Jets second rower Matthew Ralph feeds the ball out to his backline in yesterday's Chairman's Trophy clash against Wests at Purcell Park. The Jets collected their first piece of A grade rugby league silverware with a gutsy 25-12 win over the Panthers. Sadly, Ralph played no further part in the game after the 16th minute, needing 12 stitches to a bad head cut. Full story — page 14. Photograph: IAN FRANCIS.

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□ Ipswich Jets utility Ross Williams fends off a would-be Past Brothers tackler in yesterday's XXXX Cup rugby league clash at Briggs Rd. The Jets held on to second spot with a scrappy 30-17 win. Full report in today's action-packed football liftout. See page 11.



□ Jets forward Brett Kaatz (with ball) in action — "We'd be wasting our time trying to run through them."

Undermanned Jets plan to be Dolphin-safe

By KYLIE FLANAGAN

MAKESHIFT Ipswich prop Brett Kaatz concedes the Jets would be wasting their time if they tried to challenge Redcliffe up the middle in tomorrow's XXXX Cup clash at Dolphin Oval.

The Jets' forward depth has slipped from fair to almost non-existent in recent weeks with Ken Covington and Troy Baartz the latest casualties.

Covington faces up to four weeks on the sideline after popping his shoulder against Souths last week and Baartz copped a four-match suspension for a head-butt in the reserve clash against Souths.

Hard-working back rower Brett Kaatz and the ever-versatile Ross Williams have

been thrust into the Jets' A grade front row for tomorrow's crunch game.

"We'd be wasting our time trying to run through them," Kaatz said.

"It would be like France trying to run up the middle against Australia — stupid. If we run two off the ruck and get it out to the backs we might get a roll on."

Kaatz blamed his side's lack-lustre last couple of performances on several factors but said losing Jeremy Schloss to the Gold Coast Seagulls was perhaps the biggest blow.

"Jeremy was a big loss. When he was playing, he was keen and everybody seemed keen," Kaatz said.

"The keenness is still there but it's been knocked around a bit. Losing Kenny

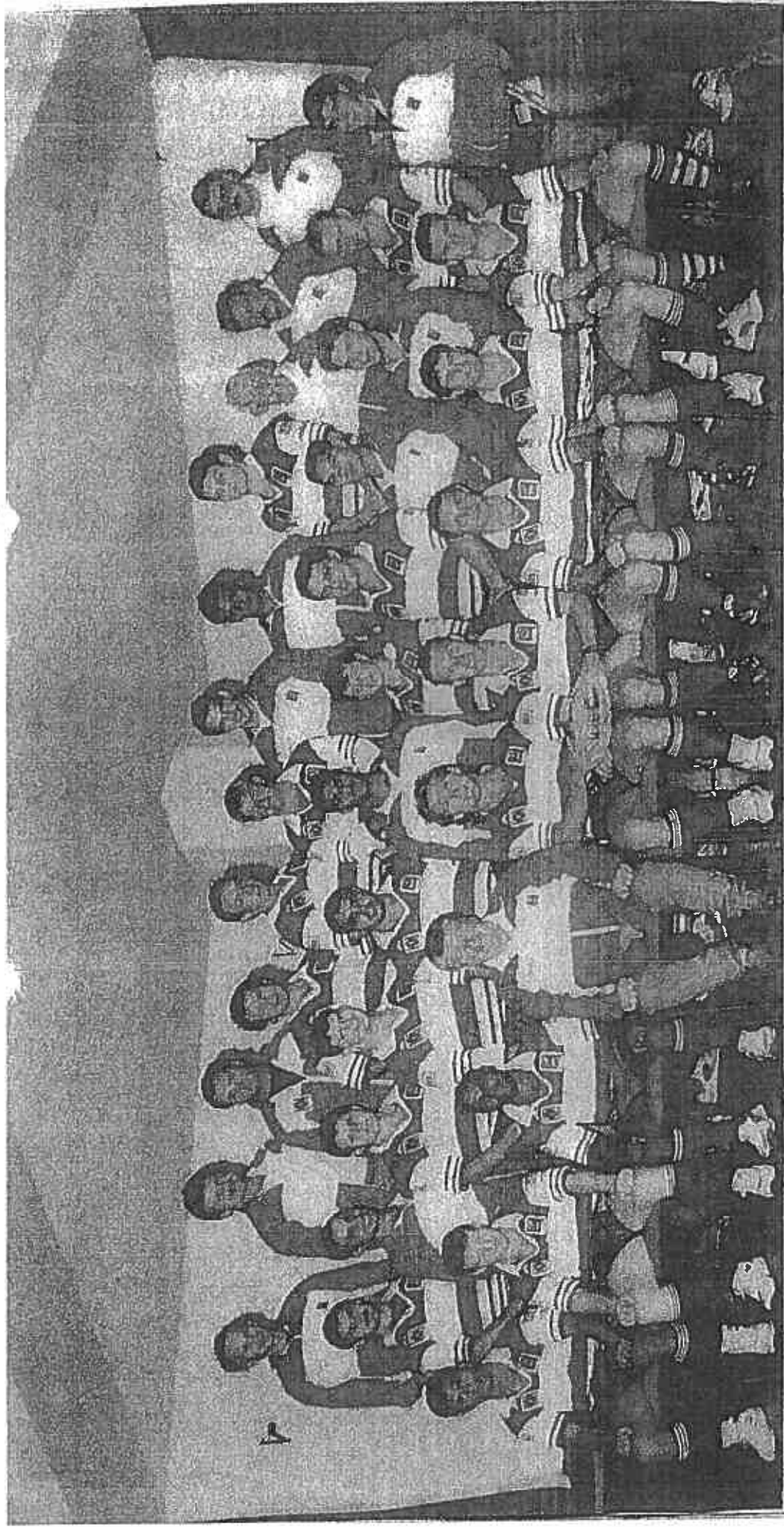
doesn't help. Our forward depth has gone from fairly good to virtually nothing.

"Ross and I are about the only ones left and we'll have to try and make the most of it. Ross has been around a long time and started off as a centre."

"But he's packed the weight on over the years and is a fair size. We all call him 'Tank' and I think he'll do the job."

Jets captain/coach Kevin Langer admitted forward size was a worry going into tomorrow's game but he was optimistic Williams would add mobility to the pack.

Ipswich Jets: Clinton Baker, Aaron Saltner, Ray Mercy, Jimmy Lenihan, Ken Mercy, Peter Dodd, Kevin Langer, Brad Chicken, Simon Tracey, Matthew Ralph, Brett Kaatz, Ross Williams, Doug Evans. Res. Jim Allan, Steve Waters, Willie Carter.



IPSWICH JETS A GRADE

1994 TEAM

Back Row (L to R): John Newton (Trainer), Marty Ryan ((Manager), Shaun O'Loan (Asst Coach), Kevin Langer (Capt Coach),

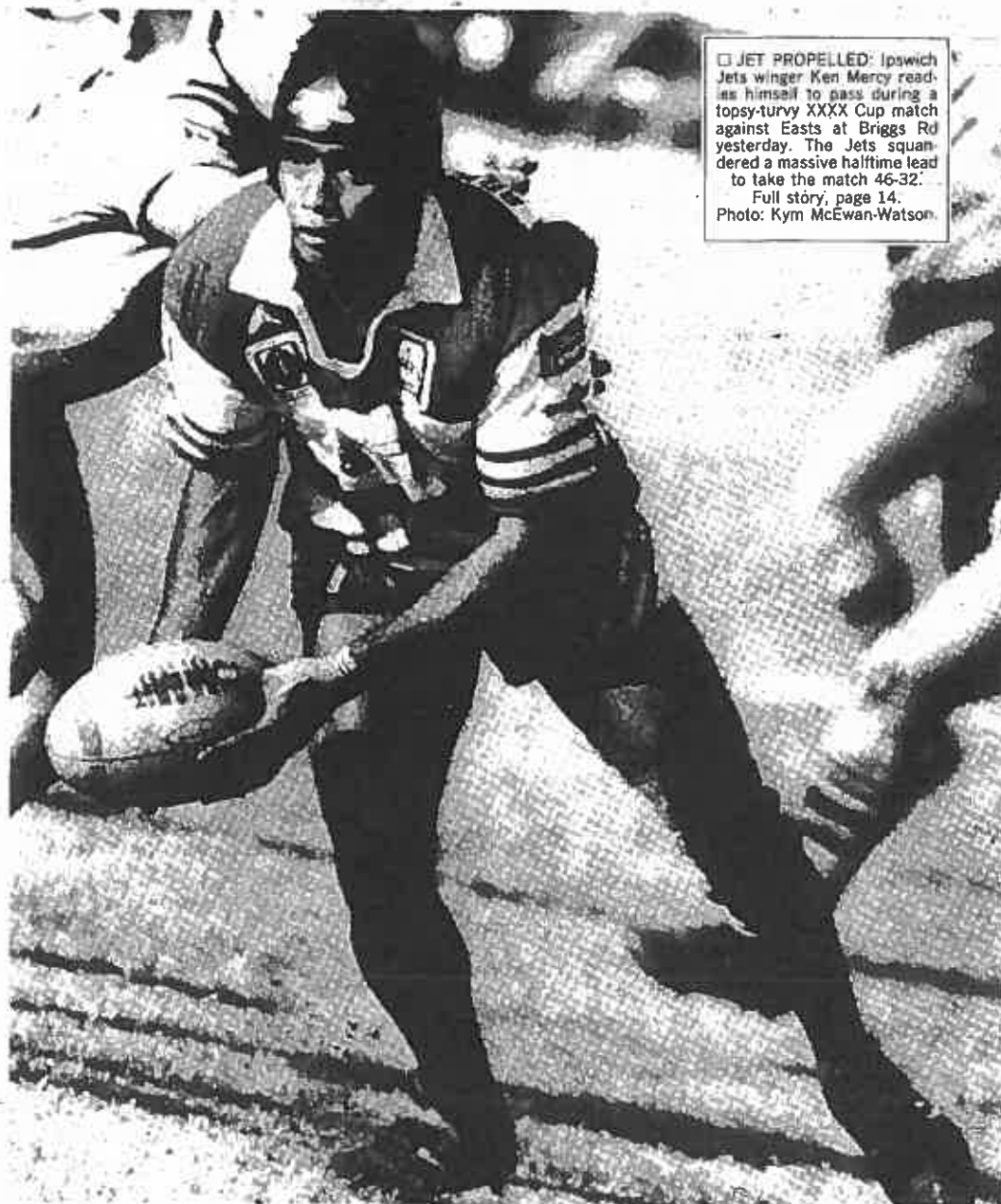
Scott Ward, Neville Langer, Justin Baker, Ken Mercy, William Carter, Jim Sullivan (Strapper), Rod Hacker (Strapper), David Williams (Strapper);

Middle Row (L to R): Julian Garland, David Chapman, Brad Chicken, Matt Williamson, Clinton Baker, Ray Mercy, Craig Cockeron,

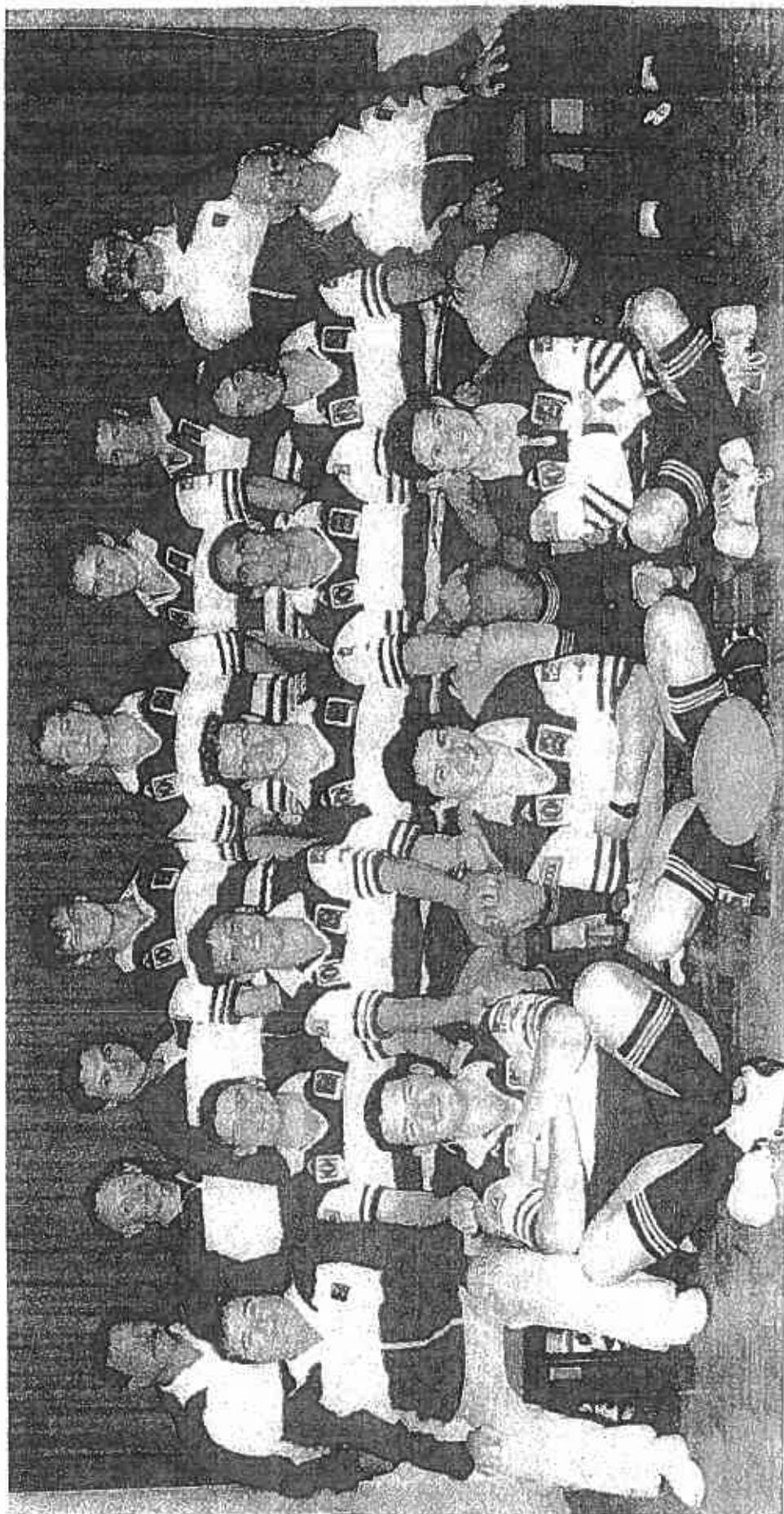
Ken Covington, Junior Toga, Doug Evens, Aaron Smith, Stewart Brown.

Front Row (L to R): Aaron Saltner, Jim Allen, Peter Dodd, John Edyvean (Chairman), Brett Kaatz, John Green, Simon Tracey, Steve Waters, Jim Lenihan.

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□ JET PROPELLED: Ipswich Jets winger Ken Mercy reads himself to pass during a topsy-turvy XXXX Cup match against Easts at Briggs Rd yesterday. The Jets squandered a massive halftime lead to take the match 46-32.
Full story, page 14.
Photo: Kym McEwan-Watson.



IPSWICH JETS UNDER 19 COLTS - 1994

Back Row (L to R): Rod Hacker (Strapper), John Newton (Trainer), Chris Fullerton (Coach), Shannon Higgins, Roscoe Heismath, Clinton Reid, Jason Biggs, David Wallace (Strapper).

Middle Row (L to R): Neal Bragg (Manager), Michele Williamson, Anthony Chienello, Greg Martin (Captain), Travis Baker, Jarrice Walbe, Jim Sullivan (Strapper).

Front Row (L to R): Damian Bryant, Shane Ward, Matt O'Brien.

Absent: Kerry Theuerkauf, Matt Wainwright, Desi Dodd, Scott Lawson, Clinton Smith, Michael Durham, David Stubbs, Barry Raa, Eddie Moneci, Richard Anderson, Todd Hensley, Louis Brown, David Hill.

JETS PLAYERS 1994

A GRADE

James Allen
John Brady
Clinton Baker
Justin Baker
Stuart Brown
William Carter
David Chapman
Bradley Chicken
Craig Cockrane
Kennith Covington
Peter Dodd
John Green
Douglas Evens
Brett Kaatz
Kevin Langer (Capt/Coach)
Neville Langer
Jim Lenihan
Ken Mercy
Ray Mercy
Steven Waters
William Pickering
Shane Page
Aaron Saltner
Jeremy Schloss
Junior Togia
Simon Tracey
Matthew Trevorrow
Scott Ward
Tony Weatherley
Matt Williamson
Ross Williams

RESERVES

Troy Baartz
Clinton Baker
Justin Baker
Stephen Boothby
Stuart Brown
William Carter
David Chapman
Craig Cockrane
Shane Cushway
Peter Gibson
Julian Garland
John Green
Greg Harmer
David Jones
Neville Langer
James Lenihan
Jamie McQueen
Ray Mercy
Daniel O'Conner
Shane Page
Kerry Theuerkauf
Duane Pocock
Aaron Saltner
Barry Rae
Michael Short
Aaron Smith
John Spain
Junior Togia
Matthew Trevorrow
Matthew Wainwright
Richard Walsh
Scott Ward
Steven Waters
Tony Weatherley
Jason Webber
Ross Williams (Capt)

COLTS

Richard Anderson
Travis Baker
Louis Brown
Damian Bryant
Anthony Chemello
Desi Dodd
Michael Durham
Roscoe Heistrath
Todd Hensley
Shannon Higgins
David Hill
Scott Lawson
Greg Martin (Capt)
Eddie Moneit
Matthew O'Brien
Barry Rae
Clinton Reid
Clinton Smith
David Stubbs
Matthew Ralph
Matthew Wainwright
James Walle
Shane Ward
Michael Williamson