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Jets Premier League draw

March 12: Ipswich v Logan City (Briggs Rd).
March 19: Redcliffe v Ipswich (Dolphin Oval).
March 26: Ipswich v Norths (Briggs Rd).
April 2: Ipswich v Brothers (Briggs Rd).
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June 4: Logan City v Ipswich (Meakin Park).
June 11: Ipswich v Redcliffe (Briggs Rd).
June 18: Norths v Ipswich (Bishop Park).
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July 2: Ipswich v Crushers (Briggs Rd).
July 9: Wests v Ipswich (Purtell Park).
July 16: Easts v Ipswich (Langlands Park).
July 23: Ipswich v Broncos (Briggs Rd).
July 30: Souths v Ipswich (Davies Park).
August 6: Wynnum v Ipswich (Kougari Oval).
August 13: Valleys v Ipswich (Neumann Oval).



□ **MOVING WITH THE TIMES:** Ipswich Jets back rower Willie Carter reckons you can't ignore the signs — the Jets for the Brisbane rugby league premiership and The Queensland Times for all the footy action. We preview the Jets' chances in our free eight-page FootyExtra guide to the season ahead starting on page 13.

Jets make vow to never, never quit

By KATHRYN RIES

IPSWICH Jets Premier League team have sworn to "never, never quit" this season and, despite several setbacks, they are living up to the new motto.

Jets five-eighth Peter Dodd said the team's new-found strength and mateship could be the key.

"Everyone is all real good mates," he said.

"That's why I reckon we'll go places — we all stick together.

"We always get together in a huddle before games and say "never, never quit" and that's what we did last week."

Forwards Gavan Minz and Jamie Peters were banished to the sinbin for 10 minutes each during the second half of last weekend's 24-21 win over Brothers.

"It's hard when you have one player less and I think that's what made the win more pleasing," Dodd said.

Dodd, 25, has been with the Jets A grade side since coming to Ipswich for a holiday in 1991.

"Playing in the Brisbane league is a challenge," he said.

"The competition is getting stronger and you have to keep up with it.

"I reckon we have got the team to go all the way this year."

Since moving from Mackay, Dodd has played one season with Ipswich Rugby League club Booval Swifts.

"I had a bad year in 1993 and I went to Swifts to try to get my form back," he said.

The move boosted Dodd's confidence and he returned to the Jets the following year.

"It's completely different now," he said. "Now you have to play more as a team."

Jets' Gary Morrissey returns for tomorrow's game against South Queensland Crushers.

The regular five-eighth has been recovering from a knee injury and will start on the bench.

Ipswich coach Chris Fullarton is expecting a tough contest with the talented young Crushers, who are coming off a comfortable win over Brisbane Broncos last weekend.

Crushers players have the chance to secure a spot in the club's Winfield Cup reserve grade if they impress.

"It's a big incentive. I wish some of my players could have that opportunity," Fullarton said.

Ipswich Jets play South Queensland Crushers at 11am tomorrow at Suncorp Stadium (Lang Park).

Jets: Scott Ward, Dean Smith, Paul Triggs, Aron Saltner, Tony McCarthy, Peter Dodd, Matt Ralph, Clinton Peters, Robbie Bichel, Dick Walsh, Jamie Peters, Gavan Minz, Brad Chicken, Murray Stephenson, Shane Shoesmith, Rosco Heisrath, Gary Morrissey.



□ NEVER, NEVER QUIT: Hard-working Jets five-eighth Peter Dodd reflects on Ipswich's new-found strength and mateship.



❑ **ALL FIRED UP:** Ipswich Jets centre Aron Saltner aims to impress this season in an effort to snare a Sydney contract.

Jet reaches new heights

By KATHRYN RIES

AN addiction to rugby league and the hope of a Sydney contract is bringing out the best in Ipswich Jets centre Aron Saltner this season.

Football is a powerful drug, for talented Saltner, who is playing his second year with the Jets.

Saltner scored a brilliant individual try against the Crabs in last weekend's XXXX Premier League match before heading to Sydney for an stint with the Brisbane representative side on Wednesday night.

Brisbane clinched a 24-22 victory with a last minute try against Sydney Metropolitan.

The team's next outing is the City v Country match on May 21.

Saltner's life revolves around rugby league and he is determined to make it to the top.

"I use to dream about playing Winfield Cup," he said.

Those dreams could be reality for the improving 22-year-old.

Saltner has been training every night for the past two weeks and, when he is not kicking a ball around, he can usually be found watching football.

The former Biloela schoolboy has played with Ipswich clubs Booval Swifts and West End.

He spent 1992 with Winfield Cup club Newcastle's under 21 side.

Saltner will start in his regular centre position when the Jets take on Wests at Briggs Rd tonight.

The game starts at 7pm.

Jets: Scott Ward, Dean Smith, Paul Triggs, Brad Chicken, Tony McCarthy, Gary Morrissy, Peter Dodd, Matt Ralph, Gavan Minz, Jamie Peters, Dick Walsh, Robbie Bichel, Shane Shoesmith, Aron Saltner, Rosco Heisrath.

Jets warning to look out

By GUY HAND

JETS skipper Gavan Minz and playmaker Gary Morrissey believe Ipswich can improve substantially on their comprehensive 34-16 XXXX Premier League trouncing of last year's grand finalists Wests at Briggs Rd on Saturday night.

That's ominous news for those yet to face the Jets this season after Ipswich outplayed, out-thought and outclassed the Panthers to record their fourth victory in six matches.

Outstanding second rower Minz said the Jets had set a target of winning all home matches this season — a record that looked safe on Saturday night.

"We certainly picked up our act a bit from last week's loss (to the Crushers)," said Minz, who capped off a great performance

with a first half try.

"Wests have lost a fair few players but they've still got a good side on paper so it was a good win. But we can still improve on that performance."

The Jets — with Minz half-back Peter Dodd and impressive winger Tony McCarthy leading the charge — ran in six tries to Wests' three.

To add insult to injury for the Panthers, captain John Little was sent off with Ipswich 20-10 up for his part in a melee.

Little's send-off made little difference with the Jets looking well in control throughout.

Ipswich led 14-6 at half-time and put the issue beyond doubt three minutes after the restart when fullback Scott Ward scampered over for a four-pointer.

The only concern for Morrissey, a strong performer at five-eighth in a reshuffled scrumbase

combination, was that the Jets eased off several times.

The Jets conceded two soft second half tries — one while the Panthers were down to 12 men.

"That's the problem — we seem to be a little patchy," Morrissey said.

"We can improve 300% on that but it was still a good result and we've kept our record of not losing at home. A win's a win."

Saturday night's win was a triumph for Jets fitness conditioner Gary Wallace, who worked with the Panthers last season.

The only sour note for the Jets was an injury to Dean Smith.

Smith was taken to hospital after a second half head clash with Wests' Mark Maguire.

Ipswich Jets 34 (J Peters, G Minz, D Smith, S Ward, M Ralph, P Dodd tries; S Ward 5 goals) Wests 16 (D Liddell, M Maguire, A Leonard 1 tries; M Maguire 2 goals).

Dodd inspired by favourite fan

HIS family calls him P.J. — and if his rugby league rivals are caught napping, he'll be their worst nightmare.

Just ask sleeping giants Wests cut to ribbons as Ipswich Jets halfback Peter John Dodd spearheaded his side's 34-16 shellacking of last year's grand finalists in their XXXX Premier League match at Briggs Rd on Saturday night.

The Dodd family never misses one of Peter's matches, cheering on every move the pint-sized 25-year-old makes.

But missing from the cheer squad on Saturday night was Dodd's biggest fan — his mum Diana, recovering in Princess

Alexandra Hospital from a kidney ailment.

"Mum had a kidney transplant about four years ago and a bit of rejection set in last week, so they took her to hospital," Dodd said.

"They reckon she should be out of hospital some time this week."

If Dodd's performance on Saturday night gives his mum the same lift it gave the Jets, she won't be ill for long.

Whether it was making a 30m break or tackling with the intensity of a player twice his size, Dodd was inspirational. He capped off a virtuoso performance with a soft try — the last of the Jets' six.

But Dodd and his teammates will probably remember more his brilliant break, chip and chase minutes earlier which would have gone close to being the try of the season so far had it not been disallowed.

For Jets coach Chris Fullarton, Dodd's man of the match effort at halfback justified his decision to reshuffle his scrumbase combination, with Gary Morrissey going to five-eighth, Dodd to half and Matt Ralph to lock.

"At five-eighth, I've told Peter to get the ball out but at halfback I've told him to run a little bit. I think he's enjoying that side of it," Fullarton said.



□ DODD THE DANGERMAN: Skilful Ipswich halfback Peter Dodd produced an inspirational performance for the Jets on Saturday night.

Captain courageous carries Jets charge

By KATHRYN RIES

NURSING an injured elbow, Jets Premier League captain Gavan Minz criticised his team for lack of discipline and praised them for their courage as Ipswich beat Wynnum 22-12 at Briggs Rd on Saturday.

Minz's bloated elbow was only a minor hiccup in a game packed with incident.

Players could only look on helplessly as Wynnum five-eighth David Chapman lay on the half-way line drifting in and out of consciousness midway through the first half.

Chapman crushed an artery in his shoulder after clashing with another player and will probably miss the rest of the season.

The incident happened only four minutes after Wynnum captain Pat O'Doherty was stretchered off with a dislocated knee.

O'Doherty limped back to the sideline with the help from a Seagulls official only to watch one of his best players go down.

A sombre mood hung over the field as players and spectators waited for the ambulance.

The Jets kicked the ball around trying to keep warm while the Seagulls headed for the safety of

the dressing room.

Chapman received a round of applause as the ambulance left the field for Ipswich General Hospital.

He was released yesterday and will see specialists this week.

The 25 minute disruption upset both sides.

Ipswich fullback Scott Ward suffered a suspected broken hand during in what Minz described as a spiteful match.

Wynnum players David Read and Darren Filewood, and Ipswich's Dick Walsh sinbinned after an all-in brawl in the first half.



Wynnum lock Tony Batten and Ipswich player Jamie Peters also paid for their sins with a 10 minute spell.

"That brawl was just like a time bomb waiting to go off," Minz said.

"I was not really happy with our discipline, but you can not whinge about a win."

Minz and Jets coach Chris Fullarton praised hooker Robbie Bichel who had a blinder and



helped send five-eighth Gary Morrissy off on a winning note.

It was Morrissy's final game for the Jets.

Wynnum coach Peter Donkin was pleased with his side's performance under the trying conditions.

"They all put in 100%," he said.

"Watching one of your teammates taken to hospital unconscious is not easy."

"I thought at one stage of the night we might have got away with a win, but after that first half we only had one forward left on the bench and he was injured."

Minz scored the first try of the match in the opening minutes, but Batten put Wynnum back into the game after returning from the sinbin a short time later.

It was a big break for Wynnum who seemed to have lost direction after losing Chapman and O'Doherty.

Ipswich went into the break with an 8-4 lead.

Ipswich Jets 22 (G Minz, B Chicken, M Ralph, P Triggs tries; S Ward, M Ralph 2 goals) d Wynnum 12 (T Batten 2 tries; N Croft 2 goal)

Colts: Ipswich 18 d Wynnum 12
Reserves: Ipswich 20 d Wynnum 12
Under 21: Wynnum 30 d Ipswich 12.

Other round scores, latest table — page 12.



BACK IN BUSINESS: Ipswich Jets centres Ken Mercy (left) and Junior Togia are more determined than ever to make this season a success after returning from serious injuries.

Injured duo in shock recovery

By KATHRYN RIES

DOCTORS grimly predicted a season on the sideline when Ipswich Jets Premier League players Ken Mercy and Junior Togia were badly injured against Norths eight weeks ago.

The determined centres had other ideas.

Togia has made a speedy recovery from a broken hand and will join the A grade team when they play Caboolture Valleys tomorrow.

Mercy, who had a steel plate inserted in his upper jaw after it was mashed, will play his second reserve grade game.

"It's just a bit scary," he said. "I am favouring it a bit, but it will be all right."

Mercy's return has surprised, and even shocked, some people. He was not expected to play football for at least three months.

"I couldn't wait that long," he said. "I just had to play."

"It gets so frustrating when you're not playing."

The classy footballer expects to be

ready to return to A grade in about two weeks.

"I think it (jaw) will take the weight of a tackle, but I kept it out of the way last weekend," he said.

Togia said although the injuries were a blow for him and Mercy, he was glad to have company on the sideline.

"We were therapy for each other," he said.

Togia praised Ipswich Hospital doctors for getting him back to the paddock three weeks earlier than expected.

He is doubling up at training after being ordered by coach Chris Fullarton and strength and conditioner co-ordinator Gary Wallace to lose 10kg.

"I went from 92-102kg so Chris is making me train with reserve and A grade — it's killing me," Togia said.

"I have been training with both teams for three weeks and I reckon I'll have to do it for a while."

"There is too much competition in A grade for me to carry extra weight."

"The only way I could get in this week



was because Gary Morrissey has left and Scott Ward has a broken hand."

Fullarton has maintained the rotation of his big forwards in tomorrow's starting line-up. Clinton Peters will come off the bench, while Paul Meredith and Shane Shoemith fill the prop positions.

Experienced Matt Ralph moves to the five-eighth spot, vacated by Morrissey who played his final Jets game last weekend.

"Matt's running game has been excellent and I want him not only to be an organiser, but keep up the running game from five-eighth," Fullarton said.

Regular reserve grader Charlie Beresford steps onto the field for his first A grade game. Beresford will replace injured Tony McCarthy on the left wing.

Tomorrow's Premier League game starts at 3pm at Briggs Rd. Under 21 play Caboolture Valleys at 10.30am, reserves kick off at 12pm and colts at 1.30pm.

Jets: Aron Saltner, Charlie Beresford, Junior Togia, Brad Chicken, Paul Triggs, Matt Ralph, Peter Dodd, Paul Meredith, Robbie Bichel, Shane Shoemith, Dick Walsh, Gavan Minz, Steven Boothby, Aaron Shepley, Clinton Peters.



CRUSHING DEFENCE: Ipswich Jets captain Gavan Minz (back) and hooker Robbie Bichel whisper a few quick words to Caboolture Valleys reserve Michael Neehouse during yesterday's game. Valleys won 30-22 — full report on page 28.

Jets final hopes hurt

LOGAN City sent the Ipswich Jets out of the top four with a devastating 15-minute try-scoring display during yesterday's 30-8 Premier Rugby League loss at Meakin Park.

Disappointed Jets coach Chris Fullarton described Logan as unstoppable as they raced to a 22-4 halftime lead.

"In that time they did too much damage," he said.

"They Logan certainly threw the ball around and in that 15 minute period they would hit the line and just pop the ball over our defence."

Fullarton said the Jets could have picked themselves up and won the game in the second half.

However, they were unable to squeeze through Logan City's defence.

Yesterday's loss pushed the Jets from fourth spot on the premiership table to eighth.

Fullarton admitted the climb back would be difficult.

"When we get to there it is very hard to edge ahead again," he said.

"You can drop back very quickly."

He said he was extremely disappointed with Ipswich's game, despite

some good individual performances.

"We were looking for a much better performance," he said.

Ipswich winger Charlie Beresford was unlucky not to have scored in the first half.

He also made his presence felt in the second half when he prevented Logan City from adding another try to their haul by holding up the ball.



Fullarton

Jets fullback Scott Ward made some good breaks after returning from a broken hand suffered two weeks ago.

Reserve Paul Meneid, though, gained plenty of valuable metres. His ex-

ploits include a memorable 50m run which lacked support.

In other Premier League results yesterday, Souths crushed Valleys 68-0, competition leaders Redcliffe outclassed Norths 13-6, Wynnum beat bottom team Wests 24-10, Easts overpowered Crushers 38-20 and Brothers held out Broncos 24-16.

Logan City 30 (B Taylor 3, B Hamilton 1, North tries, B Hamilton goal) d Ipswich Jets 8 (S Ward, A Saltner tries).

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GROUNDING JET: Jets fullback Scott Ward made some encouraging breaks on his return from injury in yesterday's rugby league match. Ipswich lost 30-8 to slip out of the Premier League top four.



□ **MAKING HIS MARK:** Ipswich Jets winger Charlie Beresford's consistent performance on the wing has helped him retain an A-grade spot.

Heard on the try scene

By KATHRYN RIES

HYPERACTIVE rugby league player Charlie Beresford wants to make a lasting impression on his Ipswich Jets teammates and coaching staff this season.



With only a few games up his sleeve, the Rockhampton-born footballer is on his way.

Beresford's talent on the field and his talkative nature make him difficult to ignore.

"You usually hear me before you see me," he said.

"I have a big mouth so I use it."

Beresford, 21, is still settling into the wing position since landing an A-grade spot three weeks ago.

"I am used to being a bit more involved in the action, but I'm getting use to it out there," he said.

"I am really happy to be in A grade — it's a different level of football.

"A lot of the older fellows like Matt Ralph and Gavan Minz have really helped me."

Beresford scored two tries during his A-grade debut against Caboolture Valleys late last month.

The effort earned him the nickname the Rockhampton Rocket.

Beresford was a regular halfback in Rockhampton before moving south in January.

Beresford began the season as captain of the Jets under 21 side.

"Personally I have not been having a very good season," he said.

"It's been a bit up and down, but I have been putting in some extra time at training."

Beresford will line up with the Jets when they take on Norths at Bishop Park tomorrow.

Ipswich colt Matt O'Brien, 18, has been called into the A grade side to help fill the gap left by injured halfback Peter Dodd.

Dodd will miss up to four weeks after injuring his shoulder.

Jets coach Chris Fullarton said the side would miss Dodd's leadership and experience.

"He is a good team player, but that is what football is about."

Fullarton said he had a lot of faith in O'Brien's ability to play top grade. A-grade kickoff at 3pm.

Jets squad: Scott Ward, Charlie Beresford, Ken Mercy, Aron Saltner, Tony McCarthy, Junior Togia, Matt Ralph, Matt O'Brien, Richard Faataape, Robbie Bichel, Shane Shoesmith, Dick Walsh, Jamie Peters, Stephen Boothby, Clinton Peters, Gavan Minz, Paul Meredith, Brad Chicken.



JETSETTING CAPTAIN Ipswich Jets captain Gavan Minz prepares to lead the Australian Universities team against New Zealand in two tests next month.

Minz rewarded with Australian captaincy

By KATHRYN RIES

AT 26, Ipswich Jets captain Gavan Minz has been given his first chance to play rugby league for Australia.

Minz will captain the Australian Universities team which play two Tests against a New Zealand Universities side and other representative teams next month.

"It's sort of an honour I never expected to get," the modest footballer said.

"You are not playing football for money and when you get your jersey, you just feel so good pulling on the green and gold.

"It's a great sense of personal satisfaction - it would be nice to have that jersey to hang up in the cupboard."

Minz, who is one of the Jets most consistent players, will miss three

Premier League matches.

"The boys are a bit dirty at me, but they understand," he said.

The Australians head for the land of the long white cloud early next month after a three-day training camp in Sydney.

"I am sort of looking forward to it at this level of football," the Ipswich second rower said.

"It was a very special feeling getting selected and a bit of an honour to be named captain."

Twelve Queenslanders were named in the Australian team after the Maroons' 24-12 victory over NSW in Toowoomba earlier this month.

Minz said the Australians were unsure what to expect in New Zealand, but were prepared to face big forward packs during their two-week tour.

It is the second time Minz has been selected in an Australian side.

He was named in an honorary Australian Universities team in 1989.



Jets a part of Ipswich culture

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Queensland Times, on their initiatives involved with the meeting on Monday night to help save the Ipswich Jets.

In particular, I would like to thank Mark Hinchliffe for chairing the meeting, and the way he handled the issue.

The Jets are an important part of the overall culture of Ipswich City. The Ipswich region has a proud history of involvement with rugby league.

Many of Australia's past and present rugby league greats have come from this area. It is therefore important that the city's tradition, in this sport is preserved in the form of a representative team.

Prior commitments made it impossible for me to attend the meeting, but I am very happy to see that two councillors, Paul Tully and Paul Pisasale, are on the newly formed advisory board.

The membership is of a very high calibre and I am sure that the presence of these two councillors will add weight to its deliberations.

Once again I thank The Queensland Times for its pivotal role in this important issue.

— Cr John Nugent, Mayor of the City of Ipswich.



Jets' acting captain Matthew Ralph in action

Jets . . . see you in '96

A FAILED field goal that tormented the crowd, gusty wind that tortured the players and a whistle that refused to work summed up Ipswich's luckless rugby league afternoon at Briggs Road yesterday.

Ipswich five-eighth Matt Ralph could only shake his head in disbelief at the comedy of errors which saw the Jets remain deadlocked 20-20 with Brisbane Broncos.

Ralph had fired the last-minute field goal attempt that hit the uprights and bounced back into play. Had the ball snuck over the crossbar, Ipswich would have clinched a deserved victory.

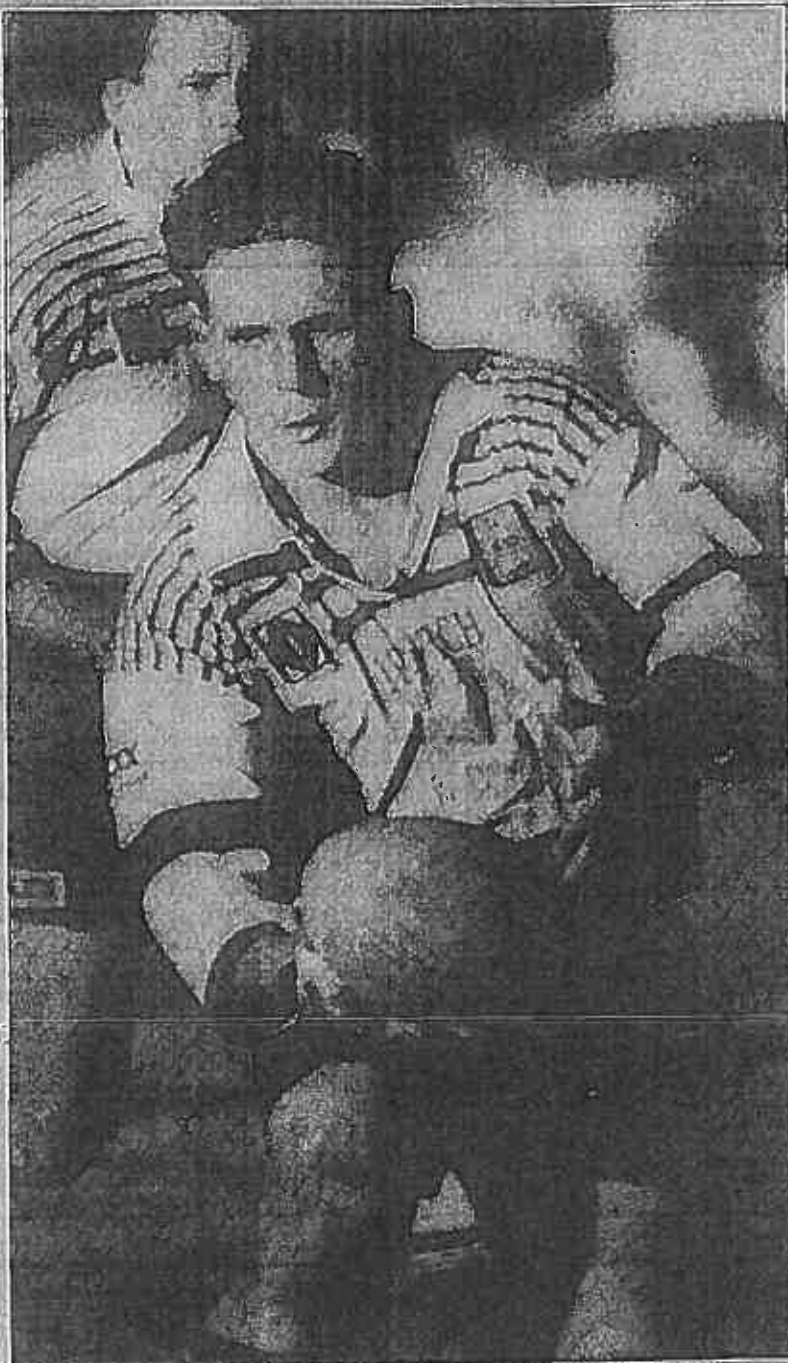
However, the frustrating finish with their past three Premier League losses extinguished Ipswich's semi-final aspirations.

The blustery conditions caused havoc for Ipswich's kickers, especially Ralph, who saw two vital scoring opportunities carried too far — held up in the wind and blown back almost to his feet — or too wide.

Misfortune even bothered the referee who had to make a mercy dash to the dressingrooms after his whistle gave up in the second half.

Play was temporarily halted as the bewildered crowd watched the ref dart off to find a whistle that worked.

Gremlins also struck the announcing system.



FORWARD MARCH: Ipswich Jets second rower Stephen Boothby prepares to unload during yesterday's 20-all draw with Brisbane Broncos.
Injured Ralph to battle on, page 13. All the scores, page 15.
Photo by Kym McEwan-Watson

Reserves are club's last hope

THE whole club is behind the reserve grade team, the only Ipswich Jets' team in finals contention, who play off against fourth-placed Brothers on Sunday at Purtell Park.

A player to keep an eye on is centre Paul Triggs who scored four tries in last weekend's reserve grade win against Valleys. The effort matched Willie Carter's four tries against Norths earlier in the season.

What made Trigger's quadrella special was he was apparently carrying a painful injury suffered after a run-in with a dog on Friday night.

I COULD write a book on the ups

and downs of the 1995 season which has been a memorable learning experience for myself.

We lost several players at the start of the season but gained some young players keen to impress.

By the start of the second round we were sitting in fourth spot with some good performances. The rest is history.

WHEN the details of the 1996 format are announced the Jets can start planning next year's campaign in earnest.

The nucleus of the club must be retained and players from the local competition must be given the opportunity to play at a higher level.

However, a compromise must be



League

Chris Fullarton

obtained between the South East division, Southern division and the QRL to allow contracted Jets players to move more freely between the two divisions without de-registering and re-registering.

It requires 25 to 30 players to run a football team for a season. Excess players should be allowed to play in the local competition with the freedom to take up the opportunity to play for the Jets if they desire.

And the Jets will certainly not

bring up any player who doesn't want to play for us.

JETS chairman Chris Williams and the board put on a club barbecue on Friday which we all enjoyed.

Gavan Minz was elected onto the board as the players' representative. He will be responsible for putting forward the views of the players, trainers and coaches.

I see this as a good appointment with Gavan already indicating our concern about the Articles of Association.

He has had a great season as a player, including captaining the Australian Universities side, and is well respected by the players.

I am very grateful to have had his

steadying influence and experience on hand and see his retention as paramount for the 1996 season.

I WOULD like to thank all of the Jets support staff for a job well done during the year.

Sports trainers Kerry Brooks, John Newton and Rod Hacker have all carried out their duties in a very professional manner.

A special thanks to first grade manager Mick Tait who did a fantastic job looking after things — usually one step ahead of me.

Also to fitness trainer Gary Wallace for his professional attitude and invaluable assistance during the season.

JETS PLAYERS 1995

QLD/CUP

Charles Beresford
Robbie Bichel
Stephen Boothby
Brad Chicken
William Carter
Chris Cowley
Peter Dodd
Roscoe Heistrath
Richard Faataape
Tyron Hooper
John Luhrman
Ken Mercy
Paul Meredith
Tony McCarthy
Gavin Minz (Capt)
Garry Morrissey
Matthew O'Brien
Clinton Peters
Jamie Peters
Jeff Prince
Matthew Ralph
Aaron Saltner
Aaron Shepley
Shane Shoesmith
Dean Smith
Jamie McQueen
Murray Stephenson
Junior Togia
Paul Triggs
Cam Wallace
Richard Walsh
Scott Ward
Steven Waters

A GRADE

Jim Allen
Charles Beresford
Stephen Boothby
Todd Brooks
William Carter
Kennith Covington
Shane Cushway
Michael Durham
Richard Faataape
Julian Garland
Roscoe Heistrath
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Dean Smith
Murray Stephenson
Tony Sullivan
Jason Taylor
Junior Togia
Paul Triggs
Cam Wallace (Capt)
Steven Waters
George Wilson
Troy Wilson

COLTS

Damian Betteridge
Salem Betteridge
Greg Brooks
Anthony Chemello
Bradley Chicken
Aaron Davey
Even Christensen
Gerald Fourmile
Jason Frohmuller
Trevor Fourmile
David Glass
Paul Gardner
Joel Hill
Trent Knack
John Luhrman
Heath McQueen (Capt)
Matthew O'Brien
Timothy O'Conner
Jeff Prince
Adam Rasmussen
Barry Rea
John Ruscoe
Gareth Smith
Ross McCourt
Michael Williamson
John Wimmer
Randall Wilson
Scott Ward
Shane Ward

UNDER /21

Charles Beresford Capt)
Jeff Brook
Greg Brooks
Robert Carr
Even Christensen
Chris Cowley
Michael Crilly
Jay Cumner
Allan Danes
Aaron Davey
Trent Fairliegh
Gerald Fourmile
Trevor Fourmile
Norm Freeman
Jason Frohmuller
Chris Hamilton
Shannon Harrison
Anthony Hess
Lucas Higginson
Shannon Higgins
Joel Hill
Trent Knack
Gerard Kundie
Dean Smith
Ross McCourt
Stephen McGrath
Heath McQueen
Ross Mitchell
Timothy O'Conner
Darren Peterson
Brent Preston
John Ruscoe
Anthony Savage
Peter Scheiwe
Graham Smith
David Stubbs
Jason Taylor
Cam Wallace
Clinton Wallace
Lee Wicks

WYNNUM SEAGULLS v IPSWICH JETS

6/8/95



WYNNUM SEAGULLS

Coach: Peter Donkin

Fullback:

1. David Chapman

Wing Threequarters:

2. Darrin Filewood 5. Matthew Olszewski

Centre Threequarters:

3. Richard Taylor 4. Gregory Street

Five Eighth:

6. Glen Waia

Halfback:

7. Jason Predl

Lock Forward:

13. Anthony Batten

Second Row Forwards:

12. Kent Larson 11. Geoff Hassen

Front Row Forwards:

10. Clayton Maher 8. Chris Reberger

Hooker:

9. Peter Rackemann

Replacements:

14. Kirk Lawton 16.

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Referee: I. Irwin Touch Judges: T. Herman

R. Barnsley

Premier Colts 1.30pm

Coach: Alfonso Miranda

1. Ricky Levey
2. Garry Ibbs
3. Patrick McKenna
4. Timothy Carroll
5. Terrance Greenstill
6. Bill Maloney
7. Brendan Piah
8. Steve Holmes
9. Nathan Hurd
10. Shaun Taylor
11. Glen Polson
12. Aaron Olszewski
13. Aaron Stanley

Replacements:

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Referee: G. Minns

T/J: R. Barnsley

T. Herman

Reserve Grade 12.00pm

Coach: Kevin McGarity

1. Ian Cash
2. Dean Penrose
3. Nathan Croft
4. Brett Love
5. Stacey Hurd
6. John Ellis
7. Scott Moffatt
8. Luke Jorgensen
9. Mark Gliddon
10. Jason Luty
11. Rick Anderson
12. Craig Davison
13. Barry Tomkinson

Replacements:

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Referee: D. McKenzie

T/J: A. Wallace

T. Graham

Under 21's 10.30am

Coach: Jim McMullen

1. Denyk Bardon
2. Daniel Turner
3. Russell Brodie
4. Chris Bain
5. Matthew Baldwin
6. Shannon Grimley
7. Mark Colley
8. Matthew Smetheram
9. Phil Butler
10. Shye Browne
11. Airon Tillbrook
12. David Reed
13. Gavin Kugler

Replacements:

14. Simon Maroo

15. David Homer

16. David Powell

17. Rex Malins

Referee: M. Nrgont

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Coach: Chris Fullarton

Fullback:

1. Scott Ward

Wing Threequarters:

2. Charlie Beresford 5. Aaron Saltner

Centre Threequarters:

3. Ken Mercy 4. Junior Togia

Five Eighth:

6. Peter Dodd

Halfback:

7. Matthew O'Brien

Lock Forward:

13. John Luhrman

Second Row Forwards:

12. Steve Boothby 11. Shane Shoesmith

Front Row Forwards:

10. Clinton Peters 8. Shane Shoesmith

Hooker:

9. Jamie Peters

Replacements:

14. Richard Faataapo 16. Paul Meredith

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Referee: I. Irwin Touch Judges: R. Barnsley T. Hoffman

Premier Colts 1.30pm

Coach: Shaun O'Loan

1. Jeff Prince
2. Trevor Fournile
3. Heath McQueen
4. Joel Hill
5. Trent Knack
6. Adam Rasmussen
7. Gerry Fournile
8. Barry Rea
9. Michael Williamson
10. Shane Ward
11. Anthony Chemello
12. Randall Wilson
13. Salam Bettridge

Replacements:

14. Damian Bettridge

15. Tim O'Connor

16. Jason Frohmuller

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Referee: G. Minns

T/J: R. Barnsley

T. Herman

Reserve Grade 12.00pm

Coach: John Harrison

1. Mick Durham
2. Jeff Makie
3. Tony Hooper
4. Paul Triggs
5. Julian Garland
6. Tom Lenihan
7. Laurie Potter
8. Paul Meredith
9. Aaron Shepley
10. Shane Cushway
11. Troy Wilson
12. S. Ward
13. William Carter

Replacements:

14. J. Allen

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17.

Referee: D. McKenzie

T/J: A. Wallace

T. Graham

Under 21's 10.30am

Coach: Len Chen

1. Brent Preston
2. Evan Christie
3. Trent Fairclough
4. R. Mitchell
5. R. Carr
6. G. Kunde
7. Lee Wicks
8. S. McGrath
9. Jay Cumner
10. S. Harrison
11. J. Taylor
12. D. Peterson
13. C. Wallace

Replacements:

14. G. Brooks

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Referee: M. Nuphin

T/J: A. Wallace

T. Graham

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• Jets jerseys launched ... (from left) major sponsor Sandy Savige, club chairman Chris Williams and captain Dick Walsh.

Jets time to take off

THE Ipswich Jets officially launched their 1996 State League season at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club last Wednesday.

Club chairman Chris Williams said a great amount of work had been done to ensure the season got off to a good start.

"It's a tough old season ahead of us but there's plenty of excitement and anticipation within the club," he said.

With the turmoil presently surrounding the New South Wales competition, it was hoped rugby

league fans would turn their attention back to the local clubs, Williams said.

His main aims as chairman are to raise the profile of the players and to instil some spirit into the club and its supporters.

"There's a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and a lot of people have put in a lot of effort."

The Jets opened their State League campaign against Logan City on Sunday. Their first home game will be against Brothers at North Ipswich Reserve on April 7.



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 Scott Ward (Logan City)
 Peter Dodd (Ipswich Brothers)
 Brad Chicken (Beaudesert Gp 18)
 Tony McCarthy (Booval Swifts)
 Shane Ward (Logan City)

DOUBTFUL

Matt Ralph (trialling with South Sydney)
 Junior Togia (trialling with Gold Coast)
 Aaron Sattner (Undecided)

TRIALLISTS

Chris Beattie (Ipswich Norths)
 Adam Friend (Toowoomba U19)
 Danny Clancy (Mackay)

Walsh assumes the Jets captaincy role

BY KATHRYN RIES

GUTSY Ipswich rugby league forward Dick Walsh has been appointed acting captain of the new-look Jets State League outfit.

The Ipswich-bred footballer was among the most consistent defensive players for the Jets Premier League team last year.

State League coach John Harrison said Walsh would slip into the captain's role for this weekend's Runaway Bay Sevens tournament.

He said the Jets captain for the inaugural State League season would probably be Walsh or classy five-eighth Matt Ralph.

Ralph played a trial game with South Sydney last night and is expected to return to Ipswich in time for the Sevens' challenge.

Harrison said the Jets had retained most of their forward pack for the State League season which starts next month.

However, he is wary of making predictions.

"It will be completely different in the backs," Harrison said.

"Matt Ralph — if he stays with

us — will be the oldest back and he's only 24."

Harrison said although the Jets had lost some valuable players, they had picked up plenty of worthy replacements.

Former Jets colt Willie Pickering has returned to the club after a year in Darwin.

Harrison also has high praise for former Redcliffe centre Wayne Bartholomew and utility Tom Lenihan, who captained last year's Jets reserve grade team to the Brisbane semi-finals.

"No matter where you throw Tommy he goes well and Wayne is just lightning," Harrison said.

"He would go very, very close to the fastest bloke I have ever seen in football boots."

Rugby league forwards Shane Page, Craig Cochrane and Matt Trevorrow, who played under former coach Kevin Langer, have re-joined the Jets' ranks and are trying to secure positions in the 25-player State League squad.

Ipswich Norths prop Chris Beattie, Toowoomba five-eighth Adam Friend and Mackay full-back Danny Clancy are trialling

with the Jets.

Friend played representative football for Toowoomba and Harrison discovered Clancy while working at Alpha, 170km east of Borealdine.

The Jets are looking for players to fill gaps in the club's Brisbane Rugby League reserve grade and colts sides.

Prospective players should attend training at North Ipswich Reserve at 6.30pm on Tuesday or Thursday.

Pre-season trials start next weekend.

In other league news former Ipswich Jets colt Scott Lawson staked his claim for an A grade berth with a starring role in the South Queensland Crushers' impressive 46-12 trial win over Sydney Tigers in Toowoomba last night.

Lawson scored two tries, as did Gold Coast off-season signing Danny Peacock as the Crushers served notice they would be better for their first season in the Australian Rugby League.

The trial attracted a 3000-strong crowd.

Fumbling Jets face overhaul

IPSWICH Jets State League coach John Harrison is set to make radical changes to his rugby league side after they fumbled through yesterday's 34-0 loss to Brothers.

The Jets held the ball for only seven sets of six in yesterday's Commonwealth Bank Challenge match at Bray Park.

"It was pathetic," coach Harrison said.

"We just turned the ball over too cheaply.

"We only had it for 12 sets of six in the first half and we held it for five."

The Jets had less attack in the second half, hanging onto the ball for two out of seven sets.

"We would use a pattern play and then drop the ball before we could get it to the kicker," Harrison said.

"We would force an error onto them and then dive on the ball and knock it on so they would get the feed to the scrum."

The Jets defence had a rugged workout as they struggled to stop Brothers' attack from crossing the try line.

"We certainly had plenty of tackling practice," Harrison said.

"But we are not going to run out and cut our

throats because we lost a couple of trial games."

Brothers broke through the determined Ipswich defence only once and used a kicking game to slip past for their other tries. They held a comfortable 20-0 lead at the break.

Harrison has warned his players there would be plenty of changes to the side which have struggled to hold the ball in the opening three matches of the pre-season competition.

"I don't think the boys are focussed enough," he said. "They certainly know the mistakes they have made and it will be a different side next week."

Harrison said despite the loss, the Jets had exposed several weaknesses in Brothers' game which they would exploit when the teams meet in the State League competition.

"They will get a hell of a fright if they think we are easy-beats next time we play them," he said.

□ In other games, Jets A grade fullback Chris Morgan will face the judiciary today after being sent off in the opening minutes of yesterday's 38-18 loss to Brothers.

Ipswich played most of the game one man down after Morgan was given his marching orders for allegedly blocking a Brothers as he tried to pull out of a tackle.

The Jets B grade side won 18-16. Colts lost 16-10.



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Jets lose thriller

By KATHRYN RIES

Ipswich display late fight

IPSWICH Jets rugby league side paid the ultimate price for a sluggish start in a heart-stopping 32-26 island Cup loss to Past Brothers at North Ipswich Reserve yesterday.

Ipswich out-played Brothers in the second half, notching 16 points to Brothers' six.

However, the Jets were unable to make up for a lethargic first term.

"We didn't start well at all and that's what cost us," Ipswich coach John Harrison said.

"We have to lift our intensity.

"It's just that we didn't have any ball and they were catching us out wide."

Despite a lack of experience, the young Jets outfit showed plenty of promise in a brilliant second half.

Ipswich recovered from a few early errors, threw the ball around with confidence and held their opponents better in tackles.

Jets lock Stephen Boothby led the way, pushing forward without the slightest hesitation.

"The second half was fantastic," Harrison said.

"Those guys (Brothers) are the trend setters, but we just lifted our defence another notch and they didn't get the ball.

"We just have to put two second halves like that together and we will belt sides."

The Jets rallied under pressure when No 16 Brendon Humphreys was sinbinned for a professional foul midway through the second half.

They re-grouped once again when centre Jamie Peters was given his marching orders in the closing minutes.

"Those two in the sinbin cost us a lot, but the team held up pretty well," Harrison said.

Hard-working Jets captain Dick Walsh and pint-sized hooker Robbie Bichel topped the tackle for Ipswich with 27 each.

Brothers caused plenty of problems for the Jets in the first half.

They threw the ball around freely and slipped passes away as the

Ipswich defence tried to drag the visitors to the ground.

Brothers led 26-10 at the break.

Smart-stepping fullback Matthew Wainwright put Ipswich back in the game with a beaut try 10 minutes into the second half.

Ipswich later equalised the score 26-all but Brothers hooker Barry Collins forced his way through a pack of Jets defenders to secure victory late in the game.

Ipswich second row Shane Shoemith was helped from the field midway through the second half after being brought down with a head-high tackle.

Past Brothers 32 (B Collins 2, C Essex 2, T Koloi, S Perry, D Rauchle tries; S Maguire 2 goals) d Ipswich 26 (T Lenihan 2, J Garland, S Boothby, F Alfamasaga tries; H McQueen 2, T Lenihan goals).

Premier League: Brothers 20 d Ipswich 12.

Reserves: Brothers 18 d Ipswich 12.

Colts: Brothers 36 d Ipswich 10.

□ Jets caught in action — page 15; all the footy scores — p17.



□ GRITTY CUSTOMER: Determined Jets lock Stephen Boothby works to get the ball free during Ipswich's 32-26 Queensland Cup loss yesterday.



□ **PICKING UP THE PACE:** Jets rugby league player Stephen Boothby moves into five-eighth as Ipswich fight for their first

Reward for pivot

By KATHRYN RIES

IPSWICH Jets forward Stephen Boothby's impressive second half performance at five-eighth last week has prompted coach John Harrison to give the talented sportsman another shot in tonight's Queensland Cup match against Sunshine Coast.

Boothby was dynamic in the second half against Brothers, earning praise from his teammates and coach.

The move allows Tommy Lenihan to return to his regular centre position where he will pair up with hard-hitting Jamie Peters.

"Tommy is a really good hole runner and he scored twice last week, so we want to have him where he can find those holes better," Harrison said.

"When we put Boothby at five-eighth he did really well. He's

probably the biggest five-eighth you will see, which will strengthen us up right of the ruck.

"Anyone who tries to run through there will be in for a shock."

Former Sydney rugby league player Pat O'Doherty will make his first appearance in the Jets Queensland Cup side.

Harrison will use O'Doherty as an impact player and rely on the experienced forward for valuable on-field guidance.

"If we can score a try every time he is on the field, then he has done his job for us," Harrison said.

O'Doherty has been playing full games for the Jets Brisbane Rugby League reserve grade side to increase his match fitness during the past weeks.

Harrison said the Jets would try to correct minor hitches

which the team struck against Brothers last weekend, including looking too far ahead.

"We out-read what they were going to do and instead of going for the man with the ball we were going for his support player," said.

The Jets play Sunshine Coast at 7.30pm tonight at Kawana Sportsground.

Ipswich's BRL sides play Logan City at North Ipswich Reserve tomorrow.

The Premier League game starts at 3pm.

Jets: Matthew Wainright, Julian Garland, Michael Durham, Jamie Peters, Tommy Lenihan, Stephen Boothby, Faleata Alifanaga, Desi Dodd, Shane Shoesmith, Dick Walsh, Chris Beattie, Clinton Peters, Robbie Bichel, Heath McQueen, Pat O'Doherty, Paul Meredith, Barry Rae.

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Jets' new 'secret' tactics

By KATHRYN RIES

IPSWICH Jets will rely on a new style of defensive football to try to combat Toowoomba's fast, open game in tomorrow's Queensland Cup clash at North Ipswich Reserve.

But coach John Harrison is keeping the team's new tactics under wraps.

"Toowoomba like to spread the ball wide and the new defensive football we have come up with is going to have to hold for 80 minutes," he said.

"We know we have got a good game on our hands and we have trained hard for it.

Newly appointed captain Shane Shoesmith said the Jets were hungry for victory this weekend after losing their first three matches.

Shoesmith, who is also the club captain, steps in for injured captain Dick Walsh who could be sidelined for up to three months after severing tendons in his right index finger.

"Laurie Potter will call the field positions and Robbie Bichel will call the forward shots," the second rower said.

"I want to lead by example and hopefully the team will follow."

Shoesmith said the Jets must be careful not to let their tempers boil over against Toowoomba.

"The last couple of weeks we have had someone sent for 10 minutes and hopefully we will finish the game with 13 this time," he said.

Shoesmith said losing several players to injuries had given the rest of the team plenty of enthusiasm.

Injuries to Walsh and five-eighth Stephen Boothby have forced coach Harrison to make several key changes.

Barry Rae replaces Walsh in the second row, Potter steps into the halfback role, Faleata Alfamasaga moves to five-eighth and Junior Togia fills Rae's vacant spot on the bench.

Handy centre Tommy Lenihan is in doubt due to a back injury. He has until this afternoon to prove his fitness.

Harrison said although losing Walsh's on-field

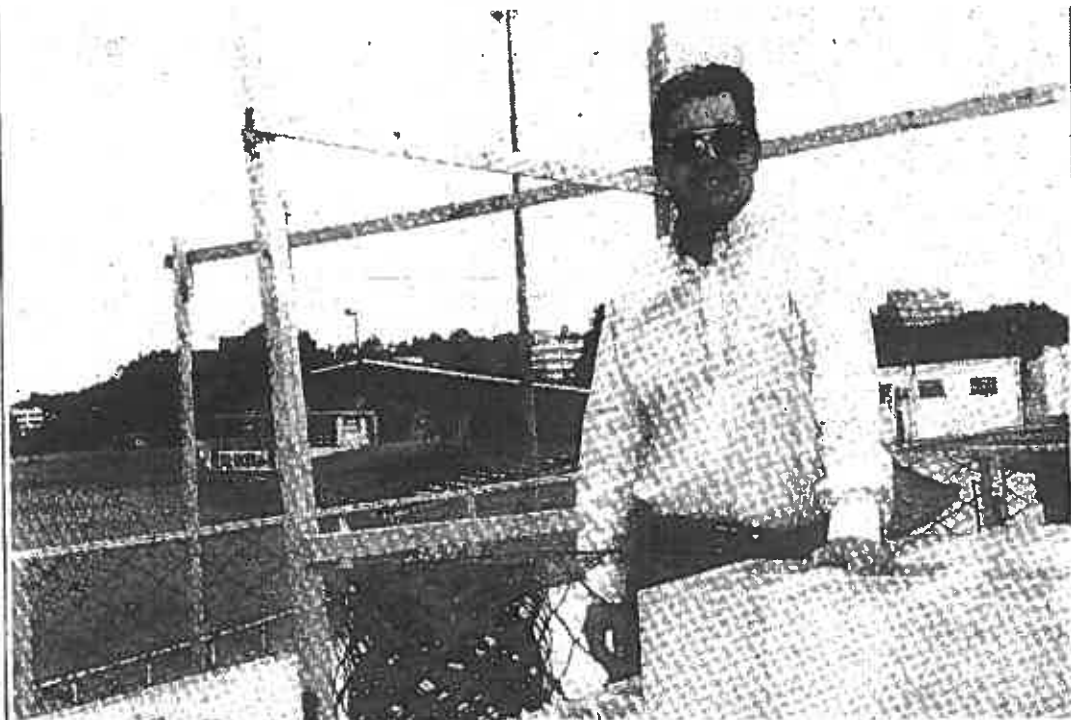


LEADING BY EXAMPLE: Jets captain Shane Shoesmith will lead the Jets into battle against traditional rivals Toowoomba tomorrow.

leadership was a blow, he had plenty of confidence in the ability of other players.

Tomorrow's game starts at 3pm. The Jets play Wynnum in the Brisbane Rugby League competition.

Jets: Matthew Wainwright, Julian Garland, Michael Durham, Jamie Peters, Tommy Lenihan, Faleata Alfamasaga, Laurie Potter, Desi Dodd, Shane Shoesmith (c), Barry Rae, Clinton Peters, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Heath McQueen, Paul Meredith, Pat O'Doherty, Junior Togia.



□ **TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE:** Newly-appointed Ipswich Jets chief executive surveys some of the improvements being made to North Ipswich Reserve.

New chief wants to bring back old cry

NEW Ipswich Jets chief executive Craig Taylor is determined to hear the old cry of "Jets, Jets, Jets" ringing out around North Ipswich Reserve again one day.

A long-time supporter, Taylor has vivid memories of the Jets in more successful times and has signed on with the club with the brief of helping revive those days.

He readily admits he was never a dab hand on the football field. In three seasons of club football he spent more time off the field, either on the bench or injured.

But what's more valuable to the Jets are Taylor's management and marketing skills gained and refined in seven years as manager of Bundamba Sportsway.

After getting his first taste of his new job on Monday, he said the scale of the task would be his biggest challenge yet.

"It's very exciting. The challenge is big but I'll need it and I'm confident I can meet it," he said.

"From a footballing point of view it's a rebuilding process, but there's so much enthusiasm here."

Taylor, 39, said the mere fact the club had moved back to the Reserve was a step in the right

direction.

"It creates a whole new set of values from the club's point of view," he said.

"You can see the extensions are going ahead. It doesn't look great now, but when it's all finished it will reflect the professionalism."

The self-confessed football fanatic said the establishment of a full-time chief executive position was a sign of the more professional approach taken by clubs playing in the Queensland Cup.

"That's one of the main reasons the QRL wanted to have a CEO at every club this year because it removes the casual attitude some clubs have had in the past. It also shows a willingness to take it a lot more seriously," Taylor said.

"It's not Sunday afternoon footy anymore. When people become supporters or sponsors they expect a professional operation."

Taylor said he hadn't spent enough time in the job to have formulated anything more than a general plan to revitalise operations, but he has a clear idea of where he wants to take the club.

"It'll have to be one step at a time approach and I'll be guided in that by the board of directors."

"Our first aim is for people to have faith in the Ipswich Jets Rugby League Club."

Jets quartet grounded

By KATHRYN RIES

FLOOD waters are causing a headache for Ipswich Jets coach John Harrison, who is concerned some of his country-based players will be unable to get to North Ipswich Reserve for tomorrow's Queensland Cup clash with Souths.

Harrison said the flooding had left several of the Jets rugby league players stranded and unable to attend training sessions for the week.

Jets hooker Robbie Bichel, wing Matt Wainwright and forwards Marty Ramage and Chris Beattie could all miss the match if flood waters do not subside.

The condition of North Ipswich Reserve tomorrow is an added worry.

With Brisbane Rugby League matches all scheduled to go ahead as planned, the Jets' Queensland Cup game will become the fourth match played on the water-logged Reserve tomorrow.

Harrison said the Jets had trained in the wet on Tuesday, but were unable to train on Thursday night.

The team walked through some training drills at Ipswich Indoor Cricket centre last night.

Harrison has made numerous changes to the side which will take on Souths.



"Our defence has been quite good but we just seem to be lacking something in attack," he said.

"We are not putting any sides under pressure with our attack.

"What we are lacking is the finishing polish with the ball."

Jets Premier League player Chris Morgan will step his way into the fullback role tomorrow.

Centre Jamie Peters and utility Marty Ramage move to the second row.

Centre Tommy Lenihan will play halfback.

Jets second row Paul Meredith will miss four to six weeks after suffering burns in a work accident during the week.

Tomorrow's Queensland Cup match kicks off 3pm.

Brisbane Rugby League games against Souths start at 10.30am.

Jets: Chris Morgan, Julian Garland, Michael Durham, Heath McQueen, Matt Wainwright, Steve Boothby, Tommy Lenihan, Marty Ramage, Shane Shoesmith, Jamie Peters, Pat O'Doherty, Clinton Peters, Robbie Bichel, Chris Beattie, Barry Rae, Faleata Allamasaga.



□ **STRANDED?:** Jets hooker Robbie Bichel is one of four country-based players who may be unable to get to North Ipswich Reserve for tomorrow's clash with Souths.

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Jets' Dodd is keen for a run

TWO weeks on the sideline has made Ipswich Jets lock Desi Dodd hungry for a game of rugby league.

Dodd, who injured his right knee against Too-woomba last month, is eager to play in Sunday's Queensland Cup match against the Souths Magpies at North Ipswich Reserve.

The game was washed out last weekend and has been rescheduled.

Dodd has been advised to take a few more weeks off, but could be back on the field on Sunday.

"It's feeling fine," the former Sydney Parramatta footballer said of his injured knee.



"I have sat out for about two weeks and I want to play, so I will probably take the chance."

Dodd said he hoped to train with the Jets tonight and would see how his knee stood up to the pressure before making a definite decision about whether to return this

weekend.

"The doctor said I could start running and I should practice some side-stepping and that," he said.

"Not that I side step too much."

Jets coach John Harrison said it would be good for his troops to have a run this weekend.

"We have got a few split rounds coming up and we could have been faced with three weeks without football," he said.

The Jets play at 3pm on Sunday at North Ipswich Reserve.

Brisbane Rugby League games start at 10.30am.

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Jets may trade places

FORMER Ipswich Jets captain Dick Walsh and the team's current leader could trade places for tomorrow's Queensland Cup game against Easts if Shane Shoesmith is unable to overcome an ankle injury.

Walsh, who missed 10 weeks due to injury, has been put on stand-by for the match at North Ipswich Reserve.

Shoesmith twisted his ankle at training on Thursday night but coach John Harrison said the injury was not serious and he hoped to have the pow-



erful lock in his run-on side.

"We have been pretty lucky — basically we have had the same side for five weeks and it is starting to show in our game," Harrison said.

Harrison said 23-year-old Wayne Bartholomew and centre partner Jamie Peters were among the team's best combinations.

"Wayne's confidence has really jumped," he said.

Much of the Jets attack tomorrow will centre around classy five-eighth Matt Ralph and hooker Robbie Bichel.

The Jets held Easts scoreless in the second half of the teams' pre-season

encounter in Brisbane and Harrison hopes for better than that 14-0 loss.

"We have got to really tie up their ball players."

"We just can't afford to miss any tackles," he said.

Ipswich play Easts in the Brisbane Rugby League competition from 10.30am. The main game starts 3pm.

Jets: Tommy Lenihan, Michael Durham, Julian Garland, Wayne Bartholomew, Jamie Peters, Matt Ralph, Jeff Brooks, Marty Ramage, Shane Shoesmith, Stephen Boothby, Clinton Peters, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Barry Rae.



□ **BALANCING ACT:** Jets five-eighth Matt Ralph balances in the windy conditions as he boots a penalty in yesterday's rugby league match against Cairns.

Cairns escape Ipswich's grip

THE Ipswich Jets came within a whisker of winning their first Queensland Cup rugby league game in an intense battle against semi-final prospects Cairns at North Ipswich Reserve yesterday.

The Jets held a 14-12 lead with less than nine minutes remaining, before two lightning tries helped Cairns escape with a 24-14 victory.

It was a disappointing finish to a game where the Jets proved they could match skills with some of the top teams.

Ipswich second rower Barry Rea, prop Chris Beattie and five-eighth Matt Ralph led the way in blustery conditions.

"A lot of the players dug deep and put their hand up," Jets coach John Harrison said.

"We had a mile of injuries and the blokes dug in and did it for each other."

The Jets biggest concern is a knee injury to forward Clinton Peters who was helped from the field midway through the first half.

The Ipswich bench was already depleted after Robbie Bichel (flu) and Wayne Bartholomew (shoulder) were forced off the field earlier in the match.

Captain Shane Shoesmith struggled on and was determined not to let

a heavy head knock or calf problem get the better of him.

Harrison said he was disappointed for his players who came so close to winning for the first time this season. "When we scored our 10 points in the second half I thought it would be enough to win the game," he said.

"This side (Cairns) look like being in the semi-finals and they struggled to beat us. People just underestimate how good we are."

The teams were locked nil-all until Cairns centre David Maiden broke the deadlock with a try 15 minutes into the game.

Ipswich put the Cyclones under plenty of pressure and the visitors' frustration showed with captain Robbie Schmidt sent off for a dangerous tackle on Dick Walsh in the final 10 minutes. They were unlucky at times, but a try from centre Tommy Lenihan 12 minutes into the second half put the Jets back on track.

Cairns 24 (D Maiden 2, C Kelly, M Skardon tries; J Clifford 4 goals) **d Ipswich 14** (J Garland, T Lenihan, M Durham tries; M Ralph 1 goal).

Premier League: Wests 34 d Ipswich 8.

Reserves: Wests 44 d Ipswich 10.
Colts: Wests 24 d Ipswich 4.



Coach forced to give up Jets job

By KATHRYN RIES

ILLNESS has forced Ipswich Jets' Queensland Cup coach John Harrison to wind up a 40 year rugby league career, cutting short his dream of guiding the club back to its former glory days.

The Jets slipped to a 34-14 loss in their final Queensland Cup regular season match against Brisbane Norths yesterday.

It was a disappointing end to a game that was well within reach until fullback Jeff Brooks was sent off for a dangerous tackle 25 minutes into the second half.

The club suffered a further blow when inaugural Jets' Queensland Cup coach Harrison announced after the game that he would not return for 1997.

He said he had known for 10 weeks that he would be forced to retire from coaching due to illness.

"I have had to talk the doc into letting me finish this year," revealed Harrison, who declined to say more about the condition.

"I told the blokes and they wanted me to finish the year with them.

"I have to have some intensive treatment in the next 12-18 months and hopefully after that."

Harrison will stay with the Jets until they are knocked out of the Queensland Rugby League's end-of-season competition, but will

not re-apply for the coaching position.

"I would really have liked to have another couple of years with the blokes," he said.

Harrison said it was disappointing for the Jets to finish the season without a win. However he hoped the club could retain most of its talented young Queensland Cup team.

"It's probably not the nicest way to go out but I am pretty proud of what we have achieved this year," he said.

"We are a 20-point better side now to what we were at the beginning of the year.

"Everyone knew it would be a rebuilding year and I am wrapped with them and how they have gone.

"We have had opportunities to win the last couple of weeks and unfortunately when you are down the ball always seems to bounce the wrong way.

"I am disappointed the boys did not finish with a win. They have put in as much work as anyone this season."

Harrison said the Jets would strive for victory when they played Brothers in the first round of the QRL knock-out competition this weekend.

"I think the boys deserve something out of the year."

The Jets played a brilliant first half and held a well-deserved 14-10 lead at the break but were unable to continue the job.

Five-eighth Matt Ralph had a magical kicking game, ever-improving Barry Rea was prominent in attack and defence, and Michael Durham played a faultless game in the centres.

Former Ipswich Rugby League best and fairest award winner Marty Ramage topped the tackle count with 33. Captain Shane Shoesmith and Ralph were close behind with 28 each.

But the Jets hard work was wasted with a disastrous second half when they allowed the visitors to slip easily through their defence, had trouble holding on to the ball, and were unable to score.

"It's disappointing — it's not the season that we anticipated but we have improved.

"We just have to re-group and put today behind us."

The Jets task was made more difficult when Brooks was sent off with the Jets trailing by just six.

Norths 34 (P Bishop 3, M Brown, R Vernon tries; P Bishop 5 goals) **& Ipswich 14** (T Lenthall, B Rea tries; M Ralph 5 goals).

Premier League: Ipswich 30 **& Norths 14. Reserves:** Norths 32 **& Ipswich 14. Colts:** Norths 36 **& Ipswich 6.**

"I have had to talk the doc into letting me finish the year" Harrison



□ **TOUGHING IT OUT:** Loyal Ipswich rugby league coach John Harrison has battled on in recent weeks despite concerns over his health.

QUEENSLAND CUP

NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE - 3.00PM SUNDAY 28 JULY 1996



COLOURS
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COACH
JOHN HARRISON

REFEREE
DAVID ALLSOPP

SCRUMS

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PENALTIES

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IPSWICH V NORTHS

FULLBACK

JEFF BROOKS 1 1

THREEQUARTERS

MICHAEL DURHAM	2	2
WAYNE BARTHOLOMEW	3	3
TOM LENIHAN	4	4
JULIAN GARLAND	5	5

HALVES

MATTHEW RALPH	6	6
MARTIN RAMAGE	7	7

FORWARDS

CHRIS BEATTIE	8	8
ROBBIE BICHEL	9	9
CLINTON PETERS	10	10
SHANE SHOESMITH (C)	11	11
BARRY REA	12	12
STEPHEN BOOTHBY	13	13

REPLACEMENTS

STEPHEN BOOTHBY	14	14
DICK WALSH	15	15
	16	16
	17	17

FULLBACK

MICHAEL RHODES

THREQUARTERS

AARON FREDRICKS
SHANE COOKS
MALCOLM BROWN
DEAN WHALLEY

HALVES

JASON WEBBER (C)
PAUL BISHOP

FORWARDS

MARK BEVAN
CHRIS NUGENT
GARY PIPER
JOHN ELORDI
PANA CANAWEKA
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REPLACEMENTS

NEIL MEASURES
ROBERT VERNON
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ADAM ADBY

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COLOURS
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COACH
BILL GARDNER

TOUCH JUDGES
ADRIAN STEELE
MATT DONNELLY

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SOUTH EAST DIVISION XXXX COMPETITION MATCHES RESULTS AS AT 11 AUGUST 1996

Club	P	B	W	D	L	For	Agn	Pts
XXXX CUP - A GRADE								
Eastern Suburbs	15	2	13	0	2	385	187	30
Redcliffe	15	2	11	1	3	371	177	27
Wynnum Seagulls	15	2	10	1	4	412	212	25
Southern Suburbs	15	2	10	0	5	272	219	24
Western Suburbs	15	2	8	0	9	269	280	18
Northern Suburbs	15	2	5	0	10	213	302	14
Past Brothers	15	2	5	0	10	254	350	14
Logan City	15	2	5	0	10	270	289	14
Ipswich Jets	16	1	2	0	14	172	522	8

XXXX CUP - B GRADE

Western Suburbs	15	2	13	1	1	390	202	31
Eastern Suburbs	15	2	10	2	3	402	203	28
Logan City	15	2	11	0	4	382	210	28
Redcliffe	15	2	10	1	4	394	198	26
Wynnum Seagulls	15	2	8	0	7	315	304	20
Southern Suburbs	15	2	9	0	10	294	278	14
Northern Suburbs	15	2	4	1	10	216	418	13
Past Brothers	15	2	4	1	10	253	339	13
Ipswich Jets	16	1	0	0	15	144	528	2

XXXX CUP - COLTS GRADE

Stn Old Crushers	17	0	17	0	0	660	150	34
Redcliffe	17	0	13	0	4	522	246	26
Eastern Suburbs	17	0	11	0	6	574	258	22
Past Brothers	17	0	11	0	6	425	329	22
Western Suburbs	17	0	8	1	8	850	330	17
Logan City	17	0	7	1	9	374	360	15
Northern Suburbs	17	0	7	0	10	314	326	14
Southern Suburbs	17	0	8	0	11	322	454	12
Ipswich Jets	17	0	3	0	14	271	558	6
Wynnum Seagulls	17	0	1	0	16	144	705	2

SOUTH EAST DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE AS AT 11 AUGUST 1996

Club	Premier	A	B	Colts	Total
Redcliffe	88	81	75	78	322
Eastern Suburbs	76	90	78	66	310
Western Suburbs	84	48	93	51	276
Southern Suburbs	84	72	42	36	234
Past Brothers	72	42	39	86	219
Wynnum Seagulls	72	75	60	6	213
Logan City	32	42	78	45	197
Northern Suburbs	64	42	39	42	187
Ipswich Jets	0	18	9	18	42

SUNSTATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1996 AWARD

PROGRESS POINTS AFTER ROUND 11

Robbie Schmidt	(Cairns)	17
Luke Scott	(Souths)	15
Alan Wieland	(Wests)	15
Don Saunders	(Toowoomba)	14
Ron Troulman	(Wynnum)	14
Matthew Barclay	(Central)	9
Tony Batten	(Wynnum)	8
Paul Bishop	(Norths)	8
Dan Muley	(Redcliffe)	8
Jason Twist	(Wests)	8

Points are awarded by the referee of each match on a 3-2-1 basis. The winner will be declared at the completion of the competition rounds in the Channel 9 Queensland Cup. He will receive, through Qantas, two return airline tickets, from either Cairns or Brisbane, to Honolulu.

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Michael Durham
Jason Frohmuller
Julian Garland
Tony Hooper
Brendan Humphreys
Tom Lenihan
Heath McQueen
Paul Meredith
Ross Mitchell
Matthew O'Brien
Chris Morgan
Pat O'Doherty
Shane Page
Clinton Peters
Jamie Peters
Lawence Potter
Matthew Ralph
Marty Ramage
Barry Rea
Dale Robertson
Craig Scly
Aaron Shepley
Shane Shoesmith (Capt)
Teddy Stephen
Junior Togia
Matthew Wainwright
Richard Walsh (Capt)
Steve Waters
Falie Wheelbarrow
Paul Wilkinson
Michael Williamson

A GRADE

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Wayne Batholomew
Salem Bettridge
Stuart Briggs
Alex Busuttle
William Carter
Even Christensen
Jay Cumner
Shane Cushway
Desie Dodd
Shane Faataape
Gerald Fourmile
Craig Frohmuller
Peter Gibson
Shannon Higgins
Joel Hill
Reg Humphreys
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Gerald Kunde
Thomas Lenihan
Rod Little
Bonny Mac
Paul Meridith
Joe Merimba
Ross Mitchell
Chris Morgan
Kirron Paterson
Darren Peterson
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Adam Rasmussen
Barry Rea
Dean Robertson
Greg Ryan
Mark Sharrad
Aaron Shepley
Jason Smith
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Greg Towers
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Richard Walsh
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B GRADE

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Todd Brooks
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Even Christenson
Jay Cumner
Richard Faataape
Gerald Fourmile
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Julian Garland
Mike Gibson
Jud Hart
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Anthony Savage
Natham Schultz
Brad Smith
Paul Wilkonson
Michael Williamson (Capt)
Steven Williamson

CHANNEL 9 QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 29/30 March

Sat. *Redcliffe v Cairns	2.00
Sat. Gold Coast v Wests	7.00
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00
Sun. Easts v Port Moresby	3.00
Sun. Norths v Central	3.00
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	3.00
Sun. Ipswich v Pine Rivers	5.00

[SCORE]

R7:- 10/11 May

Sat. *Wests v Central	2.00
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	5.00
Sat. Toowoomba v Easts	5.00
Sun. Souths v Pine Rivers	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	3.00
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00
Sun. G/Coast v P/Moresby	4.30

[SCORE]

R13:- 28/29 June

Sat. Wests v Norths	4.00
Sat. Easts v Redcliffe	4.00
Sat. Twmba v G/Coast	5.00
Sat. Cairns v Pine Rivers	7.00
Sun. Central v P/Moresby	2.00
Sun. Souths v Ipswich	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00

[SCORE]

R2:- 5/6 April

Sat. *Easts v Norths	2.00
Sat. Wests v Logan	4.00
Sat. Twmba v Souths	5.00
Sat. Cairns v P/Moresby	7.00
Sun. Central v Gold Coast	2.00
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00
Sun. P/Rivers v Redcliffe	3.00

[SCORE]

R8:- 17/18 May

Sat. *Norths v G/Coast	2.00
Sat. Easts v Wests	4.00
Sat. Redcliffe v Souths	5.30
Sat. Cairns v Toowoomba	7.00
Sun. Central v Ipswich	2.00
Sun. P/Rivers v Wynnum	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Logan	3.00

[SCORE]

R14:- 5/6 July

Sat. Gold Coast v Cairns	7.00
Sun. Souths v Central	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Redcliffe	3.00
Sun. Norths v Pine Rivers	3.00
Sun. Logan v Easts	3.00
Sun. Ipswich v Twmba	3.00

[SCORE]

R3:- 12/13 April

Sat. *Wynnum v Twmba	2.00
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	5.00
Sun. Souths v Wests	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v P/Rivers	3.00
Sun. Norths v Cairns	3.00
Sun. Logan v Central	3.00
Sun. Gold Coast v Easts	4.30

[SCORE]

R9:- 24/25 May

Sat. Wests v Cairns	4.00
Sat. Ipswich v Gold Coast	5.00
Sat. Twmba v P/Rivers	5.00
Sun. Central v Easts	2.00
Sun. Souths v P/Moresby	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00

[SCORE]

R15:- 12/13 July

Sat. Wests v Souths	4.00
Sat. Easts v Gold Coast	4.00
Sat. Twmba v Wynnum	5.00
Sat. Redcliffe v Ipswich	5.30
Sat. Cairns v Norths	7.00
Sun. Central v Logan	2.00
Sun. P/Rivers v P/Moresby	3.00

[SCORE]

R4:- 19/20 April

Sat. *Redcliffe v P/Moresby	2.00
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	4.00
Sat. Easts v Logan	4.00
Sat. Twmba v Ipswich	5.00
Sat. Cairns v Gold Coast	7.00
Sun. Central v Souths	2.00
Sun. Pine Rivers v Norths	3.00

[SCORE]

R10:- 31 May/1 June

Sat. Easts v Ipswich	4.00
Sat. Redcliffe v Twmba	5.30
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.00
Sun. Pine Rivers v Wests	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Wynnum	3.00
Sun. Norths v Souths	3.00
Sun. Gold Coast v Logan	4.30

[SCORE]

R16:- 19/20 July

Sat. Redcliffe v P/Rivers	5.30
Sat. Gold Coast v Central	7.00
Sun. Souths v Twmba	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Cairns	3.00
Sun. Norths v Easts	3.00
Sun. Logan v Wests	3.00
Sun. Ipswich v Wynnum	3.00

[SCORE]

R5:- 25/26/27 April

Fri. Logan v Cairns	4.00
Sat. *Souths v Easts	2.00
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	3.00
Sun. Ipswich v P/Moresby	3.00
Sun. G/Coast v P/Rivers	4.30
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	5.00

[SCORE]

R11:- 14/15 June

Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	4.00
Sat. Easts v Cairns	4.00
Sun. Central v Pine Rivers	2.00
Sun. Ipswich v Logan	3.00
Sun. Souths v Gold Coast	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00
Sun. Twmba v P/Moresby	3.00

[SCORE]

R17:- 26/27 July

Sat. Wests v Gold Coast	4.00
Sat. Port Moresby v Easts	4.00
Sat. Toowoomba v Logan	5.00
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	7.00
Sun. Central v Norths	2.00
Sun. Wynnum v Souths	3.00
Sun. Pine Rivers v Ipswich	3.00

[SCORE]

R6:- 3/4 May

Sat. *Pine Rivers v Logan	2.00
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	4.00
Sat. Easts v Wynnum	4.00
Sat. Redcliffe v G/Coast	5.30
Sat. Cairns v Souths	7.00
Sun. Central v Twmba	2.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Norths	3.00

[SCORE]

R12:- 21/22 June

Sat. Redcliffe v Central	5.30
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.00
Sun. Pine Rivers v Easts	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Wests	3.00
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	3.00
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00
Sun. G/Coast v Wynnum	4.30

[SCORE]

R18:- 2/3 August

Sat. Ipswich v Souths	5.00
Sat. Redcliffe v Easts	5.30
Sun. Pine Rivers v Cairns	3.00
Sun. P/Moresby v Central	3.00
Sun. Norths v Wests	3.00
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	3.00
Sun. G/Coast v Twmba	4.30

[SCORE]

FINAL SERIES

Semi-Final 1:- 9/10 August

Game A Team 1 v Team 2 (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game D).

Game B Team 3 v Team 4 (Winner to Game D, Loser to Game E).

Game C Team 5 v Team 6 (Winner to Game E, Loser out).

Semi-Final 2:- 16/17 August

Game D Loser Game A v Winner Game B (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game G).

Game E Loser Game B v Winner Game C (Winner to Game G, Loser out).

Semi-Final 3:- 23/24 August

Game F Winner Game A v Winner Game D (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game H).

Game G Loser Game D v Winner Game E (Winner to Game H, Loser out).

Semi-Final 4:- 30 August

Game H Loser Game F v Winner Game G (Winner to Grand Final, Loser out).

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Jets side affiliates with IRL

THE Ipswich Jets will not play in the Brisbane Rugby League competition this year.

The Jets have affiliated with the Ipswich Rugby League and a combined Jets-IRL management committee has taken over the running of the Queensland Cup team which will compete in the statewide competition.

An IRL-appointed committee will take over once the Jets outstanding debts have been cleared.

Jets chairman Sandy Savige said the move would lead to a unified and stronger rugby league competition which would provide more opportunities for the district's footballers.

"We are not looking at the past and the past is over — we are looking to the future," IRL chairman Bill Roach said.

"We are looking to build Ipswich rugby league and put it back to where it was years ago."

□ Full details in sport, page 64

New horizons

IRL to shape Jets' future

By KATHRYN RIES

THE Ipswich Jets have severed ties with the Brisbane competition and affiliated with the Ipswich Rugby League in a move designed to strengthen the district's football future.

Senior rugby league in Ipswich will come under the one controlling body for the first time since the Jets were established 10 years ago.

The Jets have withdrawn their three teams — colts, reserve grade and Premier League — from the South East Division's Brisbane Rugby League competition and players will filter into the IRL.

The Jets' Queensland Cup team will this year be administered by a management committee consisting of IRL and current Jets executives.

Committee members are IRL chairman Bill Roach, secretary Karen Hall, treasurer Brian Mullins and Jets chairman Sandy Savage, secretary Greg Broad and treasurer Brett McKenzie.

Queensland Rugby League Southern Division chairman Barry Bennett said the committee would be dissolved once the Jets substantiated debts were cleared.

This is expected to happen by the end of this year or mid-way through next season.

The Queensland Cup team will then be administered by a special operational committee appointed by the IRL.

"The main thing is that this will bring rugby league in Ipswich under the one controlling body," Roach said.

"And it gives all (Ipswich) players an opportunity to play at the highest level in Queensland."

"There is no reason for players to go elsewhere to further their football careers — it's all right here on their doorstep."

The majority of Ipswich's Queensland Cup players this year will come from the IRL A grade competition.

Roach said it was important that people forget rugby league's rocky past and worked towards building a solid future.

"The Jets are facing up to their responsibilities," he said.

"We are not looking at the past and the past is over — we are looking to the future."

"We are looking to build Ipswich rugby league and put it back to where it was years ago."

The district has provided Australian Rugby League clubs with numerous talented recruits in the past, including former Australian captain Allan Langer, Kevin and Kerrod Walters, Peter Ryan, Jimmy Lenihan, Scott Brown and Jeremy Schloss.

IRL clubs will play curtain raisers to the Ipswich Queensland Cup team's nine home games at North Ipswich Reserve this season.

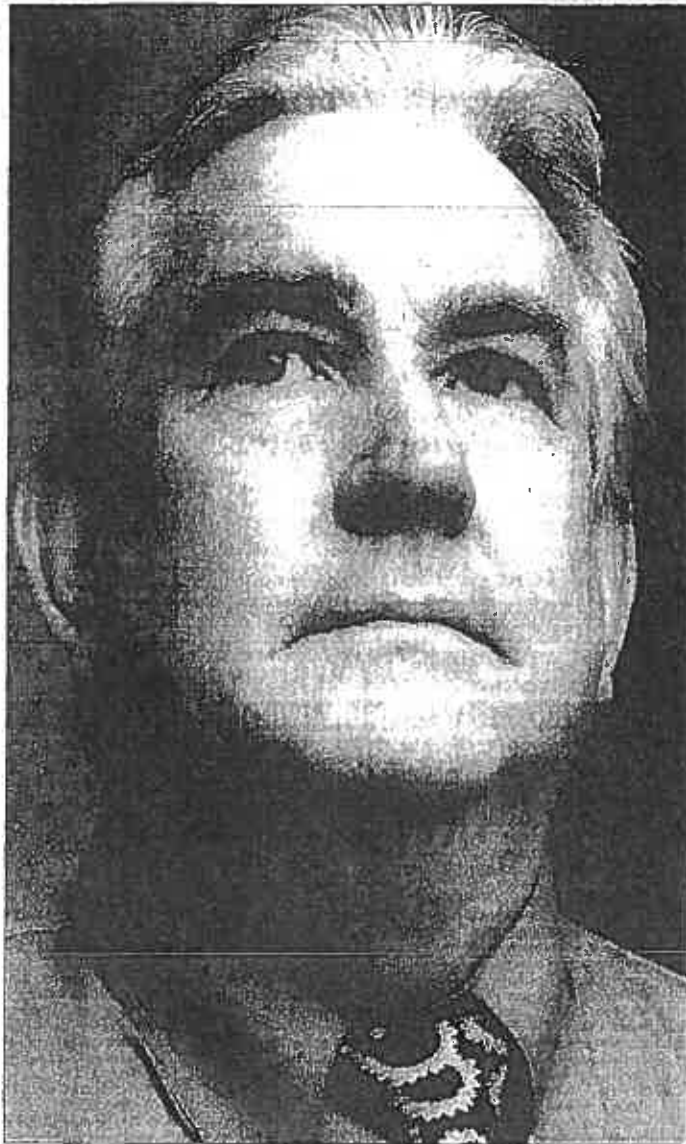
Roach said IRL clubs would be asked to nominate one match in the coming season which they did not want to give up.

Any remaining games could be selected as curtain raisers to the Jets' home games.

The Ipswich Diggers under 19 and A grade teams will continue to compete in the QRL mini-State League starting on March 15 and finishing about April 20.

The IRL pre-season competition is pencilled in for a February 23 kick-off. The season proper is expected to start about March 22.

The Channel 9 Queensland Cup competition starts on March 29.



□ FACING THE FUTURE: Ipswich Rugby League chairman Bill Roach — "All Ipswich players will have the opportunity to play at the highest level in Queensland." Photo: TONI CALDWELL

Players sure to benefit - Bennett

CHANGES in Ipswich rugby league will give talented players more "opportunities" to further their career, Queensland Rugby League Southern Division chairman Barry Bennett said yesterday.

He said footballers did not need to play in the Brisbane Rugby League competition to gain valuable exposure.

Bennett said Ipswich under 19 players would get more exposure by aiming for representative honours in the Diggers and divisional teams.

"That will allow all the under 19s from Ipswich, including the Jets, to be in the Queensland Country divisional side for the city v country match," he said.

"It will also give them a chance to play for Queensland in the curtain raiser to the State of Origin."

The career path is similar for senior players who have the opportunity of gaining added exposure in the statewide competition.

The main career path to the Queensland Cup side will be through the Ipswich Diggers.

Bennett said lack of support for Ipswich Jets teams had been a concern in the past, but IRL clubs and Queensland Rugby League boss Ross Livermore had given their support for the changes.



□ Bennett

Jets' power will be limited - Roach

THE Ipswich Rugby League Jets will not have the power to pull players out of the IRL competition when it suits them, according to IRL chairman Bill Roach.

The Jets can sign 25 players and will field 17 on game day. The remaining eight players will return to their Ipswich club.

The Jets will only have control over their 25 contracted players.

Roach said the Jets may need to bolster their line-up late in the season due to injuries and

they could invite IRL players to fill the gaps.

However, the player and his club must agree to a release which will allow him to represent Ipswich in the Queensland Cup side.

Roach said the system was different to that which caused problems in the early Jets years when the club could call on any IRL player on a week-to-week basis.

He said the Jets, which failed to win a game last season, must be competitive in 1997 and players who think they have the

ability to compete in the tough statewide competition should contact their club about trials.

Jets chairman Sandy Savage said unwilling players would not be forced to don a Jets jersey.

"What we want to do is give Ipswich players the opportunity to play in the State League," Savage said.

"If they do not want that opportunity we will not force them."

"If we cannot fill the state league team from players in the Ipswich area we will go looking

elsewhere."

Savage said players who had already signed contracts with the Jets' Queensland Cup team would remain in the side.

"They must nominate a secondary club from the IRL and if a player is injured he will make his comeback through the Ipswich club."

Players must nominate for Queensland Cup selection at the beginning of the season.

The Jets will be coached by former Rothmans Medal winner Cavill Houghton. John Neilson is assistant coach.

Shoesmith to captain the Jets

COMMITTED forward Shane Shoesmith has been named captain of the Ipswich Jets line-up to play its final trial match against Gold Coast Group 18 club Tugun this evening.

Shoesmith assumed the captaincy duties early last season when Dick Walsh was injured and Jets coach Cavill Heugh said he was well-equipped to retain the job.

"He's had that experience on and off the field," Heugh said.

"I've been speaking to him since I've been here and the players know what he's on about. He can control the guys when they get a bit wayward."

New signing Jarrod Hedington is expected to arrive from Queanbeyan today for the 6pm clash at the Oval.

Heugh said he was impressed with Hedington, who had trained with the Canberra Raiders.

"He looks a bit of footballer. He says he's a hooker, but he'll play anywhere in the forward pack."

The Jets have spent a lot of time on defence this week after last weekend's 32-10 loss to the Burleigh Bears.

Heugh said he had a new respect for coaches after experiencing the difficulty first-hand of choosing 17 players each week from a squad of 30.

"There's so many players putting the effort in at training it's hard to drop anyone," the 1984 BRL Rothmans medallist said.

Squad: Trent Morris, Jerry Fourmile, Graham Simpson, Tom Lenihan, Trevor Horsfall, Frank Saunders, Brad Little, Chris Beattie, Rob Bichel, Sam Masri, Des Dodds, Shane Shoesmith (c), Stephen Boothby, Jarrod Hedington, Lyall Dowling, Rob McCarthy, Peter Dodd.

Today's draw: 11.45am — Ipswich v Toowoomba (U13); 12.50pm — Ipswich v Toowoomba (U14); 1.55pm — Ipswich v Toowoomba (U16); 3pm — Ipswich v Toowoomba (U19); 4.30pm — Diggers v Toowoomba (seniors); 6pm — Jets v Tugun (trial).

Jets playing for places

By KATHRYN RIES

THE Ipswich Jets have plenty to play for when they kick off their 1997 Queensland Cup campaign against Pine Rivers Brothers at North Ipswich Reserve tomorrow, according to coach Cavill Heugh.

The Jets coach expects his side to be competitive after some solid pre-season performances culminating in a 16-10 win against Tugun last weekend.

Heugh said the side had improved each week and players had plenty of hard work ahead if they wanted to retain their positions.

The rookie coach has introduced several new patterns and

training techniques which he picked up during his extensive playing career.

"Training has been very encouraging," said Heugh, who has escorted his players to Denmans gym on several occasions for sessions of pump and water aerobics.

"The aerobics is an incentive to get them into the gym.

"They enjoyed it and they want to do it again."

Heugh said he had plenty of faith that players would handle a handful of new on-field moves tomorrow.

"They are a bit confusing, but it should go all right," he said.

"The last couple of games we

have been going forward, now we need to attack."

Heugh said he was making no bold predictions for the Jets, which will field a vastly different side to that which failed to win a game when they represented Ipswich last year.

"I just want to be competitive and coming off with a win will give the team a lot of confidence," he said.

"It comes down to mistakes and ball control."

Six members of tomorrow's outfit were Queensland Cup regulars for Ipswich last season.

The club has added services of experienced Brothers player

Frank Saunders and former Brisbane Broncos lower grade player Lyall Dowling.

Tomorrow's game starts at 5pm.



Jets: Ross Mitchell, Scott Morris, Graham Simpson, Tom Lenihan, Dean Robertson, Darren Robertson, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Rob Bichel, Sam Masri, Desi Dodds, Shane Shoesmith (c), Stephen Boothby, Rob McCarthy, Lyall Dowling, Trent Morris, Brad Lytle.

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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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□ Cavill Heugh

Coach backs moves

THE Ipswich Rugby League's most prolific point scorer, a talented young centre and a Laidley recruit will bolster the Jets line-up for today's crucial Queensland Cup meeting with Redcliffe at North Ipswich Reserve.

Swifts footballers Brett Landrigan and Brett Curr and Laidley's Tony Hooper have been added to Jets side.

Coach Cavill Heugh said he was uncertain what each had to offer, but he was impressed by their attitudes and pleased with the effect the trio had on other Jets players at Thursday night's training session.

"With them being there, the others lifted their training attitude," he said.

Heugh said with the Jets being a true representative side, it put extra pressure on players to perform to their potential.

"The guys are playing their hearts out, they just need some help," he said.

"We are going to need co-operation from the local clubs and coaches... we are not going to raid their players.

"We have done the right thing by them in channeling players into their competition."

Heugh said the changes being instigated in Ipswich rugby league were a positive step towards building a stronger future.

He said he was aware of the danger players in Redcliffe's line-up and was working on neutralising them.

"We are trying to strengthen our backs up. Now we have to turn possession into points."

Today's game starts at 5pm.

Jets: Darren Robertson, Brett Landrigan, Brett Curr, Tommy Lanihan, Dean Robertson, Frank Saunders, Scott Morris, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Lyall Dowling, Graham Petcher, Shane Shoemith, Rob McCarthy, Tony Hooper, Greg Ryan, Michael Williamson, Desi Dodd.

Time has run out for Jets says Heugh

EVERY position in the Ipswich Jets' Queensland Cup team is in jeopardy, according to coach Cavill Heugh, who is preparing his side for today's clash with defending premiers Toowoomba at Athletic Oval.

Heugh has given players one last chance to impress while the new representative selection policy is ironed out and the Ipswich Diggers wind up their XXXX Country Challenge campaign.

"They know what they have got to do to stay in the team," he said.

"The time is up — they either perform or they are out."

Heugh said the Jets lacked ex-

perience in key positions, including halfback, a spot which four players have attempted in the past month.

"They come off the field after a game thinking 'I have had a good game' and then they look at the stat sheet," he said.

"I can't say there is anything wrong with our defensive pattern because it hasn't really been used.

"We have plenty of variations in attack, but we are just not using them.

"It's back to basics again like tackling and that which I thought they could do."

Heugh said the Jets face a tough assignment against Too-

woomba, which lost 24-14 to Wynnum last weekend.

Toowoomba, which has lost several players to the national competitions, are sitting in fifth place on the Queensland Cup premiership table.

Gold Coast and Wynnum lead the 14-team competition and Ipswich bring up the rear.

Jets: Brendan Comerford, Trevor Horsfall, Darren Robertson, Tommy Lenihan, Dean Robertson, Frank Saunders, Gerald Fourmile, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Lyall Dowling, Graeme Petcher, Shane Shoesmith, Desi Dodd, Stephen Boothby, Rob McCarthy, Greg Ryan, Michael Williamson.

3-5-1997

Bichel ruled out as Jets search for win

WEST End hooker Warren O'Sullivan will fill key Jets footballer Robbie Bichel's shoes against Wests in today's Channel Nine Cup match, after the pint-sized player was sidelined for two weeks with a concussion.

Ipswich coach Cavill Heugh said hard-working Bichel would be a big defensive loss for the Jets which meet fourth-placed Wests at Purcell Park.

"We found out on the weekend what a big loss it will be in defence," Heugh said. "(And) he makes a lot of yards from dummy half."

Wests have had three wins, a loss and a draw this season, while the Jets are chasing a morale-boosting win.

It won't be easy, with second row Stephen Boothby sidelined with a shoulder injury and captain Shane Shoesmith in doubt after suffering a badly bruised hip two weeks ago.

Heugh said he would have to take Wests on reputation, after being unable to see their side play since the pre-season.

He said the Jets desperately needed a win which would give players some

much-needed confidence.

"We have to do things to get their confidence up," Heugh said. "It's hard without a win."

Today's game starts at 4pm.

Jets: Brendan Comerford, Darren Robertson, Api Hemara, Tommy Lenihan, Dean Robertson, Frank Saunders, Gerald Fourmile, Chris Beattie, Warren O'Sullivan, Lyall Dowling, Graeme Petcher, Steve Pearce, Desi Dodd, Rob McCarthy, Scott Morris, Shane Shoesmith, Tony Hooper.



7 Cavill Heugh

Jets plan to take up where they left off

THE Ipswich Jets are hoping to start where they finished off last weekend when tonight's Channel Nine Queensland Cup match kicks off at North Ipswich Reserve.

The Jets face a tough assignment against Burleigh Bears, but coach Cavill Heugh said Ipswich should be able to give a good account of themselves.

The Jets gained some extra confidence from last week's second-half performance when they out-scored Central Capras 22-20.

Another bonus for Ipswich is the return of Desi Dodds from injury. Dodds has been forced to take a two-week break after badly cutting a finger.

The Southern Division under 21 player will provide some much-needed leadership in the forwards.

"They know they can do the job," Heugh said. "They just need someone

to kick them to get them going.

"Desi takes the ball forward and keeps things moving quickly."

The Jets biggest battle tonight could be making up for their lack of experience against a Gold Coast side which is expected to include several ex-Australian Rugby League players.

Ipswich is chasing its first win of the season and the only change tonight is Dodds inclusion at the expense of Gerald Fourmile.

The backs underwent a session with Queensland Rugby League Southern Division selector and ex-Jets coach Jim Landy during the week and the side has shown improvement during recent performances.

Tonight's game starts at 5pm.

Jets: Brendan Commerford, Scott Morris, Fai Sami, Brett Curr, Tommy Lenihan, Frank Saunders, Peter Dodd, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Paul Wilkinson, Graeme Petcher, Shane Shoesmith, Stephen Boothby, Rob McCarthy, Llyal Dowling, Dean Robertson, Desi Dodds.

31-5-1997

Jets beaten - not defeated

'The blokes here haven't lost any character' - Saunders

AFTER being humbled in nine successive defeats, Ipswich Jets rugby league skipper Frank Saunders could be forgiven for throwing in the proverbial towel.

However, the look in his eye and support for his battling teammates are from a five-eighth who's anything but disillusioned.

"No-one's quit," Saunders, 24, preparing for today's 4pm clash with third placed Easts Tigers at Langlands Park.

"As a kid (in Roma) I was sometimes belted 90-0 in under 16's but kept going.

"The blokes here haven't lost any character either. They're hanging in. We're all still keen."

Saunders, leading the side in partnership with club captain Shane Shoesmith, is the first to admit the Jets have struggled this season.

But the former Ipswich Brothers and Toowoomba Valleys A grade halfback is, to his credit, still looking forward to every Queensland Cup match.

"My biggest success is playing State League," Saunders said. "It's a childhood dream and a challenge.

"Since Rocky (playing Central Capras in Rockhampton two weeks ago), the team has started to bond. We're just starting to get some combination going now."

Last weekend's 28-18 loss to fourth-placed Burleigh Bears was Ipswich's most encouraging performance all season and a game they were un-

lucky to lose. Saunders maintains the Jets are capable of playing winning football.

"It's been a long road but enjoyable. It's been a good learning experience playing in this higher league."

Jets coach Cavill Heugh shares his skipper's sentiments as Ipswich searches for an elusive confidence-boosting victory.

"Even though we lost last weekend, the guys were on a high," said Heugh, in his first season as coach.

"It was good as even the crowd started supporting us. From here, we should start winning more than we lose."

After a disrupted first seven rounds made more difficult by not having a reserve grade side, Heugh is settling on a more stable team. The only major change for today's game is bringing Dean Robertson off the bench onto the wing.

Centre Brett Curr is unavailable and will be replaced by regular winger Tommy Lenihan who's recovering from the flu.

Despite a left knee injury scare last weekend, Saunders expects to play.

Jets line-up: Brendan Commerford, Scott Morris, Fai Sami, Tommy Lenihan, Dean Robertson, Frank Saunders, Peter Dodd, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Paul Wilkinson, Graeme Petcher, Shane Shoesmith, Stephen Boothby, Rob McCarthy, Llyal Dowling, Desi Dodd, Gerry Fourmile.

Jets primed for Logan clash

A WEEK'S rest has its draw-backs according to Ipswich Jets rugby league coach Cavill Heugh who hopes his team doesn't lose its momentum when they meet Logan City in tomorrow's Channel Nine Queensland Cup match at North Ipswich Reserve.

Heugh said he was unsure whether the two-week break due to the City v Country clash would be a blessing or a hindrance to his side which had performed strongly in the past month.

He said although it allowed players to overcome niggling injuries, he was loath to take a break when they were performing so well together.

The improving Jets have stretched several top teams to the limit, but unluckily been unable to record a win.

Struggling Logan City are also winless.

"The guys know we can not afford to make mistakes," he said.

"If we can beat Logan City it will give us a great lift."

Heugh admits the outing will be no picnic, with Logan also desperate to lift themselves from the bottom of the premier-



"The players know how important it is - they have to win it," he said.

"The only edge we've got over them is that we have conceded less points in the last few games."

However, Heugh said it would not be the end of the world if the Jets lost tomorrow.

He said their improving form indicates there will be other opportunities this season.

Goodna's Dean Smith is the only change to the regular Ipswich representative side. Smith fills in for Swifts centre Brett Curr who is unavailable.

Gerry Fourmile has been put on stand-by for halfback Peter Dodds who is an uncertain starter due to personal commitments.

Prop Paul Wilkinson is another worry for coach Heugh who has adjusted the 19-year-old's role to compensate for any lost fitness caused by a bout of flu.

Game starts at 3pm.

Team: Brendan Commerford, Scott Morris, Fai Sami, Tom Lenihan, Dean Robertson, Frank Saunders, Peter Dodds (Gerry Fourmile), Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Llyal Dowling, Stephen Boothby, Shane Shoesmith, Desi Dodd, Rob McCarthy, Graeme Petcher, Dean Smith, Paul

Jets end drought

THE Ipswich Jets scored a long overdue first Queensland Cup rugby league win over Cairns 22-12 on Saturday night - story page 13.



Saunders in doubt for Queensland Cup clash



LOOKING FOR MORE ENTHUSIASM: Jets second rower Shane Shoesmith believes renewed Ipswich spirit has the team capable of winning four of its remaining games.

JETS utility Peter Dodd is on standby for injured skipper Frank Saunders as Ipswich eyes a winning finish to its troubled Queensland Cup rugby league season.

Five-eighth Saunders was training gingerly on Thursday night after receiving a badly corked leg in last Saturday night's 22-12 victory over Cairns.

Jets coach Cavill Heugh said it was a case of "wait and see" as to whether Saunders would play. He's called on "18th man" Dodd to slot in at halfback if needed.

Heugh will make a final decision on who plays five-eighth tomorrow morning.

Ipswich's other injury worries - Rob McCarthy (closed eye), Dean Robertson (groin), Dean Smith (shoulder) and Shane Shoesmith (concussion) - were cleared to meet Souths at Davies Park tomorrow.

Club captain Shoesmith suffered his first concussion for the season after a head knock midway through the second half against Cairns.

He's anxious to retain his second row spot to help achieve the Jets latest goal - winning four of its last six games.

"Everyone had their backs against the wall starting pre-season training and we knew it would be a tough year," Boonah-born Shoesmith

said.

"But we haven't hung our heads. With six games to go, we'd like to beat Souths, Toowoomba, Brothers and Souths (a second time)."

Shoesmith, 24, is in his third season with Ipswich having played under 19s and reserve grade for Redcliffe after a stint with Dysart in the Central Highlands competition. The Raymonds Hill footballer is aware performances over the next month will shape his future.

"We're playing to keep our contracts," he said, buoyed by last weekend's overdue win.

Heugh surrendered his beard last Saturday night amid team celebrations marking Ipswich's first win of the season.

"It was just a great confidence boost for us this week. The team won because they kept enthusiastic and communicated the whole 80 minutes."

"It was desperation."

Jets: Brendan Commerford, Scott Morris, Tom Lenihan, Dean Smith, Dean Robertson, Fai Sami, Frank Saunders (if fit), Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Lyall Dowling, Steve Boothby, Shane Shoesmith, Desi Dodd, Rob McCarthy, Graeme Fletcher, Gerry Fourmile, Paul Wilkinson, Peter Dodd.

14-7-1997

Jets hopes crash

IPSWICH Jets suffered from second half fever as they slumped from a 10-4 halftime deficit to a 44-10 loss in yesterday's Queensland Cup rugby league match against competition leaders Redcliffe.

Jets coach Cavill Heugh was at a loss to explain why his players could manage only one brilliant half of football. "I thought we were in the game," he said. "Things were looking good and then in the second half we just lost our way and Redcliffe — being so big — just wore us down."

"Maybe it's because they are bigger and they intimidate us more."

Heugh said Ipswich players, who aren't keen on gym work, had only themselves to blame for their lack of strength against powerful teams such as the Dolphins.

Redcliffe held a 10-0 lead before Jets wing Scott Morris put his team on the scoreboard. Dean Smith scored Ipswich's other try in the second half.

But Heugh said an early error in the second stanza sent the Jets spiraling downward.

"We got a penalty and we didn't find touch. That was the straw that broke the camel's back," he said.

"We went out there and made too many mistakes and once (Redcliffe)

got a roll-on they rolled us completely."

Heugh was pleased with yesterday's first half effort, which was a huge improvement on the teams' earlier 1997 encounter.

Ipswich lost hard-working Lyall Dowling (hamstring) early in the match. An injury cloud also hangs over Graeme Petcher (ribs) and Desi Dodd (elbow).



27-7-1997

Jets need better fitness to be competitive: coach

IPSWICH Jets rugby league coach Cavill Heugh has warned that a full representative team must start training at the end of this year if they want to be competitive in next year's Queensland Cup competition.

Heugh said the Jets were still paying for the lack of preparation and their latest result — a 22-18 loss to Pine Rivers Brothers yesterday — could have been a win if the full team had been able to work together from the beginning of the season.

"It comes down to fitness," he said.

"A lot of people keep coming up to me and saying they should have match fitness, but that's not enough."

"They have got to train and do that little bit extra right from the beginning."

"If the Jets are going to be competitive next year they need to get in early, otherwise they are going to have another hard year."

Heugh said the Jets had let themselves down with a lack of intensity early in yesterday's game. "Every weekend we are leaving it 'till the last 10 minutes to win a game."

"They were playing to our game plan and it was coming off — I think it's just the lack of fitness."

"The guys are doing that much extra tackling and they don't have the condition for it."

Heugh disappointed at season's end

MOST coaches look forward to the end of the season after scoring just one win and a draw, but Ipswich Jets coach Cavill Heugh is disappointed.

He said Jets players were finally showing their potential.

"It's very frustrating to have the season finish," said Heugh, whose team have stretched some of the Queensland Cup competition leaders to the limit, but been unable to secure points.

He said the most important thing now was to learn from this year's experiences.

The Brisbane Rugby League Rothman's medallist

said the IRL must start planning next year's campaign and making sure the whole team could begin training together several months before the competition started.

Heugh said he was unsure of his own rugby league future and would concentrate on finding work before deciding whether to remain involved.

"I have to sit down and talk to the players and Sandy (Jets chairman Saney Savage)," he said.

"My first priority is to get a full-time job and then work football around that, so I'm unsure what I will do next year."

Heugh said several Ipswich players had already shown interest in being involved with the Jets next season and many of his side were keen to remain with the representative team.

The Jets' final test is against Souths at North Ipswich Reserve at 5pm today.

Jets: Brendan Commerford, Tom Lenihan, Fai Sami, Dean Smith, Scott Morris, Frank Saunders, Peter Dodd, Chris Beattie, Rob McCarthy, Lyall Dowling, Shane Shoesmith, Stephen Boothby, Desi Dodd, Dean Robertson, Paul Wilkinson, Gerry Fourmile, Robbie Bichel.

4-8-1997

Heugh wants to retain job

By KATHRYN REES

IPSWICH Jets coach Cavill Heugh will re-apply for the Queensland Cup coaching position after speaking to players during the weekend.

Heugh, who joined the coaching ranks for the first time this season, said he would like to spend another year with the team which he believes has the potential to be one of the best in the state-wide competition in a few years.

"I would like to take the job on again," reflected the former BRL Rothmans medallist, whose team narrowly lost 23-20 to Souths in their final game of the season at North Ipswich Reserve on Saturday night.

"I think I have achieved a bit this year with the guys.

"We have started getting things going and we just need a

bit more fitness to finish off.

"A lot of the guys are fairly young and if you look at the good sides in the competition they have kept the same players together and built from there."

However, Heugh said Ipswich must have a second Queensland Cup squad to put pressure on players who this year have been assured of a place in the team because there was little competition for their position.

"You have to have competition to get on the field," said Heugh, who was dismayed at the beginning of the season to discover he had to teach some Jets players basic football skills.

The team has long shrugged off its easybeats tag. Despite finishing second-bottom in the Queensland Cup competition, the Jets only narrowly lost to some of the top sides.

Heugh said players such as talented fullback Brendan Commerford were a huge asset this year and should be an important part of the team next season.

He said several players were considering playing overseas during the Australian summer and the experience would be valuable.

A disallowed Dean Smith try early in Saturday's game cost Ipswich the match.

In a controversial decision, the referee ruled Smith was pushed into touch before putting the ball down.

"It was one of those games," Heugh said. "It was just the silly discipline things that let us down.

"We started scoring points and we looked good, but then Lyall (Dowling) was involved in a scuffle. A few of the guys went over to help him and Souths scored." - *weekend paper - p.11*



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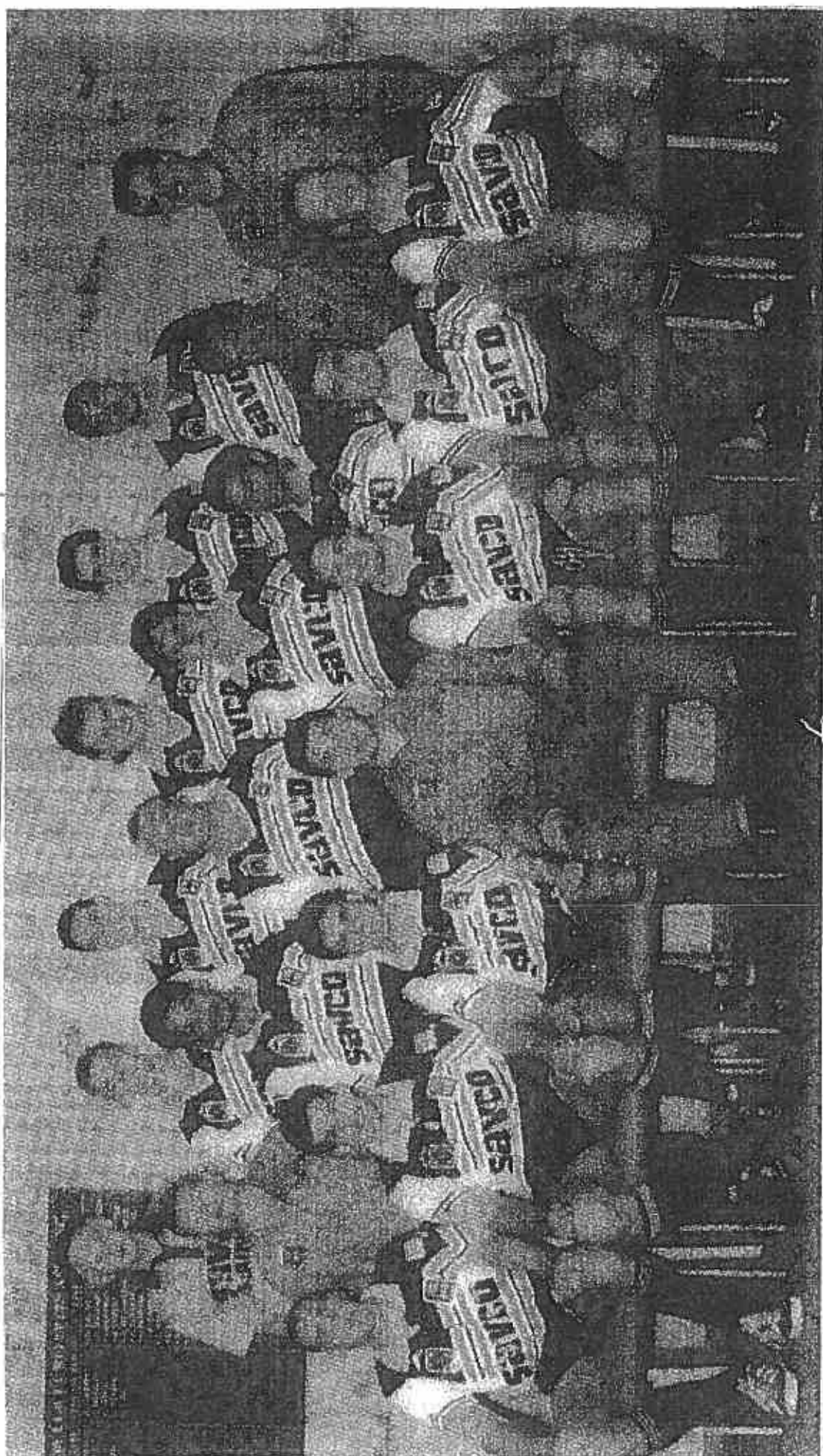
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Sat. *Redcliffe v Cairns	2.00	44-14
Sat. Gold Coast v Wests	7.00	16-16
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	14-32
Sun. Easts v Port Moresby	3.00	54-10
Sun. Norths v Central	3.00	20-28
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	3.00	4-26
Sun. Ipswich v Pine Rivers	5.00	6-46

R2:- 5/6 April		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Norths	2.00	28-14
Sat. Wests v Logan	4.00	28-10
Sat. Twmba v Souths	5.00	28-20
Sat. Cairns v P/Moresby	7.00	46-4
Sun. Central v Gold Coast	2.00	12-20
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	52-0
Sun. Pine Rivers v Redcliffe	3.00	14-42

R3:- 12/13 April		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Twmba	2.00	24-14
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	5.00	12-52
Sun. Souths v Wests	3.00	30-24
Sun. P/Moresby v P/Rivers	3.00	40-24
Sun. Norths v Cairns	3.00	54-12
Sun. Logan v Central	3.00	10-34
Sun. Gold Coast v Easts	3.00	18-14

R4:- 19/20 April		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v P/Moresby	2.00	62-4
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	4.00	38-10
Sat. Easts v Logan	4.00	44-14
Sat. Twmba v Ipswich	5.00	24-6
Sat. Cairns v Gold Coast	7.00	20-8
Sun. Central v Souths	2.00	26-18
Sun. Pine Rivers v Norths	3.00	12-34

R5:- 25/26/27 April		SCORE
Fri. Logan v Cairns	4.00	20-22
Sat. *Souths v Easts	2.00	6-38
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00	26-4
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	3.00	28-24
Sun. Ipswich v P/Moresby	3.00	28-36
Sun. G/Coast v P/Rivers	3.15	40-32
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	5.00	4-14

R6:- 3/4 May		SCORE
Sat. *Pine Rivers v Logan	2.00	36-12
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	50-6
Sat. Easts v Wynnum	4.00	16-24
Sat. Redcliffe v G/Coast	5.30	4-22
Sun. Central v Twmba	2.00	24-20
Sun. P/Moresby v Norths	3.00	43-26
Sun. Cairns v Souths	3.00	12-14

R7:- 10/11 May		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Central	2.00	30-16
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	5.00	4-64
Sat. Toowoomba v Easts	5.00	20-30
Sun. Souths v Pine Rivers	3.00	18-26
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	3.00	14-18
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	6-48
Sun. G/Coast v P/Moresby	3.00	36-22

R8:- 17/18 May		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v G/Coast	2.00	26-10
Sat. Easts v Wests	4.00	17-16
Sat. Cairns v Toowoomba	7.00	16-10
Sun. Central v Ipswich	2.00	64-22
Sun. P/Rivers v Wynnum	3.00	10-34
Sun. P/Moresby v Logan	3.00	36-10
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	30-4

R9:- 24/25 May		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Redcliffe	2.00	12-15
Sat. Wests v Cairns	3.00	24-8
Sat. Ipswich v Gold Coast	5.00	18-28
Sat. Twmba v P/Rivers	5.00	18-14
Sun. Central v Easts	2.00	24-24
Sun. Souths v P/Moresby	3.00	22-26
Sun. Logan v Norths	3.00	12-34

R10:- 31 May/1 June		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Toowoomba	2.00	20-4
Sat. Easts v Ipswich	4.00	28-16
Sat. Norths v Souths	5.00	16-20
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.00	10-10
Sun. Pine Rivers v Wests	3.00	17-20
Sun. P/Moresby v Wynnum	3.00	18-26
Sun. Gold Coast v Logan	3.00	24-20

R11:- 14/15 June		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Cairns	2.00	16-28
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	21-32
Sun. Central v Pine Rivers	2.00	30-26
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	22-8
Sun. Ipswich v Logan	3.00	26-26
Sun. Souths v Gold Coast	3.00	24-36
Sun. Twmba v P/Moresby	3.00	24-42

R12:- 21/22 June		SCORE
Sat. *Gold Coast v Wynnum	2.00	6-32
Sat. Norths v Toowoomba	5.00	14-0
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.00	12-22
Sun. Pine Rivers v Easts	3.00	24-36
Sun. P/Moresby v Wests	3.00	25-20
Sun. Logan v Souths	3.00	2-22
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	3.00	26-16

R13:- 28/29 June		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Norths	2.00	30-8
Sat. Easts v Redcliffe	4.00	30-6
Sat. Cairns v Pine Rivers	7.00	20-22
Sun. Central v P/Moresby	2.00	36-26
Sun. Twmba v G/Coast	4.05	18-22
Sun. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	32-22
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	76-0

R14:- 4/5/6 July		SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v Twmba	8.00	14-22
Sat. *Souths v Central	2.00	14-22
Sat. Norths v Pine Rivers	4.30	40-12
Sat. Gold Coast v Cairns	7.00	14-6
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	12-12
Sun. P/Moresby v Redcliffe	3.00	18-32
Sun. Logan v Easts	3.00	16-38

R15:- 12/13 July		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Gold Coast	2.00	26-28
Sat. Twmba v Wynnum	2.00	16-28
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	34-6
Sat. Cairns v Norths	7.00	8-16
Sun. Central v Logan	2.00	44-22
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	44-10
Sun. P/Rivers v P/Moresby	3.00	20-18

R16:- 19/20 July		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v P/Rivers	2.00	52-18
Sat. Souths v Twmba	3.00	14-14
Sat. Gold Coast v Central	6.00	47-16
Sun. P/Moresby v Cairns	3.00	26-10
Sun. Norths v Easts	3.00	24-28
Sun. Logan v Wests	3.00	16-48
Sun. Ipswich v Wynnum	3.00	24-30

R17:- 26/27 July		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Gold Coast	2.00	21-20
Sat. Toowoomba v Logan	3.00	30-16
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	7.00	10-18
Sun. Central v Norths	2.00	31-16
Sun. Wynnum v Souths	3.00	14-12
Sun. Pine Rivers v Ipswich	3.00	22-18
Sun. Port Moresby v Easts	3.00	18-26

R18:- 2/3 August		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Wests	2.00	18-22
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	5.00	22-25
Sun. Redcliffe v Easts	3.00	22-28
Sun. Pine Rivers v Cairns	3.00	16-46
Sun. P/Moresby v Central	3.00	21-16
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	3.00	10-30
Sun. G/Coast v Twmba	3.15	32-20

FINAL SERIES

Semi-Final 1:- 9/10 August
 Game A Wynnum 12 v Redcliffe 17 (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game D).
 Game B Easts 14 v Gold Coast 8 (Winner to Game D, Loser to Game E).
 Game C Wests 38 v Central 10 (Winner to Game E, Loser out).
 Semi-Final 2:- 16/17 August
 Game D Wynnum 8 v Easts 14 (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game G).
 Game E Gold Coast 8 v Wests 22 (Winner to Game G, Loser out).

Semi-Final 3:- 23/24 August
 Game F Redcliffe 18 v Easts 14 (Winner to G/Final, Loser to Game H).
 Game G Wynnum 6 v Wests 12 (Winner to Game H, Loser out).
 Semi-Final 4:- 30 August
 Game H Easts 22 v Wests 14 (Winner to Grand Final, Loser out).

GRAND FINAL — SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER
 Redcliffe v Easts

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QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 14/15 March			SCORE
Sat.	*Norths v Wynnum	2.30	16-42
Sat.	Wests v Ldgar	4.30	42-0
Sat.	Ipswich v Toowoomba	6.00	2-12
Sat.	Townsville v Gold Coast	7.30	38-12
Sat.	Burleigh v Cairns	7.30	28-14
Sun.	Central v Bundaberg	2.30	26-24
Sun.	Souths v Easts	3.00	22-24
Sun.	Brothers v Redcliffe	3.00	18-25

R2:- 21/22 March			SCORE
Sat.	*Easts v Townsville	2.00	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Norths	5.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Wests	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Souths	7.30	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Brothers	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Central	3.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	

R3:- 28/29 March			SCORE
Sat.	*Ipswich v Bundaberg	2.00	
Sat.	Townsville v Norths	7.30	
Sun.	Central v Gold Coast	2.30	
Sun.	Wests v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Cairns	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Logan	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.00	

R4:- 4/5 April			SCORE
Sat.	*Redcliffe v Easts	2.00	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Brothers	6.00	
Sat.	Norths v Central	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Townsville	7.00	
Sun.	Gold Coast v Wests	12.45	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Burleigh	3.00	

R5:- 11/12 April			SCORE
Sat.	*Souths v Logan	2.00	
Sat.	Wests v Norths	4.30	
Sat.	Ipswich v Gold Coast	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Redcliffe	7.00	
Sat.	Burleigh v Bundaberg	7.00	
Sat.	Townsville v Central	7.30	
Sun.	Easts v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Wynnum	3.00	

R6:- 18/19 April			SCORE
Sat.	*Wynnum v Burleigh	2.00	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Souths	6.00	
Sat.	Norths v Ipswich	6.00	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Brothers	7.30	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Cairns	2.00	
Sun.	Central v Wests	2.30	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Townsville	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Easts	3.00	

R7:- 25/26 April			SCORE
Sat.	Townsville v Wests	5.30	
Sat.	Ipswich v Central	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Logan	7.00	
Sun.	Souths v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Bundaberg	3.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Norths	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Gold Coast	3.00	

R8:- 2/3 May			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Ipswich	4.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Cairns	6.00	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Souths	7.30	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Townsville	2.00	
Sun.	Central v Brothers	2.30	
Sun.	Wynnum v Easts	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun.	Norths v Burleigh	3.00	

R9:- 9/10 May			SCORE
Sat.	Gold Coast v Easts	5.30	
Sat.	Townsville v Ipswich	5.30	
Sat.	Cairns v Wynnum	7.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Central	2.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Bundaberg	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Norths	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Logan	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Wests	3.00	

R10:- 16/17 May			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Burleigh	4.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Toowoomba	6.00	
Sat.	Ipswich v Brothers	6.00	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Cairns	7.30	
Sun.	Central v Souths	2.30	
Sun.	Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Townsville	3.00	
Sun.	Norths v Easts	3.00	

R11:- 23/24 May			SCORE
Sat.	Townsville v Brothers	5.30	
Sat.	Cairns v Norths	7.30	
Sun.	Souths v Wests	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Central	3.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Gold Coast	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Bundaberg	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Ipswich	3.30	

R12:- 30/31 May			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Easts	4.30	
Sat.	Ipswich v Souths	6.00	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Townsville	6.00	
Sat.	Central v Cairns	7.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Logan	3.00	
Sun.	Norths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Gold Coast	5.00	

R13:- 13/14 June			SCORE
Sat.	Bundaberg v Wynnum	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Wests	7.30	
Sat.	Townsville v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Norths	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Brothers	3.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Central	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Gold Coast	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Ipswich	3.00	

R14:- 20/21 June			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Redcliffe	4.30	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Bundaberg	5.30	
Sat.	Townsville v Wynnum	5.30	
Sat.	Ipswich v Cairns	6.00	
Sun.	Central v Toowoomba	2.30	
Sun.	Norths v Logan	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Easts	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Souths	3.30	

R15:- 27/28 June			SCORE
Sat.	Bundaberg v Norths	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Brothers	7.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Townsville	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Central	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Gold Coast	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Wests	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Burleigh	3.00	

R16:- 3/4/5 July			SCORE
Fri.	Ipswich v Logan	7.30	
Sat.	Wests v Bundaberg	4.30	
Sat.	Townsville v Easts	5.30	
Sun.	Central v Wynnum	2.30	
Sun.	Souths v Cairns	2.30	
Sun.	Norths v Gold Coast	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.30	

R17:- 11/12 July			SCORE
Sat.	Gold Coast v Townsville	5.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Central	6.00	
Sat.	Cairns v Burleigh	7.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Brothers	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Souths	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Wests	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Norths	3.00	

R18:- 18/19 July			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Cairns	4.30	
Sat.	Ipswich v Easts	6.00	
Sat.	Central v Redcliffe	7.00	
Sat.	Burleigh v Townsville	7.00	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Logan	7.30	
Sun.	Norths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Bundaberg	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Souths	3.00	

R19:- 25/26 July			SCORE
Sat.	Townsville v Bundaberg	5.30	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Toowoomba	5.45	
Sat.	Cairns v Central	7.00	
Sun.	Easts v Wests	3.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	
Sun.	Logan v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Brothers	3.30	

R20:- 1/2 August			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Souths	4.30	
Sat.	Gold Coast v Redcliffe	5.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Logan	6.00	
Sat.	Ipswich v Burleigh	6.00	
Sun.	Central v Easts	2.30	
Sun.	Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Townsville	3.00	
Sun.	Norths v Cairns	3.30	

R21:- 8/9 August			SCORE
Sat.	Townsville v Logan	5.30	
Sat.	Cairns v Gold Coast	7.00	
Sun.	Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun.	Souths v Central	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Norths	3.00	
Sun.	Toowoomba v Bundaberg	3.00	
Sun.	Brothers v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun.	Burleigh v Wests	3.30	

R22:- 15/16 August			SCORE
Sat.	Wests v Brothers	4.30	
Sat.	Bundaberg v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sat.	Ipswich v Townsville	6.00	
Sun.	Central v Burleigh	2.00	
Sun.	Logan v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sun.	Norths v Souths	3.00	
Sun.	Easts v Gold Coast	3.00	
Sun.	Wynnum v Cairns	4.00	

CITY v COUNTRY - FRIDAY 5 JUNE 6.00pm

FINAL SERIES

Semi-Finals 1:- 22/23 August

Game A Team 1 v Team 2 (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game D).
Game B Team 3 v Team 4 (Winner to Game D, Loser to Game E).
Game C Team 5 v Team 6 (Winner to Game E, Loser out).

Semi-Finals 2:- 29/30 August

Game D Loser Game A v Winner Game B (Winner to Game F, Loser to Game C).
Game E Loser Game B v Winner Game C (Winner to Game F, Loser out).

Semi-Finals 3:- 5/6 September

Game F Winner Game A v Winner Game D (Winner to Grand Final, Loser to Game H).
Game G Loser Game D v Winner Game E (Winner to Game H, Loser out).

Semi-Final 4:- 12 September

Game H Loser Game F v Winner Game G (Winner to Grand Final, Loser out).

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Winner Game F v Winner Game H

Jets forwards set to impress

By BRENT READ

JETS rugby league coach Paul Srama expects his forward pack to be the equal of any in the State League after an impressive start to the pre-season.

Led by Queensland Residents prop Chris Beattie, the Jets much-vaunted pack has the chance to put the sword to traditional rivals, the Toowoomba Clydesdales, at North Ipswich Reserve on Saturday night.

Srama has named a squad of 21 for the side's first 13-man hit-out.

"We have a big, solid forward pack," Srama said yesterday.

"I'm expecting the forward pack to go really well. Our front row will be second to none in the competition."

Beattie is joined in the front row by Adelaide Rams recruit Kelso McEwen and Norths forward Paul Wilkinson.

The three have impressed Srama in the pre-season and are expected to form the cornerstone of the Jets forward line-up. McEwen has thrown off an injury scare and will start hooker.

The former Fassifern duo of Craig Stephan and Paul Roderick fill the second row spots with former Beau-

desert lock Danny Coburn rounding out the pack.

Stephan, Roderick and Coburn were stars in the Jets outstanding showing at the recent Runaway Bay sevens tournament.

In the backs, centre John Brady has shaken off injury and will line up in the centres alongside Dean Smith.

"It will take every bit of the trials to strike up a combination for the start of the State League," Srama said.

"There's a lot of young guys with a lot of raw ability and I think some of them haven't played their best football yet."

"They're training harder than ever before and the keenness is there."

The Toowoomba game will be played over four 20-minute quarters and Srama expects to give every member of the 21-man squad some playing time.

"This week was our first chance to throw the ball around as a full side so we'll see how things go on Saturday," Srama said. "We're playing around with different patterns and different combinations."

Full squads tomorrow.

21-2-1998

Srama fine tunes Jets

By BRENT READ

JETS coach Paul Srama has chosen a 24-man squad for tomorrow's trial against Group One at Ballina as he continues to fine tune his side for the Queensland Cup season.

With hard-working lock Danny Coburn and centre Dean Smith returning from injury the Jets will be at full strength for the clash, a curtain raiser to the Gold Coast Chargers clash with Balmain.

Coburn and Smith were rested last week after clashing heads during the Jets pre-season loss to Toowoomba at the North Ipswich Reserve two weeks ago.

With three weeks remaining until the Jets kick off their Queensland Cup season, Srama is no closer to finalising his squad.

"By the end of next week I'll be a lot closer (to finalising a side)," he said.

"There's been a lot of guys who have gone pretty good so far. Changing the side so much it has been hard to get the cohesion going."

"That's why I would have liked to have had the two trials (this week-end)."

The Jets were drawn to play Laidley tonight in the second round of the Ipswich Rugby League pre-season tournament but Laidley have withdrawn from the competition.

Goal kicking remains Srama's major concern, with Smith and Brendan Commerford sharing the duties in the pre-season.

Former Adelaide player Kelso McEwen will return to hooker for the Group One clash after Srama experimented with him at five-eighth last week.

The first-year Jets coach is expecting a torrid work-out from Group One, made up of players from northern New South Wales, including Lismore, Grafton, Byron Bay and Ballina.

"I reckon they'll be tough," Srama said.

With the depth in the Queensland Cup at an all-time high thanks to the the National Rugby League eliminating reserve grade, Srama is expecting a torrid season.

A number of Queensland Cup clubs have formed partnerships with



IT'S TOSS UP: Jets coach Paul Srama continues to toss up possible team combinations as the Queensland Cup rugby league season approaches.

glamour clubs while several high profile players will play in the state competition.

Gold Coast Burleigh have snapped up former St George prop Tony Pridle and former Wests back rower Billy Dunn.

"It's a bit of an eye-opener but the thing with a lot of these players is that they are on their way out," Srama said.

"They had their day in Sydney and that's why they're coming back. When you've got players like Chris Beattie and Paul Wilkinson, with their ability... they're on their way up."

Jets squad for game against Ballina: Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, John Brady, Dean Smith, Odel Harris, Frank Saunders, Mick Armstrong, Chris Beattie, Kelso McEwen, Paul Wilkinson, Craig Stephan, Paul Roderick, Danny Coburn, Desi Dodd, Dean Daylight, Lyall Dowling, Fal Sami, Brendan Commerford, Rob McCarthy, Scott Ferguson, Steve Boothby, Craig Wehman, Ian Brown, Dale Robertson.

Injury hits Jets again

By BRENT READ

THE Ipswich Jets' backline stocks have been tested in the lead-up to their opening Queensland Cup rugby league clash with the Toowoomba Clydesdales following the late withdrawal of winger John Brady through injury.

Brady bruised his back in the final of the Ipswich Rugby League pre-season competition at the weekend and was given until the club's final training session to prove his fitness by coach Paul Srama.

But Srama was forced to rule out the dangerous three-quarter when he failed to complete training on Thursday.

Adelaide Rams recruit Odell Harris was drafted into the starting line-up and Dean Daylight will take his place on the bench for tonight's match.

"Every one we bring in the side has been with the squad," Srama said. "There's not too much between any of the blokes."

Harris has enjoyed a roller-coaster week. The teenager was left out of the original squad but finds himself starting after the loss of Brady and centre Dean Smith to injury.

"I've got to have a big game this week and stay in the side," Harris said. "I've just got to do my job — take the

THE Ipswich Rugby League under 19 Diggers squad will be announced on Monday. The squad will train on Tuesday March 17 and Thursday March 19 at North Ipswich Reserve at 5.45pm, with a selection trial against the Gold Coast Group 18 under 19 side to be held on March 21.

workload off the forwards when I get a chance and play a consistent game."

Winger Tom Lenihan has been handed the goalkicking responsibilities with forward Lyall Dowling ready to step in if Lenihan's radar is off target.

A 10-a-side under 19 competition will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Jets-Clydesdales clash. The under 19 competition will start at 12 noon with Swifts and West End to play a trial game at 4.30pm.

The Jets clash with the Clydesdales starts at 6pm.

Jets squad for game v Toowoomba: Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, Scott Ferguson, Fal Sami, Odell Harris, Frank Saunders, Mick Armstrong, Danny Coburn, Lyall Dowling, Steve Boothby, Chris Beattie, Kelso McEwan, Paul Wilkinson. Interchange: Rob McCarthy, Clinton Raven, Craig Wehrman, Dean Daylight, Brendan Commerford (one to be omitted).

QUEENSLAND CUP

NORTH IPSWICH RESERVE - 6.00PM SATURDAY 14 MARCH 1998



COLOURS
GREEN, GOLD & WHITE

COACH
PAUL SRAMA

REFEREE
STUART BERNDT

IPSWICH V TOOWOOMBA

FULL BACK
STORM RICHTER 1

THREEQUARTERS
JOHN BRADY 2
FAI SAMI 3
SCOT FURGURSON 4
TOM LENIHAN 5

HALVES
FRANK SAUNDERS 6
MICK ARMSTRONG 7

FORWARDS
DANNY COBURN 13
STEVE BOOTHBY 12
LYALL DOWLING 11
PAUL WILKINSON 10
KELSO McEWAN 9
CHRIS BEATTIE 8

REPLACEMENTS
CRAIG WEHRMAN 14
ROB MCCARTHY 15
CLINTON RAVEN 16
ODELL HARRIS 17

FULL BACK
SCOTT SCHULTZ

THREEQUARTERS
JEFF SLATER
VINCE RAMSAY
ANDREW RICHARDS
BEN FORDE

HALVES
DON SAUNDERS
MICK KENNEDY

FORWARDS
DARREN INGRAM
DAVID ANDERSON
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GREG BURTON
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at hand for the first Queensland Cup game of the season for the Ipswich Jets against the Toowoomba Clydesdales. The

game was a dour struggle with solid defence the feature in this local derby. A 2-1 penalty count against the Jets meant plenty of possession for the Clydesdales who managed to score two tries in the first half to lead 10-2 at the break. The only score in the second half was a penalty goal to Toowoomba.

The Jets had two good opportunities to score in the second half but were denied, once by a brilliant tackle on centre Fal Sami as he dived for the try line and on another occasion when three Jets players had only the full back to beat and a poor pass butchered a certain try.

Best players for the Jets were Queensland Cup debutants Storm Richter and Danny Coburn who shared the awards after the game.

Ipswich look forward to this week's game, aware that Logan will be looking for their first win of the season and also looking for revenge after the Jets scored 18 points in the final ten minutes to snatch a draw from the Scorpions last year.

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Jets made to pay for mistakes

By BRENT READ

DISAPPOINTED Jets coach Paul Srama was left lamenting a huge error count as his side produced an undisciplined display against the Toowoomba Clydesdales on Saturday night at North Ipswich Reserve.

The Jets dropped a mountain of ball and were on the receiving end of a lopsided penalty count in the 12-2 loss.

Srama described the loss as a "game that got away".

"I know that we could have been able to win that game rather convincingly," Srama said.

"The mistakes that we made were horrendous. They were unforced errors . . . just bad discipline."

Playing before a disappointing crowd, the Jets led 2-0 after winger Tom Lenihan kicked an early penalty goal.

But the Jets were starved of possession for a 10-minuted period late in the first half and the constant waves of Toowoomba attack took its toll.

Despite defending desperately the Jets were unable to hold Toowoomba out and Clydesdales halfback Mick Kennedy sent replacement Russell Gore over for a 6-2 lead.

Three minutes later Toowoomba winger Ben Forde crossed in the corner to extend the Clydesdale's lead to 10-2.

The Jets had a chance to hit back on the half-time break. Prop Paul Wilkinson slipped a great ball to Fai Sami but the flying centre was stopped inches short of the tryline.

Replacement Craig Wehrman sparked the Jets attack in a dour second half and almost produced a try when he surged through a hole 10 minutes from full-time. With only fullback Scott Schultz to beat, Wehrman's pass went astray, taking with it any chance of a Jets win.

Toowoomba finished the scoring in the dying minutes with a Brendan Smith penalty goal.

"We were just made to defend, defend and defend," Srama said. "Our defense deserves a huge pat on the back."

"You can't make mistakes like that and expect to come away with a win. They had double the possession."

Fullback Storm Richter was named man of the match, edging tireless lock Danny Coburn and Wilkinson.

"Once I've sorted out what went wrong we'll look at what we've got to do next week," Srama said.

"I know we've got something to work with."

In a further blow to the club halfback Mick Armstrong could be lost for the season after sustaining suspected cruciate damage to his knee in the first half.

Coburn is also under a cloud with a rib injury.

The Jets play the Logan Scorpions on Sunday at Meakin Park.

Coach adds extra sting to Jets side

By BRENT READ

RUGGED hooker Rob McCarthy has been brought in to add some extra bite to the Jets forward pack for tomorrow's Queensland Cup game against the Logan Scorpions at Meakin Park.

The Jets are expecting a fiery welcome from the Scorpions, who were on the end of a first-up thrashing from Wests last week.

McCarthy joins winger John Brady and centre Dean Smith as the only changes to the side that lost to Toowoomba, although coach Paul Srama is remaining tight-lipped on the side that will start the game.

The experienced McCarthy comes in at the expense of teenage hooker Kelso McEwan, who will be used off the interchange bench.

"We have to get in there and loosen them up a bit," McCarthy said. "We've got to beat them in the forwards.

"We've got to play hard and tough. I'm looking forward to it."

The Jets drew with Logan in their only clash last year. After trailing 26-4 with 15 minutes remaining, the Jets piled on the points in the dying minutes to sneak away with a valuable point.

Logan and the Jets eventually fought out the wooden spoon, with the Jets sole win over Cairns lifting them above the Scorpions.

Coach Paul Srama said it was important the Jets win the forward battle and McCarthy's addition gave the pack a bit more sting.

"He brings a bit more venom," Srama said.

Brady's experience and flair was missed last week as the Jets struggled to cross the tryline.

But the versatile three-quarter has recovered from a back complaint and is confident the Jets can open their account this weekend.

"My back is much better now," Brady, 23, said. "There's no problem. I'm 100% fit.

"This is a very important game. We've got to get that winning feeling back."

The Ipswich Jets play the Logan Scorpions at Meakin Park tomorrow, kick-off 3pm.

□ **Jets:** Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, Fai Sami, Dean Smith, John Brady, Frank Saunders, Craig Wehrman, Danny Coburn, Lyall Dowling, Stephen Boothby, Chris Beattie, Rob McCarthy, Paul Wilkinson, Odell Harris, Kelso McEwan, Dean Daylight, Clinton Raven.

Beattie right for Seagulls clash

By BRENT READ

THE Ipswich Jets will take an unchanged line-up into this week's important game against Wynnum after captain Chris Beattie was cleared of lifting during Saturday's game against Bundaberg.

Beattie was placed on report by referee Darren McKenzie in the first half as the Jets scored their second win of the season.

But the incident was viewed by Queensland Rugby League officials yesterday and Beattie was found to have no case to answer.

Coach Paul Srama was relieved to hear his forward leader had escaped punishment.

"It didn't look like much," Srama said. "It was just a lifting, driving tackle."

"He would have been a real big loss. He lays the platform for the forwards. It would have been hard to cover him."

The Jets' credibility faces its first real test against Wynnum.

The Seagulls have been one of the form sides of the early rounds, winning their three games convincingly.

But weighing in the Jets favour is the suspension of the competition's form five-eighth, Wynnum's Brett Trudgett and the possible suspension of his replacement, Heath Lewis.

Lewis, the younger brother of Queensland legend Wally Lewis, faces

club's 28-10 win over Wests on Sunday.

Srama believes the Jets must win at least three of their next five games to remain in finals contention.

After this weekend, the Jets play the Gold Coast Vikings at home, Norths away, the Central Capras at home and Wests away.

"To really stay in touch we need to win a couple of these harder games," Srama said.

"The boys are all keen for this one. They put on a good show when they played them in the last game last year."

"They're quietly confident."

Meanwhile all four players charged by the National Rugby League match review committee yesterday pleaded guilty and accepted suspensions.

They received reduced sentences because they pleaded guilty before the noon deadline.

Canberra half Ricky Stuart was suspended for one match for a grade one reckless high tackle.

Melbourne forward Danny Williams will miss the next three weeks for a grade two careless high tackle.

North Sydney's Adam Muir admitted to a grade two careless high tackle and was suspended for two weeks.

And North Queensland's Andrew Dunemann, who was sent off against Parramatta, was given one week after

4-4-1988

Coach calls for Ipswich spirit against Wynnum

By BRENT READ

JETS coach Paul Srama has stressed to his players the importance of tighter defence and speeding up the play the ball as the club faces its first test of the 1998 Queensland Cup season.

The Jets, coming off consecutive wins over Logan and Bundaberg, play undefeated Wynnum at Wynnum tomorrow.

Srama wound up rugby league preparations with a light session on Thursday night. He expects the players to lift against the equal

competition leaders.

"I'm just expecting the guys to have a big game, to play to their ability," Srama said. "They showed glimpses of that last week and I'd like them to put it together for a full 80 minutes."

"Against a tougher side I think they will produce it. Against Wynnum they'll show me how they can dig in against a tough side."

Srama has named the same squad that played Bundaberg, with towering forward Clinton



Raven expected to resume his role of impact player off the bench.

The giant former Brisbane Wests and Easts player joined the Jets after playing half a season at Swifts under Srama.

After an interrupted pre-season, Raven is starting to regain his match fitness.

"I didn't have a pre-season really," said Raven, who stands 195cm and tips the scales at a powerful 115kg. "I'm just trying to go as hard

as I can for as long as I can and then come off and have a breather."

Raven has battled a nagging knee injury all week but comfortably finished training on Thursday.

Talented halfback Craig Wehrman, man of the match against Bundaberg, faces another challenge as he clashes head-on with former Brisbane Broncos lower grader Ron Troutman.

With Wynnum five-eighths Brett Trudgett and Heath Lewis suspended, the responsibility of

falls on Troutman.

Srama has also nominated former Perth Reds centre Ricky Taylor and try-scoring machine Jabin Picker as players to watch.

"The first 10 minutes we must dominate and get on top," Srama said. "(The players) are in a pretty confident mood."

"Straight after the game on Saturday they were looking forward to this one."

Local league teams — page 74; see Monday's QT for a full weekend footy wrap-up.

Srama rings changes in bid to find winning combination

IPSWICH Jets coach Paul Srama has made several changes to the squad for Saturday night's rugby league match against the Gold Coast Vikings at the Reserve.

Lock Danny Coburn has been passed fit to play after suffering a heavy concussion against Wynnuth last weekend.

He will slip into the unaccustomed five-eighth

position for the injured Frank Saunders.

Second rower Paul Roderick's place in the starting line-up has been taken by Norths forward Dale Robertson.

Dean Daylight comes in at hooker for Rob McCarthy and centre Fai Sami is replaced by Scott Ferguson.

Steve Boothby comes into lock with former Adelaide

Ram Odell Harris moving on to the bench and hooker Kelso McEwan placed on stand-by for Lyall Dowling and Dean Daylight, who are both carrying niggly injuries.

11-4-1988

Fowler's return lifts semi hopes

By BRENT READ

FORMER North Sydney and Gold Coast lower grader Anthony Fowler has started training with the Ipswich Jets, giving the club a major boost in their chase for a finals berth in this year's Queensland Cup competition.

Fowler has long been recognised as one of Ipswich's major rugby league talents. The powerful back rower gives the Jets' bulging forward stocks more depth.

The former Australian schoolboys rugby union representative played with Brothers last season but spent the early part of this year playing rugby union with GPS in the Brisbane competition.

Fowler trained with the Jets on Thursday night as coach Paul Srama wound up the club's preparation for tonight's important game against the Gold Coast Vikings at the Reserve.

Srama expects Fowler to push for a place in the Jets squad over the coming weeks.

"He adds experience to our forwards," Srama said. "He's got Sydney experience and he's a very good footballer."

The Vikings — the Gold Coast Chargers representative side in the Queensland Cup — have a strong squad, including a number of players who have played in the National Rugby League competition.

Fullback Glen Godbee, five-eighth Brendan Lindsay and forward Troy Campbell have NRL experience and have

been earmarked by Srama as players to watch.

"It's a must-win game so we can stay in touch with the top half," Srama said.

"We can't afford to slip now. We must win our home games."

Srama took the team through a judo session with Ipswich Olympian Dave Wilkinson on Tuesday night. Srama has stressed to his players the importance of tightening up their defence after conceding 34 points against Wynnum in their last outing.

"I felt our attack was all right in patches," Srama said. "But we have to pick up in certain areas."

The loss of five-eighth Frank Saunders to injury passes more responsibility on to the young shoulders of halfback Craig Wehrman

and the club's outstanding player this season, Danny Coburn.

"They're a big side so Danny will be able to strengthen our defence out wide. Franky will be missed because he's the best organiser in the side.

"But Danny brings a bit more size and strength. Whether that will be an advantage or a disadvantage we'll have to wait and see."

Jets squad for game against Gold Coast tonight at North Ipswich Reserve (kick-off 6pm): Storm Richter, John Brady, Scott Ferguson, Dean Smith, Tom Lenihan, Danny Coburn, Craig Wehrman, Chris Beattie, Dean Daylight, Paul Wilkinson, Lyall Dowling, Dale Robertson, Steve Boothby, Rob McCarthy, Paul Roderick, Clinton Raven, Odell Harris.



JETS HALF CLEARED

By BRENT READ

JETS halfback Craig Wehrman will be available for this weekend's game against the Central Capras after escaping suspension on a head high tackle charge following Saturday's rugby league clash.

Wehrman was sent off minutes before halftime for a high tackle on Norths centre Paul Hubbard in the Jets 38-28 Queensland Cup loss at Bishop Park.

The scheming halfback received a severe reprimand from the Queensland Rugby League before the judiciary decided to take no action.

The judiciary considered Wehrman's clean record.

A Southern Division under 19 representative last year, Wehrman has been one of the Jets' best players since replacing injured halfback Mick Armstrong against Logan in round two.

Coach Paul Srama and Wehrman were expecting the worse after viewing the incident on video.

"It was a bit touch and go," Wehrman said.

"I thought I'd be gone. But it's



□ Craig Wehrman

turned out all right so I'm pretty happy."

Srama was a relieved man after Wehrman was let off.

"After watching the video we were really concerned," Srama said. "But now we can settle down and concentrate on this weekend."

Srama was relieved wholesale changes to the side were not needed.

"Craig just offers us a bit more individual flair," he said.

"We've had a good word to him about (his tackling style). He's definitely got to alter it."

Wehrman plans to use his escape as a spur to regain the form he showed earlier in the season.

The youngster has been unhappy with his form in recent weeks and was confident he could fix his tackling style.

"I've just started working on hitting them low," Wehrman said.

"Everyone's been emphasising that since it happened. Another one of them (high tackles) and I'll be gone for a while."

Srama has made one change to the team that fought back brilliantly in the second half against Norths.

Former Sydney City back-rower John Luhrman makes a welcome return to the Jets after missing nearly two seasons with knee problems. Luhrman will make his debut from the interchange bench where he will be joined by hooker Dean Daylight.

Secondrower Dale Robertson moves to hooker and Anthony Fowler comes into the second row. Brendan Commerford has been dropped.

Barber helps Jets pack



□ **FLYING JET:** Jets lock Danny Coburn is looking to put the sting on Townsville this weekend.

By BRENT READ

FORMER Redcliffe and Logan coach John Barber has been called in to iron out the Jets' forward problems leading into Saturday's Queensland Cup game against the Townsville Stingers in Townsville.

Barber was one of Queensland's toughest forwards during the 1970s before entering the coaching arena, where he enjoyed success with the Dolphins and Scorpions in the late 80s.

Jets coach Paul Srama sounded Barber out earlier in the year and, after his side's disappointing showing against Wests at the weekend, Srama decided to adopt a different approach entering the Stingers' clash.

"I've asked him to come in and give us a bit of a help out and help work on our problems in the forwards," Srama said.

"A change is as good as a holiday. We have a pretty powerful forward pack. They just have to click."

Srama has named an unchanged squad for Saturday's game but may make some changes to the starting line-up.

The Stingers, the North Queensland Cowboys' Queensland Cup side, will enter the game without former Ipswich and Australian hooker Steve Walters.

Walters played for the Stingers against Townsville at the weekend but has been recalled to the Cowboys starting line-up for their game against Canterbury.

"I'd say Ossie (Jets hooker Dale Robertson) is a little bit disappointed but in a way it is good because it is one less experienced player we have to come up against," Srama said.

Srama was happy with his side's opening 20 minutes against Wests but watched on helplessly as his side drowned under a sea of dropped ball.

The Jets' ball handling was atrocious as they battled to complete their sets of six in sloppy conditions.

"Wests did them (Townsville) over pretty comfortably a couple of weeks ago up there and I think we had Wests pretty much under control until we compounded," Srama said.

"If we can settle down and get on top of them early we should do well. I'm reasonably confident."

The Townsville side will also be without gun five-eighth Scott Prince. Prince has retained his place in the Cowboys squad after taking the Queensland Cup competition by storm.

The Jets fly out Saturday morning and return on Sunday.

12-5-1988

FORMER JET'S ORIGIN SHOT

By BRENT READ

QUEENSLAND State of Origin hooker Jason Hetherington can thank the Ipswich Jets and then-coach Jim Landy for his big break in rugby league.

Hetherington was a budding five-eighth under Jets coach Jim Landy in 1991 before going on to represent Brisbane and Queensland Residents the following year.

A year later he was playing in the Australian Rugby League with the Gold Coast and on the path to carving a reputation as one rugby league's toughest players.

Hetherington, from Baralaba in North Queensland, fondly reflects on his time with the Jets after moving into a house owned by his sister and brother-in-law in Rosewood.

"I played with Ipswich because

I wanted to play league," Hetherington said. "(Jim) was probably the one who gave me my first break in football."

Landy, coach of Norths in the Ipswich Rugby League competition, remembers Hetherington as a player who always had the potential but just needed a break.

"He was one of those players who couldn't control his eagerness in defence," Landy said.

"He was a rugged five-eighth. He threw a real good pass and was a tenacious tackler."

Hetherington had a rugby league background but played rugby union at Rockhampton Grammar School before moving to Ipswich and linking with the Jets. He has been one of Canterbury's best players as the Bulldogs have turned around a sluggish start to the season and

moved into a share of eighth position on the back of four consecutive wins.

Canterbury coach Chris Anderson's decision to move Hetherington to hooker proved a decisive one for the 27-year-old.

Hetherington describes it as his "best career move".

The skills he had developed as a five-eighth and his rugged defence moved him into the State of Origin picture.

But Australian hooker Steve Walters had been a major stumbling block. Walters' lapse in form and Hetherington's brilliant start to the season left the quietly-spoken country boy in the box seat for his Queensland debut.

With Canterbury winning a tight game against North Queensland in Townsville on Saturday night and the Broncos losing to

Sydney City on Sunday, Hetherington moved ahead of Broncos hooker John Plath in the race for the Queensland hooking job.

"Everyone said I was knocking on the door for the last few years," Hetherington said. "I knew if I kept trying hard enough and just be persistent (I'd be a chance)."

"I'm expecting it to be hard. It is going to be a big game, especially the first one at the Sydney Football Stadium. If I wake up on Saturday morning without any bruises (I'll be disappointed)."

Meanwhile, Laidley-raised Broncos forward Peter Ryan has been named at lock for the game against NSW on Friday week despite having spent the last month under suspension.

□ Ryan stunned, O'Davis misses out, page 20.

10-6-1998

Jets clash has home derby feel

THE Ipswich Jets will get a glimpse of rugby league depth in their own backyard when they meet Easts in Sunday's Queensland Cup game at Langlands Park on Sunday.

The Easts side includes a number of players who either grew up in Ipswich or travel to Easts to play, including captain Mark Sessarago, lock Jamie Peters, prop Doug Evans and winger Junior Togia.

Evans almost re-joined Swifts at the start of this season but a lucrative offer from the Tigers lured the big prop back to Queensland Cup football.

Jets coach Paul Srama has
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made three changes to the squad which lost to Souths.

Second-rower Steve Boothby has been recalled after overcoming a head knock and hooker Kelso McEwan and Fassarfern forward Craig Stephan promoted from the IRL competition.

"In general I don't think we have to worry about individual performances," Srama said.

"We just have to play to our ability and we can go a long way towards winning the game. We just have to stick to our game plan and keep 13 players on the park."

With the Jets out of finals contention, Srama hopes to

bring in some of the IRL's most promising players for a taste of Queensland Cup rugby league as the season draws to a close.

"At this stage we're rebuilding for next season," Srama said. "I'm hoping to give some of the younger players an opportunity as the season goes on from here."

□ **Jets:** Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, Ian Vaccaneo, Steve Morris, John Brady, Craig Wehrman, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Dale Robertson, Anthony Fowler, Steve Boothby, Craig Stephan, Danny Coburn, Paul Wilkinson, John Luhrman, Kelso McEwan, Brett Curr.

18-6-1988

Top scorer helps Jets

By BRENT READ

BEAUDESERT utility Mark Babarovich has been brought into the Ipswich Jets squad for Saturday night's Queensland Cup rugby league game against Cairns at First Provincial Oval.

Babarovich, who has alternated between the back row and centres for Beau-desert, is among the Ipswich Rugby League competition's leading scorers, with 11 tries this season.

Coach Paul Srama will use Babarovich to cover his three-quarter line, which has lost centre Ian Vaccaneo and winger John Brady to injury.

Vaccaneo will be out at least a week with a shoulder problem and Brady faces a

six-week stint on the sideline with a broken collarbone and damaged AC joint.

"He's fitted in pretty well," Srama said of Babarovich, who trained with the squad for the first time on Monday night.

"He's good mates with (Jets lock) Danny Coburn and played a couple of games in the Ipswich Diggers side with Kelso McEwan and Paul Roderick."

Queensland Residents prop Chris Beattie has been named in the squad despite having to back up after Friday night's State of Origin curtain-raiser against NSW residents.

Srama will name a shadow player to cover for Beattie in case of injury.

The Cairns side includes several players backing up from Queensland Residents duty, including lock Shane Vivian and centre David Maiden.

Cairns are desperate for a win with their finals hopes hanging by a thread. The Cyclones are two points from sixth-placed Wests.

Srama has asked his players to demonstrate the same passion they displayed in Sunday's win over Easts.

Jets squad: Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, Brett Curr, Scott Morris, Odell Harris, Craig Wehrman, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Dale Robertson, Paul Wilkinson, Steve Boothby, Anthony Fowler, Danny Coburn, Kelso McEwan, John Luhrman, Paul Roderick, Mark Babarovich.

20-6-1988

Fowler beefs up backline

JETS coach Paul Srama will experiment with blockbusting forward Anthony Fowler in the centres as he plans an all-out attacking assault on Souths in their Queensland Cup rugby league game on Sunday.

Srama is likely to swap the powerful Fowler with Steve Boothby, who is set to move back into the second row.

After a disappointing performance against Easts at the weekend, Srama will not rule out further changes later in the week.

"Chooky (Fowler) gives us a bit more attacking flair and a bit more variety," Srama said.

"He gives us a lot more options out wide."

Srama is likely to swap the two around in defence, with Fowler's aggressive tackling

and size more suited to the forwards.

The former South Queensland Crushers and North Sydney forward has consistently been among the Jets' best in recent weeks.

With the size of a frontrower and good ball handling skills, he is likely to prove a handful for Souths defence which has conceded almost 600 points this season.

"We've been concerned with not letting the other sides score points," Srama said.

"This week I am going to go out there and try and outscore them."

"We're going to try something a bit different and let the ball do more work."

"I want to try and use a bit more attacking flair with my side."

Souths are two points ahead of the Jets on

the Queensland Cup table and promise to be the easiest side Ipswich face in a tough run home.

Despite their poor defensive record and coming off a 36-18 loss to Brothers, Srama is not underestimating the Magpies.

"They've been playing good football the last few months," Srama said.

"They've been chopping and changing their side a bit."

"But they seem to have found a bit of a combination."

"They've taken the attitude that they've got nothing to lose."

After this weekend, the Jets confront a tough run home with clashes against Burleigh, Brothers and Townsville.

Jets need help from fans

By BRENT READ

JETS coach Paul Srama has called on Ipswich people to support his rugby league side, with the first-year coach claiming a decent crowd could have carried his side to victory on Saturday night against Cairns.

Cairns' Queensland Residents fullback Leon Yeatman was the star as the Jets threw away a 16-12 lead with seven minutes remaining. The Jets lost 18-16 before an "ordinary" crowd at First Provincial Oval.

"I'm really disappointed for the players," Srama said. "I think they deserve to have a better crowd than what was there."

"The side has been digging in well, they're playing pretty good football but it makes it hard when you haven't got the support. A bit of support helps. That

can be the difference."

The Jets face a tough game away to Redcliffe on Sunday. The defending Queensland Cup premiers will be smarting after losing to Wests at the weekend.

Making matters worse for Srama is the growing Jets injury toll. Winger John Brady and centre Ian Vaccaneo were unavailable at the weekend and are likely to be joined on the sideline for this week's game by forward John Luhrman (hamstring) and winger Tom Lenihan (knee).

Centre Mark Babarovich is also unavailable meaning Srama will have to scour the local league for talent.

"I don't want to make that many changes to the side but there's a couple of forced changes through injury," Srama said. "We took some poor options

(against Cairns). We just have to look at that for next week. We're going to have to really tighten up and get our kicking game in order."

The Jets shot to an 8-0 lead against Cairns, with prop Paul Wilkinson in devastating form crossing for the game's opening try. But Cairns, with four players backing up from Queensland Residents duty, hit back to lead 12-10 midway through the second half.

A Scott Morris try from Frank Saunders bomb put the Jets back in front. But Cairns kept their finals hopes alive when prop Peter Deaves crashed over inside the final 10 minutes.

Cairns 18 (T Van Balen, 1 Fowler, P Deaves tries; S Van Balen 3 goals) d Ipswich 16 (J Morris, P Wilkinson tries; J Wehrman 4 goals).

22-7-1988

Richter cleared for Easts clash

By BRENT READ

THE Ipswich Jets' chances of scoring a second win over Easts in this year's Queensland Cup rugby league competition have received a boost with fullback Storm Richter winning his appeal against a three-match suspension.

Richter was suspended for his part in an all-in brawl during the Jets win over Toowoomba at the weekend.

But the former Brisbane Valley fullback was cleared after froni-

ing the Queensland Rugby League's appeals committee on Thursday night.

Richter's escape is a major boost to the Jets' hopes of repeating their 16-6 win over the Tigers four weeks ago.

Coach Paul Srama coached the side without Richter on Thursday at the team's final training session but admitted his exoneration was a big lift to the side entering tonight's game.

"It means there's not too much

of a disruption to the side," Srama said.

"I've told them to do basically the same things in attack (that they did against Toowoomba).

"A couple of times the last pass went astray and we bombed a few tries from pushing the pass.

"We just have to make sure we do the hard work up the middle and pave the way for our backs."

Winger Tom Lenihan is the side's sole injury concern, with the club's leading try scorer bat-

ting a bad case of the flu.

Easts are on the verge of a finals place and Srama has encouraged his players to lift their concentration in defence after they let the Clydesdales back in the game last week.

"That comes down to concentration," Srama said. "Our defence was good for the game but we just had that lapse in the last 10 minutes.

"They need to keep winning to make the finals.

"We certainly want to spoil that for them."

The Jets' game against Easts kicks off at First Provincial Oval tonight at 6pm.

□ Jets squad: Storm Richter, Tom Lenihan, Steve Boothby, Scott Morris, Odell Harris, Marty Ramage, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Kelso McEwan, Paul Wilkinson, John Luhrman, Anthony Fowler, Danny Coburn, Desi Dodd, Paul Roderick, Robbie Bichel.

25-7-1988

Jets forced to reshuffle

By BRENT READ

LATE withdrawals have forced Ipswich Jets coach Paul Srama to make several changes to his squad entering tomorrow's game against Souths at Davies Park.

Fullback Storm Richter has been battling the flu and was forced out on match eve, with winger Odell Harris moving to fullback and Gerry Fourmile coming on to the bench.

The loss of centre Scott Morris (rib) to injury means Marty Ramage moves from five-eighth to centre with Kelso McEwan coming in for Ramage.

Despite the late changes, coach Paul Srama remains confi-

dent his side can register a win over the Magpies.

"I'm confident we'll go well," Srama said. "The guys are all keen to go out there and play as well as they can and win the game."

McEwan has come off the interchange bench in recent weeks and slotted comfortably into the five-eighth role.

The former Adelaide Rams under 19 player started the year off at hooker and, after a stint in the Ipswich Rugby League with Norths, is slowly running into his best form.

"I think I'm starting to find my feet in the Queensland Cup," McEwan said.

"It's a bit different to playing hooker. There's not as much defensive work but I enjoy the extra responsibility."

McEwan's former Rams teammate Harris was knocked out of last week's game against Easts with a severe concussion.

The teenager was given a clearance by the doctor this week and is looking forward to the move to fullback.

"You just get to blend in a bit more and come into the line," Harris said. "There's a bit more freedom in attack."

Norths teenage utility back Brad Bulow gets another chance to taste Queensland Cup football, with the late changes earn-

ing him a spot on the interchange bench.

"He's slotted in well. He realises what to expect," Srama said. "He was a bit shy when he came on to the field for us last time but as the game went on he got better."

"I think this time he'll kick on from last time."

□ Jets squad: Odell Harris, Gerry Fourmile, Anthony Fowler, Marty Ramage, John Brady, Kelso McEwan, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Dale Robertson, Paul Wilkinson, John Luhrman, Steve Boothby, Danny Coburn, Paul Roderick, Brad Bulow, Robbie Bichel, Tom Lenihan.

Makeshift centre produces winning role

By BRENT READ

TOWERING Ipswich Jets forward-cum-centre Anthony Fowler is ready to hand back the number three jersey despite playing a leading role in the club's Queensland Cup rugby league win over Souths yesterday.

Fowler, who has received an enticing offer from a top five Brisbane club for next season, was solid in defence and attack as the Jets won 20-16 at Davies Park.

Jets coach Paul Srama used Fowler — normally a prop — as a stop-gap centre with injury putting the squeeze on the club's depth. "It was alright but they can have the

number three back as soon as they want it," Fowler said.

"I don't plan on keeping it for too long."

Winger Gerry Fourmile starred for the Jets, picking up two tries and constantly putting Souths on the back-foot with his blistering speed, as the club picked up its sixth win of the season.

Along with fellow winger John Brady, Fourmile helped Ipswich to a 14-4 lead at halftime.

Forward John Luhrman and hooker Dale Robertson picked up the other first-half tries as the Jets seemed to be cruising to an easy

win. "We were probably unlucky not to be further in front at halftime," Srama said.

"They (Fourmile and Brady) were dangerous every time they touched the ball and John Luhrman was just outstanding in defence.

"He smashed them off the pitch."

Souths edged their way back into match early in the second half but another Fourmile try sealed the win.

"We always had it under control but we kept coughing the ball up at vital stages," Srama said.

With a tough three weeks re-

maining this season, the club can ill-afford to lose any more players.

Robertson finished the game with a concern over a possible jaw injury while five-eighth Kelso McEwan had 14 stitches inserted in a head wound.

Fowler is confident the Jets can finish the season off with a few more wins despite their tough draw. "I don't think anyone is too worried about it," he said of the clubs final three games, against Burleigh, Brothers and Townsville.

"We've got nothing to lose."

Ipswich 20 (G Fourmile 2, J Luhrman, D Robertson tries; O Harris 2 goals) d Magpies 16 (B Stevens 2, B Vincent, G Broccard tries).



1-8-1988

Key roles for Jets duo

EXPERIENCED duo Anthony Fowler and Marty Ramage have been charged with shutting down the potent Burleigh Bears' backline in tonight's Queensland Cup rugby league clash at First Provincial Oval.

The Jets forward pack matched the Bears last time the sides met but were blitzed out wide, with winger Frank Napoli crossing for two tries.

Coach Paul Srama considered moving Fowler, normally a prop, back into the forwards but decided to continue his experiment with the former North Sydney and South Queensland Crushers player in the centres.

"I deliberated whether to use him (Fowler) back there this week but they have some very skilful backs and they caused us a bit of danger last time," Srama said.

"His talk and positional play might be able to help us keep them under control."

Ramage has been a revelation since joining the club last month, with his experience and versatility giving Srama more options out wide.

The former Brisbane Valley halfback is

a two-time Ipswich Rugby League Player of the Year and recognised as one of the IRL's best players.

"He's a quiet achiever. He just gets the job done," Srama said.

"We've got to play smart. We dominated them in the forwards last time but we couldn't hold their backs out.

"Our forwards are very focused.

"They're prepared to take it up to them."

Fullback Storm Richter, winger Scott Ferguson and Beaumont centre Mark Babarovich have been added to the side.

Ferguson is under an injury cloud with a back problem and Norths halfback Gerry Fourmile has been placed on standby.

The clash is scheduled to kick

off at 6pm.

Ipswich Jets: Odell Harris, John Brady, Anthony Fowler, Marty Ramage, Scott Ferguson, Kelso McEwan, Frank Saunders, Chris Beattie, Robbie Bichel, Paul Wilkinson, John Luhrman, Steve Boothby, Danny Coburn, Storm Richter, Paul Roderick, Tom Lenihan, Mark Babarovich.



Halfback keen to test leaders

By BRENT READ

TALENTED Jets halfback Craig Wehrman could not have timed his return from injury any better, with the Ipswich side racked by injury entering Saturday's tough Queensland Cup rugby league match with Brothers.

Wehrman has missed the past six games with a broken hand and has been named on the interchange bench by coach Paul Srama for the clash with joint competition leaders.

The former Goodna halfback expects to cruise through a medical this week and take his place in a patched-up Jets side.

The teenager, one of the club's form players over the opening 14 rounds of the season, has endured a frustrating period of inactivity.

"This is the one I've been waiting for," Wehrman said. "A tough game against good competition."

"I've been training with (the team) but I've probably lost a bit of match fitness."

"They (Brothers) know what to expect from us. They can't lose otherwise they'll be close to being knocked out."

Wehrman is one of several changes to the squad which lost to Burleigh at the weekend.

Captain Chris Beattie had an operation on a fractured cheekbone on Monday and will not play again this season.

Halfback Frank Saunders (neck) has also been ruled out for the year.

Norths centre Scott Morris joins Wehrman as the additions to the side.

Beattie's loss is a big blow, with the dual registered Gold Coast

Chargers prop having a sensational season. "You can never compensate for losing a big man," Srama said. "Chris has been a real workhorse for us."

Anthony Fowler returns to the front row after stint

in the centres and hard-working Fassifern forward Paul Roderick gets a well-deserved start.

The Jets played arguably their best game of the year in their first round loss to Brothers, receiving a standing ovation from the fans at First Provincial Oval.



8-8-1988

Jets coach aiming to finish season on high note

By BRENT READ

IPSWICH Jets rugby league coach Paul Srama will enter the final two weeks of the club's season intent on not throwing away a year of good work.

The Jets face one of the Queensland Cup rugby league competition's toughest runs home, with Brothers at Crosby Park today and Townsville at First Provincial Oval next weekend.

Both clubs are linked with National Rugby League clubs, with Brothers propped up by the Bris-

bane Broncos and Townsville run by the North Queensland Cowboys.

The Jets put up probably their best performance of the season against Brothers in the first round.

Both sides remain basically the same, although the Jets have moved skilful prop Paul Wilkinson back to the bench and promoted Fassifern forward Paul Roderick to the starting line-up.

Wilkinson has caught the attention of several good judges in rugby league this season.

But the tall forward has also come in for some extra attention in recent weeks and Srama has decided to bring him on as an impact player against Brothers.

"Paul's been getting knocked around a bit in the past few weeks so we'll try and use him sparingly," Srama said.

"Paul Roderick gets a well-deserved start. He's been in really good form."

The loss of form prop Chris Beattie is expected to put extra responsibility on the shoulders of Anthony Fowler, back in the pack

after a stint in the centres. But Srama is confident his side can continue its recent run of good form even without its captain.

"We beat Easts without Beatts," Srama said.

The Jets have won six games this season, five more than the club won last year. Those giant strides on the field could be matched off it. The club expects to know the outcome of its sponsorship arrangements within the next week.

Jets president Les Savage has

been negotiating a lucrative sponsorship which would leave the club able to compete financially on an even footing with most of their Queensland Cup competition.

Today's game starts at 3pm.

□ **Jets squad:** Odell Harris, John Brady, Tom Lenihan, Storm Richter, Gerry Fourmile, Marty Ramage, Kelso McEwan, Anthony Fowler, Dale Robertson, Steve Boothby, John Luhrman, Paul Roderick, Danny Coburn, Paul Wilkinson, Craig Wehrman, Scott Morris, Craig Stephan.

Jets coach wants controlled final effort

IPSWICH Jets coach Paul Srama has drummed into his side the importance of ball control as they prepare for their final Queensland Cup rugby league game of the season against Townsville at First Provincial Oval tonight.

The Jets were forced to do a mountain of defensive work in last week's loss to Brothers.

With Townsville's dangerous halves combination of Scott Prince and former Brothers junior Denny Lambert, the Jets will have to guard against handing over

too much of the ball to the slick Stingers backline.

Lambert spent 2½ seasons with Brothers after moving with his family from Collinsville to Ipswich.

The gifted teenager has been placed under a media ban by protective club officials anxious to shield him from the limelight.

"Obviously it's going to be a hard game but we just have to play the best that we possibly can," Srama said.

"We must control the ball. We can't afford to give away

easy possession. We want to enjoy ourselves but we don't want to be getting carried away."

The Jets have unearthed a host of new faces this season, with lock Danny Coburn, prop Paul Wilkinson and fullback Storm Richter heading the list. Srama put the side through a light session on Thursday night, with training ending when the coach was showered by a carton of eggs.

"The guys are really looking forward to the game," he said. "(The season's) had its

highs and lows.

"Seeing a number of players improve from the start of the season and come on and prove to be very handy Queensland Cup players — that's been the highlight." The Jets play Townsville at First Provincial Oval, kick-off 6pm.

□ **Jets squad:** Odell Harris, Tom Lenihan, Scott Morris, Marty Ramage, Fai Sami, Kelso McEwan, Craig Wehrman, Anthony Fowler, Dale Robertson, Steve Boothby, John Luhrman, Paul Roderick, Danny Coburn, Paul Wilkinson, Robbie McCarthy, Storm Richter, John Brady.

17-9-1988

SHARKS NET JET

By BRENT READ

INSPIRATIONAL Jets captain Chris Beattie had almost given up hope of a full-time rugby league career.

But all that changed three weeks ago when the Jets prop received an unexpected call from Cronulla coach John Lang.

Beattie, a Queensland Residents prop the past two years, agreed to a one-year deal and leaves for Sydney in November to link with the club and start his first pre-season as a professional footballer.

"It's going to be something totally different for me," Beattie, 23, said. "It's a strange sort of feeling."

"It is something I'd tried for for so long and I thought it was nearly past me... I thought I was too old."

"I just want to go down there and have a go at it. If it doesn't work out, I don't lose anything."

Lang had seen Beattie in the pre-season when the Jets played Brisbane Brothers in a curtain-raiser to the Brisbane-Cronulla game at Brothers.

But the club decided to sign the blond frontrower after seeing his performances for the Queensland Residents side.

The Sharks were circling for props after veteran frontrower Les Davidson's retirement and Danny Lee and Craig Greenhill joined other clubs.

Lee, a Queensland Tri Series prop last year has linked with English Super League club Gateshead. State of Origin prop Greenhill has joined Penrith.

Cronulla still have Queensland forward Martin Lang and props Tim Maddison and Luke Stuart on its books. With that in mind, Beattie has set himself the realistic

goal of playing five to 10 games off the interchange bench in his first NRL season.

"To start off the training will be hard. But once I get in the swing of things I'll be all right," the Norths junior said.

"I think the big thing for me is moving from home. My life will change unbelievably."

"The thing about Ipswich is over a period of time you get to know everybody, especially in football circles. I'll miss it unbelievably."

"Not only that but I had a really good job up here. I am used to getting up at 5.30 in the morning and going to work and I like to stay



□ Chris Beattie

pretty active."

Lang gave Beattie a tour of Cronulla last week and the facilities at Shark Park were an eye-opener for the ex-Ipswich Grammar student.

The club will set him up in accommodation for his first three months.

Beattie will train twice a day, with a weights session in the

morning and training in the afternoon. That leaves plenty of spare time during the day and Cronulla's beaches are famous.

"They were saying that when Les Davidson went down there he couldn't even swim and by the time he left he was learning to surf," Beattie said.

QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 14/15 March

		SCORE
Sat.	*Norths v Wynnum	2.30 16 - 42
Sat.	Wests v Logan	4.30 42 - 0
Sat.	Ipswich v Toowoomba	6.00 2 - 12
Sat.	Townsville v Gold Coast	7.30 38 - 12
Sat.	Burleigh v Cairns	7.30 28 - 14
Sun.	Central v Bundaberg	2.30 26 - 24
Sun.	Souths v Easts	3.00 22 - 24
Sun.	Brothers v Redcliffe	3.00 18 - 25

R2:- 21/22 March

		SCORE
Sat.	*Easts v Townsville	2.00 12 - 36
Sat.	Gold Coast v Norths	5.30 22 - 34
Sat.	Bundaberg v Wests	6.00 6 - 52
Sat.	Cairns v Souths	7.30 40 - 20
Sun.	Toowoomba v Brothers	3.00 4 - 40
Sun.	Logan v Ipswich	3.00 30 - 34
Sun.	Wynnum v Central	3.00 30 - 14
Sun.	Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00 32 - 8

R3:- 28/29 March

		SCORE
Sat.	*Ipswich v Bundaberg	2.00 34 - 24
Sat.	Townsville v Norths	7.30 24 - 24
Sun.	Central v Gold Coast	2.30 22 - 45
Sun.	Wests v Wynnum	3.00 10 - 28
Sun.	Souths v Redcliffe	3.00 0 - 56
Sun.	Easts v Cairns	3.00 28 - 28
Sun.	Brothers v Logan	3.00 46 - 22
Sun.	Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.00 26 - 18

R4:- 4/5 April

		SCORE
Sat.	*Redcliffe v Easts	2.00 24 - 12
Sat.	Bundaberg v Brothers	6.00 4 - 62
Sat.	Norths v Central	6.00 50 - 12
Sat.	Cairns v Townsville	7.00 18 - 18
Sun.	Gold Coast v Wests	12.45 22 - 6
Sun.	Toowoomba v Souths	3.00 28 - 20
Sun.	Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00 34 - 16
Sun.	Logan v Burleigh	3.00 22 - 58

R5:- 11/12 April

		SCORE
Sat.	*Souths v Logan	2.00 32 - 27
Sat.	Wests v Norths	4.30 22 - 42
Sat.	Ipswich v Gold Coast	6.00 14 - 30
Sat.	Cairns v Redcliffe	7.00 12 - 28
Sat.	Burleigh v Bundaberg	7.00 44 - 18
Sat.	Townsville v Central	7.30 50 - 4
Sun.	Easts v Toowoomba	3.00 31 - 2
Sun.	Brothers v Wynnum	3.00 18 - 4

R6:- 18/19 April

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wynnum v Burleigh	2.00 18 - 16
Sat.	Bundaberg v Souths	6.00 10 - 12
Sat.	Norths v Ipswich	6.00 38 - 28
Sun.	Toowoomba v Cairns	2.00 26 - 42
Sun.	Central v Wests	2.30 22 - 28
Sun.	Redcliffe v Townsville	3.00 12 - 36
Sun.	Logan v Easts	3.00 14 - 38
Sun.	Gold Coast v Brothers	3.20 12 - 30

R7:- 25/26 April

		SCORE
Sat.	*Brothers v Norths	3.00 26 - 18
Sat.	Townsville v Wests	5.30 12 - 34
Sat.	Ipswich v Central	6.00 42 - 28
Sat.	Cairns v Logan	7.00 46 - 12
Sat.	Burleigh v Gold Coast	7.00 18 - 23
Sun.	Souths v Wynnum	3.00 10 - 28
Sun.	Easts v Bundaberg	3.00 70 - 18
Sun.	Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00 64 - 0

R8:- 2/3 May

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wests v Ipswich	2.00 42 - 8
Sat.	Logan v Redcliffe	3.00 4 - 22
Sat.	Norths v Burleigh	4.30 30 - 8
Sat.	Bundaberg v Cairns	6.00 0 - 48
Sat.	Gold Coast v Souths	7.30 52 - 6
Sun.	Toowoomba v Townsville	2.00 10 - 38
Sun.	Central v Brothers	2.30 14 - 52
Sun.	Wynnum v Easts	3.00 8 - 0

R9:- 9/10 May

		SCORE
Sat.	Gold Coast v Easts	1.40 24 - 26
Sat.	*Burleigh v Central	2.00 52 - 20
Sat.	Townsville v Ipswich	5.30 34 - 14
Sat.	Cairns v Wynnum	7.00 14 - 24
Sun.	Redcliffe v Bundaberg	3.00 62 - 10
Sun.	Souths v Norths	3.00 14 - 58
Sun.	Toowoomba v Logan	3.00 32 - 34
Sun.	Brothers v Wests	3.00 42 - 22

R10:- 16/17 May

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wynnum v Redcliffe	2.00 0 - 24
Sat.	Wests v Burleigh	3.00 19 - 18
Sat.	Bundaberg v Toowoomba	6.00 12 - 30
Sat.	Ipswich v Brothers	6.00 12 - 20
Sat.	Gold Coast v Cairns	7.30 42 - 16
Sun.	Central v Souths	2.30 33 - 20
Sun.	Logan v Townsville	3.00 28 - 32
Sun.	Norths v Easts	3.00 42 - 6

R11:- 23/24 May

		SCORE
Sat.	*Redcliffe v Gold Coast	2.00 28 - 19
Sat.	Townsville v Brothers	5.30 32 - 39
Sat.	Cairns v Norths	7.30 26 - 24
Sun.	Souths v Wests	3.00 22 - 24
Sun.	Easts v Central	3.00 28 - 22
Sun.	Toowoomba v Wynnum	3.00 16 - 12
Sun.	Logan v Bundaberg	3.00 54 - 18
Sun.	Burleigh v Ipswich	3.45 32 - 16

R12:- 30/31 May

		SCORE
Sat.	*Brothers v Burleigh	2.00 40 - 33
Sat.	Wests v Easts	3.00 31 - 4
Sat.	Bundaberg v Townsville	6.00 24 - 34
Sat.	Central v Cairns	7.00 36 - 14
Sun.	Wynnum v Logan	3.00 28 - 12
Sun.	Norths v Redcliffe	3.00 32 - 12
Sun.	Ipswich v Souths	3.00 14 - 20
Sun.	Toowoomba v Gold Coast	5.00 10 - 42

R13:- 13/14 June

		SCORE
Sat.	*Burleigh v Townsville	2.00 24 - 8
Sat.	Bundaberg v Wynnum	6.00 10 - 36
Sat.	Cairns v Wests	7.30 18 - 10
Sun.	Toowoomba v Norths	3.00 6 - 58
Sun.	Souths v Brothers	3.00 10 - 58
Sun.	Redcliffe v Central	3.00 36 - 16
Sun.	Logan v Gold Coast	3.00 22 - 48
Sun.	Easts v Ipswich	3.00 6 - 16

R14:- 20/21 June

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wests v Redcliffe	2.00 28 - 16
Sat.	Townsville v Wynnum	5.15 22 - 25
Sat.	Gold Coast v Bundaberg	5.45 48 - 8
Sat.	Ipswich v Cairns	6.00 16 - 18
Sun.	Brothers v Easts	12.30 16 - 22
Sun.	Central v Toowoomba	2.30 26 - 22
Sun.	Norths v Logan	3.00 42 - 28
Sun.	Burleigh v Souths	3.30 20 - 22

R15:- 27/28 June

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wynnum v Gold Coast	2.00 10 - 25
Sat.	Bundaberg v Norths	6.00 2 - 58
Sat.	Cairns v Brothers	7.00 8 - 32
Sun.	Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00 34 - 6
Sun.	Souths v Townsville	3.00 12 - 42
Sun.	Logan v Central	3.00 29 - 22
Sun.	Toowoomba v Wests	3.00 12 - 46
Sun.	Easts v Burleigh	3.00 26 - 18

R16:- 3/4/5 July

		SCORE
Fri.	Brothers v Toowoomba	5.20 52 - 4
Fri.	Ipswich v Logan	7.30 8 - 28
Sat.	*Norths v Gold Coast	2.00 30 - 36
Sat.	Wests v Bundaberg	3.00 86 - 10
Sat.	Burleigh v Redcliffe	4.00 30 - 12
Sat.	Townsville v Easts	5.15 24 - 18
Sun.	Souths v Cairns	2.00 24 - 22
Sun.	Central v Wynnum	2.30 29 - 16

R17:- 11/12 July

		SCORE
Sat.	Gold Coast v Townsville	1.45 32 - 12
Sat.	*Redcliffe v Brothers	2.00 16 - 14
Sat.	Bundaberg v Central	6.00 20 - 40
Sat.	Cairns v Burleigh	7.00 26 - 34
Sun.	Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00 16 - 18
Sun.	Easts v Souths	3.00 36 - 10
Sun.	Logan v Wests	3.00 22 - 46
Sun.	Wynnum v Norths	3.00 6 - 34

R18:- 18/19 July

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wests v Cairns	2.00 60 - 10
Sat.	Townsville v Burleigh	5.15 24 - 25
Sat.	Ipswich v Easts	6.00 10 - 24
Sat.	Gold Coast v Logan	6.30 24 - 10
Sat.	Central v Redcliffe	7.00 22 - 20
Sun.	Brothers v Souths	12.30 36 - 18
Sun.	Norths v Toowoomba	3.00 54 - 6
Sun.	Wynnum v Bundaberg	3.00 50 - 8

R19:- 25/26 July

		SCORE
Sat.	*Easts v Wests	2.00 30 - 40
Sat.	Townsville v Bundaberg	5.15 54 - 10
Sat.	Gold Coast v Toowoomba	5.30 48 - 4
Sat.	Burleigh v Brothers	6.00 24 - 10
Sat.	Cairns v Central	7.00 20 - 30
Sun.	Redcliffe v Norths	3.00 26 - 12
Sun.	Logan v Wynnum	3.00 16 - 28
Sun.	Souths v Ipswich	3.00 16 - 20

R20:- 1/2 August

		SCORE
Sat.	*Brothers v Townsville	2.00 28 - 30
Sat.	Wests v Souths	3.00 60 - 16
Sat.	Gold Coast v Redcliffe	5.15 15 - 8
Sat.	Bundaberg v Logan	6.00 20 - 26
Sat.	Ipswich v Burleigh	6.00 12 - 28
Sun.	Central v Easts	2.30 20 - 34
Sun.	Wynnum v Toowoomba	3.00 46 - 8
Sun.	Norths v Cairns	3.30 74 - 10

R21:- 8/9 August

		SCORE
Sat.	*Redcliffe v Wynnum	2.00 52 - 14
Sat.	Brothers v Ipswich	3.00 34 - 6
Sat.	Townsville v Logan	5.15 28 - 28
Sat.	Burleigh v Wests	6.00 30 - 16
Sat.	Cairns v Gold Coast	7.00 38 - 32
Sun.	Souths v Central	3.00 24 - 36
Sun.	Easts v Norths	3.00 14 - 52
Sun.	Toowoomba v Bundaberg	3.00 44 - 24

R22:- 15/16 August

		SCORE
Sat.	*Wests v Brothers	2.00
Sat.	Easts v Gold Coast	3.00
Sat.	Bundaberg v Redcliffe	6.00
Sat.	Ipswich v Townsville	6.00
Sun.	Central v Burleigh	2.00
Sun.	Logan v Toowoomba	3.00
Sun.	Norths v Souths	3.00
Sun.	Wynnum v Cairns	4.00

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Game E: Loser Game C v Winner Game D (Winner to Game F, Loser out).

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Game G: Loser Game C v Winner Game E (Winner to Game H, Loser out).

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QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 13/14 March		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Norths	2.00	
Sat. Cairns v Souths	7.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Central	2.00	
Sun. Logan v Wests	2.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	

R2:- 20/21 March		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Cairns	2.00	
Sat. Souths v Easts	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	6.00	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	
Sun. Toowoomba v Norths	12.15	

R3:- 27/28 March		SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Central	2.00	
Sat. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Burleigh	7.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00	

R4:- 3/4 April		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Easts	2.00	
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	
Sat. Norths v Logan	6.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Toowoomba	6.00	
Sat. Central v Cairns	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	

R5:- 10/11 April		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Toowoomba	2.00	
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Norths	7.00	
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Central	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	

R6:- 17/18 April		SCORE
Sat. Norths v Easts	6.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	6.00	
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	
Sun. Toowoomba v Logan	3.30	
Sun. Burleigh v Wests	3.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Cairns	4.00	

R7:- 24/25 April		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Toowoomba	5.30	
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.30	
Sun. Easts v Redcliffe	4.00	
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	4.00	

R8:- 1/2 May		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	6.00	
Sat. Norths v Wests	6.00	
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Easts	3.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	4.00	

R9:- 8/9 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Logan	7.00	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	
Sun. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Norths	3.30	

R10:- 15/16 May		SCORE
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.00	
Sun. Logan v Easts	2.00	
Sun. Norths v Central	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Souths	3.00	

R11:- 29/30 May		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	
Sun. Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.30	
Sun. Easts v Cairns	4.00	

R12:- 5/6 June		SCORE
Sat. Cairns v Wests	7.00	
Sun. Logan v Burleigh	2.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	3.00	

R13:- 12/13 June		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Easts	3.00	
Sat. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	5.30	
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	6.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Cairns	7.00	
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	3.00	

R14:- 19/20 June		SCORE
Sat. Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Wests	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.00	
Sun. Logan v Norths	2.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Burleigh	3.00	

R15:- 26/27 June		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	6.00	
Sat. Central v Easts	7.30	
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Souths	3.30	
Sun. Norths v Cairns	3.30	

R16:- 3/4 July		SCORE
Sat. Souths v Central	3.00	
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	5.30	
Sun. Logan v Toowoomba	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	

R17:- 10/11 July		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Burleigh	6.00	
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	
Sun. Toowoomba v Cairns	2.00	
Sun. Norths v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	

R18:- 17/18 July		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Cairns v Wynnum	7.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Central	7.00	
Sun. Logan v Ipswich	2.00	
Sun. Easts v Toowoomba	3.00	

R19:- 24/25 July		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Central	6.00	
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.00	
Sun. Logan v Cairns	4.00	

R20:- 31 July/1 August		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Toowoomba	3.00	
Sat. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Cairns	6.00	
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	
Sun. Easts v Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.30	

R21:- 7/8 August		SCORE
Sat. Cairns v Easts	5.30	
Sun. Logan v Souths	2.00	
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	
Sun. Toowoomba v Burleigh	3.00	

R22:- 14/15 August		SCORE
Sat. Wests v Logan	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Easts	6.00	
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Souths v Cairns	3.30	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.30	

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

Semi-Finals 3:- 5/6 September

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

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JETS SET

Strong squad named for big Raiders clash

By BRENT READ

HOOKER Craig Teevan will lead the new-look Ipswich Jets in their opening hit-out against the Canberra Raiders at First Provincial Oval on February 6.

Coach Paul Srama last night named a squad of 20 to face the Raiders, with the most notable omissions being powerful prop Anthony Fowler and former Canberra lower grades halfback Clint Zammit.

Zammit will captain the Jets side to play Brisbane Easts in the main curtain-raiser.

Both are almost certain to play a part in the Canberra game, with Srama to add five players to the squad following the Brisbane Easts game.

"Chooky (Fowler) is an enormous talent. He's one of our gun forwards and one of the best forwards in the competition as far as I am concerned," Srama said last night.

"Work and family commitments have been big contributors to Chooky not being selected in the side. But I'm sure within the next couple of weeks he's going to be a big contributor to our State League side."

Zammit hasn't played football for more than a year and the chance to give the stocky halfback a good hit-out in the early game was a major reason behind his selection.

"It was an opportunity to give him a full game," Srama said. "He needs more time with the football in his hands."

Skilful back Craig Wehrman, who played mainly in

Jets named v Canberra

Craig Wehrman, Ken Mercy, Russell Bussian, Scott Morris, John Brady, Chris Lawler, Jason Twist, Paul Wilkinson, Craig Teevan (c), Leigh Groves, Adam Hutchinson, John Luhman, Danny Coburn, Doug Evans, Craig Green, Steve Boothby, Kaleo McEwan, Dale Robertson, Frank Saunders, Brian McCarthy.

□ Jets squad to play Brisbane Easts in Queensland, page 27.

the halves last year, looks likely to have first crack at the fullback position.

Former ARL players Chris Lawler and Jason Twist will have the first shot at the contentious halves positions and the difficult task of picking up dynamic Canberra duo Laurie Daley and Mark McLinden.

Nine players from last year's final game against Townsville were named in the 20-man squad.

Brothers centre Ken Mercy, who led the IRL in try-scoring last year, Norths centre Scott Morris and Wests recruit Craig Green are vying to play alongside former Gold Coast and North Sydney three-quarter Russell Bussian in the centres.

"Craig Green has probably leapfrogged a few guys but he's a class back who can cover a lot of positions," Srama said. "It's going to be a really big challenge. It's a big jump straight in the deep end. We would have liked to have had a game before hand."

8-2-1999

Gutsy Jets show signs of promise

THE Ipswich Jets' Queensland Cup campaign is on the right track if Saturday night's game against the Canberra Raiders at First Provincial Oval is any indication.

Playing against a virtual full-strength National Rugby League line-up, the Jets were outplayed but far from disgraced, losing 40-6. The Raiders scored more than 40 points against NRL opposition three times last year.

On two of those occasions the side was without the then-New South Wales and Australian captain Laurie Daley.

Daley made his return from injury against the Jets and was instrumental in guiding the Raiders to a 16-0 halftime lead.

The Jets had to wait until the last minute to hit back with a try to new signing Jason Twist.

But they went close on several occasions, with hookers Craig Teevan and Dale Robertson only stopped by desperate Canberra defence.

Robertson, one of the club's finds last season, was among the Jets' best, sharing time with Teevan from the bench.

"It was nice and quick," Robertson said. "They just got a roll on and it was hard to stop them. But that's our first game back and we have 10 new players in the side."

Canberra looked like running away with the game when powerful centre Brandon Pearson scored within the first two minutes.

But the Jets knuckled down before Daley turned on the magic to score one try and set up two others by the end of the second quarter.

His ability to drift across field and put the Jets' defence in two minds was a concern for coach Paul Srama.

"It highlighted the problems we have to work on. We'll have to do a lot extra work on our defence around the ruck area," Srama said. "They found a number of holes by turning the ball inside. We just kept on making mistakes and they punished us for them."

Daley's combination with wide-running lock Ben Kennedy was a highlight. Kennedy, in the last year of his contract with the club, was the Raiders' best, scoring two tries.

"This is the first year I've really been able to train with the guys in the off-season," said Kennedy, whose career has been marked by a constant battle with injury.

"It was an excellent trial for us. They were fairly physical. It gave us an opportunity to gel together and try a few things."

Twist was among the Jets' best along with forwards Brian McCarthy, Leigh Groves and Craig Teevan.

"The boys just kept on going," Srama said. "The result wasn't what I was looking for. It was the performance and there were a lot of good performances in the game."

Canberra 40 (B Kennedy 2, B Pearson, L Daley, D Kennedy, S Woolford, L Vainikolo, M Corvo tries; L Williamson 2, B Pearson 2 goals) **Ipswich Jets 6** (J Twist try; C Lawler goal).

16-2-1999

Injured Jets duo to miss warm-up games

KEY Ipswich Jets players Jason Twist and Leigh Groves are likely to go into the club's opening Queensland Cup game against Easts next month without a match under their belts.

Twist (eye surgery) and Groves (knee injury) will miss at least two weeks, including this weekend's game against Burleigh and next week's clash with Wests.

The Jets then have a one-

week break before the Queensland Cup kicks off on March 14.

Twist will have laser surgery this week to correct his vision and Groves tore the posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in a motorcycle accident last week. He also needed 18 stitches to close a gash on his left leg.

Five-eighth Chris Lawler will move to halfback in Twist's

absence with versatile Wests signing Craig Green to play five-eighth.

The Jets have plenty of depth in the forwards, with Steve Boothby, John Luhrman and Danny Coburn able to take Groves place if required.

Coach Paul Srama last night made the first round of cuts, reducing it to 30.

He will take 22 into Saturday's clash with Burleigh.

JETS HIT BY INJURY

By BRENT READ

THE Ipswich Jets' forward depth could face an early test with aggressive duo Anthony Fowler and Doug Evans under injury clouds for the club's opening Queensland Cup game against Easts on Sunday.

Fowler (wrist) and Evans (hand) saw Jets' doctor Roy Saunders last night along with teammate Russell Busslan.

Busslan has an ongoing knee injury but is the most likely of three to play.

The Jets are loaded with forward depth but the loss of Fowler and Evans, coming on top of an injury which has sidelined Leigh Groves, will stretch them to the limit.

Off-season recruits Andrew Moroney and Nick Hall have been placed on standby and one or both could come into the squad depending on Saunders' advice.

Coach Paul Srama named a squad of 18 for the Easts game, with no major surprises.

The back row still looks formidable, with Gold Coast recruit Adam Hutchinson at lock and tough-tackling former Sydney City player John Luhrman joining Evans in the second row.

Srama has plenty of options if Evans is ruled out. He can promote either Steve Boothby or Danny Coburn off the bench or bring Moroney straight into the starting line-up.

"If we lose Anthony Fowler and Doug Evans we lose a lot of our forward potency," Srama said.

"It is a concern for me that we don't know at this stage whether they're in. Groves is probably two or three weeks away.

"Those three guys are three of the most aggressive players

Jets squad:

Scott Ward, Craig Wehrman, Mick Pechey, Craig Green, Brad Bulow, Chris Lawler, Jason Twist, Anthony Fowler, Craig Teevan, Paul Wilkinson, Doug Evans, John Luhrman, Adam Hutchinson.

Interchange: Dale Robertson, Steve Boothby, Russell Busslan, Danny Coburn, Brian McCarthy.

Standby: Andrew Moroney, Nick Hall.

we've got. It is going to be hard not having them. But the guys that are coming in and on standby have been playing good football."

Burly centre Mick Pechey has come straight into the starting line-up after missing the Jets' final pre-season game against Pittsworth.

Former Logan player Scott Ward has been handed the full-back role, with Craig Wehrman shifting to the wing. Norths utility back Brad Bulow has retained his place on the other wing after an outstanding pre-season.

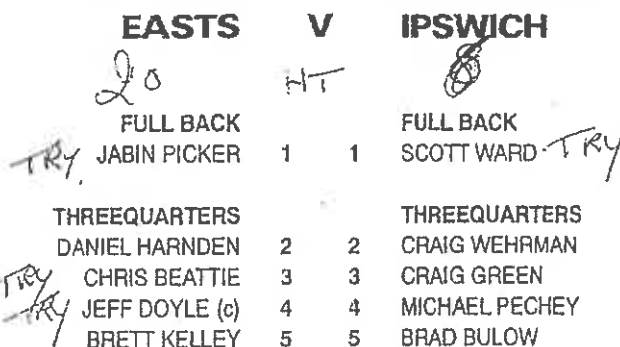
"Ward has been very solid in attack and defence in the pre-season," Srama said. "Wehrman is very skilful and he has a lot of pace. Something we do lack is a bit of pace out wide."

The Jets also welcome back halfback Jason Twist, who missed the club's final two pre-season hit-outs after undergoing eye surgery.

He and Gold Coast recruit Chris Lawler are the halves combination with Craig Green sliding back into the centres.

Former Canberra half Clint Zammit was not considered due to a hamstring injury.

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GRAHAM COTTER	10	10	PAUL WILKINSON
ANDREW NEAVE	9	9	CRAIG TEEVAN (c)
PHIL MOONEY	8	18	ANTHONY FOWLER
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ROUND 1 - March 13, 14

16-3-1999

Jets need time to gel: Teevan

Rugby League

this weekend.

"We are letting ourselves down in a lot of areas but it does take time," Teevan said. "We've got a lot of work to do but we expect to put up better performances."

"With that team on paper we probably have one of the strongest teams in the competition."

The Dragons are yet to win a game after an off-season merger and Parramatta missed the finals in 1996 after recruiting four internationals — Jason Smith, Dean Pay, Jim Dymock and Jarrod McCracken — in the off-season.

The Jets picked up 10 major buys in the off-season, including seven players with Australian

Rugby League experience.

"Don't give up hope," Teevan asked Ipswich supporters. "We're addressing issues that need to be addressed but it will take time. There's three key areas we need to improve — ball control so we don't have to (constantly) defend, we need to muscle up and we need to freshen up a bit."

The Jets should have a gym up and running at First Provincial Oval this week and there remains a genuine sense of optimism around the club that the dark old

days are behind them.

Teewan refused to use injuries as an excuse but there is little doubt the Jets have been hard-hit early in the season.

Forwards Leigh Groves, Doug Evans and Anthony Fowler were missing at the weekend and half-back Jason Twist is looking at six to eight weeks on the sideline with torn ligaments in his ankle.

"We've had two-and-a-half months of fitness work," Teevan said. "A couple of the players said that they were a little bit flat."

Battling Jets turn to Teevan

By Brent Read

Rugby League

CAPTAIN Craig Teevan has been switched to halfback to cover for the loss of Jason Twist as the Jets prepare for a massive Queensland Cup test against Redcliffe tomorrow night at First Provincial Oval.

The Redcliffe game shapes as a crucial match for the Jets, with the club intent on making an impact at its home ground this season.

Teevan has been given the job of directing Ipswich's forward pack as they face a colossal assignment against one of the competition's big guns. Twist damaged his ankle against Easts at the weekend and will be out for at least four weeks.

His omission is one of only two changes to the side which took on Easts, with former Gold Coast Chargers back rower Andrew Moroney and prop Anthony Fowler added to the squad.

Coach Paul Srama named an 18-man squad earlier this week to cover for the possible loss of forwards John Lührman (hamstring) and Adam Hutchinson (flu) and fullback Craig Wehrman (knee).

Reserve forward Brian McCarthy was dropped last night, with Lührman, Hutchinson and Wehrman coming through the side's final training session untroubled.

The second-year coach resisted making major changes to his side

Jets squad:

Scott Ward, Craig Wehrman, Craig Green, Mick Pechey, Brad Bulow, Chris Lawler, Craig Teevan, Adam Hutchinson, Danny Coburn, John Lührman, Paul Wilkinson, Dale Robertson, Nick Hall, Stephen Boothby, Anthony Fowler, Frank Saunders, Andrew Moroney.

despite the weekend's heavy loss to Easts.

"Craig is a good organiser and he'll get the forwards going for us," Srama said. "He played most of his football last year at halfback and he's a good leader."

Although he made his State of Origin debut at hooker, Teevan spent most of last season with the Gold Coast Chargers in the halves.

Versatile forward Dale Robertson replaces Teevan at hooker and second rower Nick Hall has been promoted to the starting line-up after making an impact off the bench against Easts.

Moroney will make his Queensland Cup debut for the club and Fowler returns after missing last week's game with a wrist injury.

"I don't think making a lot of changes was going to make a lot of difference," Srama said. "There was just a lot of things we had to work on."

Redcliffe, one of the competition's best, lived up to expectations by beating Norths at the weekend.

22-3-1999

Second half revival gives Jets new hope

By Brent Read

THE Ipswich Jets needed to improve after opening their Queensland Cup campaign with a devastating loss to Easts.

They did just that on Saturday night. But nowhere near enough to threaten Redcliffe at First Provincial Oval, losing their second straight game by more than 30 points.

The Dolphins stormed to a 26-0 lead at halftime before the resilient Jets fought back in the second half, eventually losing 36-4.

Despite the lopsided scoreline, coach Paul Srama had plenty of positives to focus on.

Prop Anthony Fowler was inspirational on his return from injury, setting up the Jets lone try. The 101kg Fowler brought back memo-

ries of Queensland prop Martin Lang when he chased Redcliffe winger Trent Clayton the length of the field midway through the first half.

Five-eighth Chris Lawler is edging towards his best form.

The Jets also began to show some character, with their second half effort limiting the rampant Dolphins to two tries. But again, Srama was left with a lot of negatives as the Jets attempt to come to grips with the competitive Queensland Cup.

The defence was porous in the first half and their concentration was at times pitiful.

"Our one-on-one defence was really letting us down badly. It was dismal in patches," Srama said.

"They seemed a bit stronger than us and definitely quicker

than us.

"The players are playing reserved ... within themselves. They have to put their hands up in every game."

The Jets opened strongly and enjoyed a glut of possession early. But just like against Easts, they failed to turn possession into points and were punished by a ruthless Redcliffe.

Winger Rick Hewinson picked up the Dolphins' opening try after a simple backline movement and from there things went downhill fast, with the Jets conceding another four tries in a humiliating half of football.

"In the second half we definitely showed a lot more spirit," Srama said.

"We didn't have as much ball in the second half and we had to do a

lot more defence.

"We're not a great team yet. We're a team of individuals. The way we went in the second half is maybe a sign of things coming together as a team."

The Jets injury toll continues to mount, with props Paul Wilkinson (back) and Steve Boothby (leg) and second rower John Lührman (shoulder) in doubt for this week's clash with Souths.

Lock Andrew Moroney took a bad head knock but should be fit.

Centre Craig Green was placed on report by referee Tony Mak-soud for a high tackle early in the second half.

Redcliffe 36 (T Clayton 2, A Mogg, R Hewinson, J Hinchey, S Sanderson, D Warry tries; M Roberts 4 goals) **d Ipswich 4** (B Bulow try).

Jets on course for back-to-back wins

By Brent Read

Rugby League

JETS chief executive Craig Teevan has called on Ipswich rugby league supporters to come out in force as the Queensland Cup side prepares to face a virtual Brisbane Broncos reserve grade side this weekend.

The Jets play Toowoomba, the Broncos feeder side in the Queensland Cup on Saturday night at First Provincial Oval.

The Jets have brought West End prop Shane Shoesmith into their squad of 17, with second rower John Luhrman unavailable due to family commitments.

Ipswich's cause has been helped by the spate of injuries which have hit the Broncos, who are struggling after four straight losses to open the National Rugby League season.

All three Walker boys — Ben, Chris and Shane — are likely to be included in the Broncos squad of 17 for their game against Canterbury tomorrow night.

But Wendell Sailor-lookalike, winger Lota Tuquiri, is likely to play for Toowoomba, who are coming off a one point win over Redcliffe.

Last year Ipswich produced one of its best displays in a tight loss to Brothers — the Broncos feeder side last season — at the Oval.

The Ipswich side is coming off a confidence-boosting win over Souths, where they began to live up to pre-season expectations with a

brilliant second half.

"We have to make sure we play smart," Teevan said.

"If we play smart, like we did in the second half at the weekend and play our own game, then we'll go well.

"We're certainly looking at this as a winnable game. We'll be looking for our second win from two games and we'll be exactly where we want to be."

The loss of Luhrman is a savage blow to the Jets, but Shoesmith has been in outstanding form with West End in the pre-season competition.

Five-eighth Chris Lawler and Teevan, at halfback, are beginning to hit their straps and provide the Jets with one of the best half combinations in the league.

The backline, which was expected to give the Jets some attacking thrust this season, began to play to its potential against the Magpies.

With halfback Jason Twist and fiery prop Leigh Groves due back from injury over the next two weeks, the Jets are beginning to take an optimistic look at the rest of the year.

"Being a young side, (Toowoomba) can be quite erratic," Teevan said.

"If we do what we can do they might get a bit unsettled.

"In the next week or two we have some key players coming back. If we can get away with this game, (we're looking good for the rest of the year)."

3-4-1999

Improving Ipswich defence faces timely test

By Brent Read

Rugby League

THE Ipswich Jets improving defence will again be put under the microscope in tonight's Queensland Cup league game against Toowoomba.

The Jets opened the season with consecutive heavy losses but showed some new-found defensive steel in the second half of their win against Souths last weekend.

Coach Paul Srama believes his side is starting to gel in attack but knows their defence will be put under pressure again tonight.

Toowoomba scored an upset

win over Redcliffe last weekend. They have two wins from their opening three games.

Toowoomba field one of the youngest sides in the competition but include a number of Broncos players, including hooker John Driscoll, fullback Adam Warwick and winger Lota Tiquiri.

"We have to put the man down with the ball," Srama said.

"If there has been something which has been a concern for me is our defence. Our one-on-one defence is something which has let us down a little bit.

"We have to toughen up in that area," the coach said.



The Jets have included Kelso McEwan and Shane Shoesmith in their 17-man squad, with John Luhrman and Frank Saunders unavailable for this week's game.

McEwan has been rewarded for his commitment and enthusiasm in the pre-season.

The former Adelaide Ram was originally cut from the Jets squad but continued training with the team.

He has been in outstanding form for Norths and both he and Shoesmith were included in the

Ipswich Diggers representative side.

"Kelso is full of enthusiasm," Srama said. "Everything he does he does at 100%.

"He wants to give it his best shot.

"Shoey has been a permanent fixture for the Jets in the past. He's pretty keen."

The Jets set themselves a pre-season goal of winning two of their opening four games.

Last week's win over Souths has the club on target to match that goal provided they can win tonight.

"There's a good feeling at the

moment," Srama said.

"The guys are training with more confidence. They want to try more things now. I think they're starting to gel.

"We have to play with enthusiasm and match their enthusiasm."

Ipswich Jets: Scott Ward, Craig Wehrman, Craig Green, Mick Pechey, Brad Bulow, Chris Lawler, Craig Teevan, Adam Hutchison, Danny Coburn, Brian McCarthy, Nick Hall, Dale Robertson, Anthony Fowler, Steve Boothby, Russell Bussian, Kelso McEwan, Shane Shoesmith.

Time for Ipswich to go forward

By Brent Read

THE Ipswich Jets forward pack is ready to tackle the Queensland Cup rugby league's big bad Bears when they play Burleigh at Pizzey Park tomorrow.

The Burleigh Bears forwards have terrorised the Queensland Cup this year, laying an intimidating platform for their lightning-fast outside backs to score plenty of tries.

But with former Burleigh players Leigh Groves and Andrew Whittington adding size and starch, the Jets forward pack is ca-

pable of matching any in the competition.

Interchange forward Stephen Boothby admits the club's forward depth, particularly the front row, was tested early in the season.

But with props Whittington and Queensland Country hopeful Anthony Fowler supported by Groves and Boothby off the bench, the Jets' depth is the best it has been at any time in the club's recent history.

"We've got three big front rowers now," Boothby said. "Hopefully we have a bit more go-forward."



"They (Burleigh) are playing good football and they really support well. The big forwards go forward and off-load.

"We just have to stay competitive in the forwards."

Second rower John Luhrman, who missed the club's pre-season thrashing at the hands of Burleigh, has been troubled by a virus this week but should be fit to play.

Fullback Craig Green, who shaved his head during the week to aid charity, has also been struck by the flu but managed to train on

Thursday night.

Coach Paul Srama has given his players a gentle prod about their pre-season loss to the Bears.

Srama has challenged his forwards to match Burleigh's quality pack, knowing it will stifle their attacking backs.

"For the first 20 minutes Burleigh go really hard and nail a lot of sides," Srama said.

"We have to endeavour to keep up with them. They're a side that if we make a mistake they'll punish us for it."

Boothby, who packed on five kilograms in the off-season, forms

part of a strong Jets forward rotation ready to take Burleigh on at its own game.

The Jets veteran has been one of the club's most consistent performers this season and is relishing coming off the bench.

"I prefer coming on in the back row later in the game," Boothby, 25, said.

"You get a bit more freedom and a chance to use the ball.

"It was always going to be hard early in the season with a new team. But the last few games we've started to click."

28-4-1999

Jets looking for a Twist of good luck

By Brent Read

Rugby League

THE Ipswich Jets rugby league side will field their first-choice halves pairing for only the second time this year with halfback Jason Twist ready to make his return this weekend against Logan.

Twist damaged ankle ligaments in the Jets opening round loss to Easts and has struggled to recover.

The former Wests halfback has been rushed straight into the starting line-up for the clash with the Scorpions, reuniting him with five-eighth Chris Lawler.

Halfback Craig Wehrman, who filled in admirably for Twist, has been pushed on to the wing with the versatile Clint Zammit remaining on the bench.

Coach Paul Srama has also named Scott Ward at fullback, with Craig Green slotting into the centres and Adam Hutchison returning to the back row.

Winger Darren Smeath has been rested after carrying a niggling hamstring injury into the weekend's loss at Burleigh and reserve forward Shane Shoosmith has been dropped.

"He's been training alright

but he's obviously a bit short of match fitness," Srama said of Twist.

"He's going to take a little bit of time to come together with everything. Clint Zammit did a good job for us at the weekend and he's going to cover both the halves and the hooking role."

Twist was one of the club's major off-season signings and, along with Lawler, was expected to fix the Jets problems in the halves which plagued the side last year.

But the experienced half stepped on a teammate's foot after jumping to intercept a chip kick and twisting his ankle.

The injury was worse than first thought and Twist has been unable to train with the side.

Rather than bring him off the bench and risk the injury cooling down, Srama has opted to start Twist and let him test the ankle under match conditions.

His guidance and kicking game have been sorely missed and give the Jets another option, taking some weight off Lawler's shoulders.

Like the Jets, Logan bulked up in the off-season and are showing steady signs of improvement. They knocked off

Toowoomba recently but lost a cliffhanger to Wynnum at the weekend.

"We've nominated it as a game we must win," Srama said. "They are in the same boat as us, they are on the same points.

"They must win as well."

The Scorpions' main dangers will come from five-eighth Brendan Lindsay and experienced lock Paul Fisher.

Hooker Royce Simms has also been in outstanding form, picking up four tries in the win over Toowoomba.

Jets face tough game against Scorpions



Name: Scott Ward
Date of Birth: July 27, 1974
Height: 178cm
Weight: 82kg
Position: fullback
Nickname: Wardy
Occupation: cabinet maker
Representative honours: Queensland City 1997, Brisbane West, South Oland
Favourite player: Tim Brasher
Favourite Food: Steak and vegetables

FORMER Logan Scorpion Scott Ward has rated himself only an outside chance of Queensland Country rugby league selection despite rumours selectors have him in mind for the clash against City later this month.

Ward is set to face his former side tonight as the Jets go searching for their third win of the season at First Provincial Oval.

The West End junior rejoined the Jets this year after leaving the club three years ago to play with the Scorpions.

"It wouldn't be too bad," Ward said of Country selection. "But I've been a bit hot and cold this year."

"I haven't really thought about it. I'd like to make the side but I just have to play every week and hopefully they're looking at me."

Ward, a former Queensland City

representative, has fought off a shoulder injury to take his place tonight.

He joins halfback Jason Twist as the two additions to the side which led competition leaders Burleigh at the weekend before crumbling in the second half. Their return is a massive boost for the club as they go into a crucial game against the Scorpions.

Like the Jets, Logan shopped around in the off-season, had high expectations entering the Queensland Cup, but have only picked up two wins after seven rounds.

Former Gold Coast Chargers five-eighth Brendan Lindsay has returned to the club and experienced lock Paul Fisher is back after several seasons at Cronulla.

Halfback Jason Charles is a former South Queensland Crusher and combines with Lindsay to give Logan a

dangerous scrumbase combination

Coach Paul Srama is ecstatic to have his first-choice halves back but knows his forwards will have to get on top to help put the clamps on Lindsay and Charles.

"We really expected our halves to be the best combination in the competition but that combination hasn't really had a chance to work together yet," Srama said. "Our forwards have to get the go forward going for them to be able to work."

Srama has also reminded his side of the need to maintain their concentration for the full 80 minutes after the second half debacle against Burleigh.

Logan may not be as dangerous as the Bears but they have the talent to score tries if the Jets' defence lapses like it did against Burleigh.

9-5-1999

Jets must 'stand up'

By Brent Read

JETS captain Craig Teevan believes the club can overcome this week's coaching upheaval and win its third game of the Queensland Cup rugby league season in Rockhampton tonight.

The Jets face the Central Capras who have a competitive home record and almost upset the powerful Burleigh Bears last weekend.

New coach Bill Gardner, who took over from Paul Srama on Thursday night, has kept the same squad that Srama named earlier in the week.

The experienced Gardner has been involved with the side since the start of the year so his coaching methods are well known to the players.

"We have to stand up and play footy," Teevan said.

"We know the results aren't just going to happen."

"We have to make sure we are ready to play and play for one another."

The Central Capras possess one of the competition's biggest forward packs and face a Jets side minus props Paul Wilkinson and Andrew Whittington.

Regular second rower John Lührman has been forced into the front row, with

Steve Boothby coming off the bench.

The Capras have been in good form and led Burleigh in the second half of their game at Browne Park before being run down late in the game.

The Jets have had similar problems with their second half performances, collapsing against Burleigh, Wests and Logan in recent weeks.

"They've been having some very, very narrow losses and they're going to be difficult to beat," Teevan said.

"They have one of the best home records in the league and they're doing a lot of things right at the moment."

Both sides are locked in the bottom half of the table with two wins from their opening eight games.

Sporting sides have a record of producing good first-up form under new coaches.

National Rugby League side Manly are the latest examples, with new coach Peter Sharp winning his first two games since taking over from Bob Fulton.

Teevan is optimistic the Jets will produce similar results.

"I think they have a new lease on life," Teevan said of the players. "Their attitude can only get better."



MINI PROFILE

Name: Danny Coburn.
Club: Ipswich Jets.
Date of Birth: July 25, 1978.
Height: 178cm. **Weight:** 90kg.
Position: second row/lock.
Occupation: Upholsterer.
Previous clubs: Beaudesert.
Representative honours: Southern Division 1997.
Most admired player: Wally Lewis.
Favourite food: Seafood.

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TONIGHT 6PM
FIRST PROVINCIAL OVAL
LEADUP GAME - WEST END V. GOODNA
GATES OPEN 1PM

First home game in 4 weeks



Jets back in action

By Brent Read

Rugby League

JETS rugby league coach Bill Gardner says the two week break in the Queensland Cup has helped his side as they prepare to face his former club Norths at First Provincial Oval tonight.

Gardner was at the helm at Norths for three seasons before taking a year's break from coaching.

He resumed his coaching career with the Jets this year as an assistant but jumped into the fire when he took over the side three weeks ago.

While his former club is sitting in third place and almost certain to qualify for the finals, the Jets are languishing near the foot

of the table and out of finals calculation.

The club has been hard hit by injury this week, with prop Paul Wilkinson failing a fitness test and tough front rower Anthony Fowler ruled out with a shoulder injury.

Gardner will rotate Leigh Groves, Stephen Boothby and John Luhrman in a front row which will give away plenty of size to Norths experienced pack.

"You've got to play with what you've got," Gardner said. "We know it is going to be a tough game."

"We just have to do the things we can do as well as we can. We know we've got a competitive football team."

Norths field one of the strongest forward packs in the competition, with

two Queensland Residents players in Wade Fenton and Daniel Frame.

Ipswich fans got a taste of what Frame had to offer at the weekend, when he tore apart Country in the second half of the City-Country game at First Provincial Oval.

Halfback Kevin Carmichael captained the Residents side to a win over New South Wales in a curtain raiser to the opening State of Origin game on Wednesday.

Gardner has recalled Ipswich Norths forward Dale Robertson for the game, with the versatile player able to cover any back row position as well as hooker.

Robertson forced his way back into calculations with some good games for the Tigers in the

Ipswich Rugby League.

The 21-year-old has regained his confidence and is intent on cementing his place in the side.

"I just wasn't playing my natural game," Robertson said. "I was restricted in my play."

"I am just going to go for it otherwise I am not going to be there again."

Gardner said the Jets had used the week off to get more of their football structures in place.

He said the likes of Robertson had been given a chance and it was up to him to take it.

"Ozzie (Robertson) is one of those lads that's been struggling. He's going to get an opportunity to further his career," Gardner said.

12-6-1999

IPSWICH JETS V SOUTHS MAGPIES

TONIGHT 6PM

FIRST PROVINCIAL OVAL
IRL LEAD UP GAMES - Brothers v Swifts
GATES OPEN 12.30pm



14-6-1999

Ipswich shatter losing streak

By Brent Read

IPSWICH Jets rugby league coach Bill Gardner believes his side has some "way to go" but their win over Souths at the weekend shows the club is heading in the right direction.

The Jets snapped a six game losing streak with their 40-12 win over the Magpies at First Provincial Oval on Saturday night.

It was the battling Queensland Cup side's third win this season and only the second time in 13 rounds the Jets had held their opposition to two tries.

Queensland Country representative Brian McCarthy was again the star. He scored two tries as the Jets crossed for eight tries and rattled up 40 points for the first



time this year.

"The most pleasing thing for us is we stuck to what we've been doing in training," Gardner said.

"I guess it suggests to us that we are going in the right direction.

"But we all know we have some way to go yet."

The game was up for grabs at halftime but the Jets rolled over the Queensland Cup's wooden spoon favourites in the second half.

Souths have won only one game this year and been on the end of some thrashings at the hands of their rival clubs.

The Jets face a bigger test on Saturday, with a game against Toowoomba in Stanthorpe.

Toowoomba had Broncos stars Luke Priddis and John Plath in its ranks at the weekend and scored a surprising 32-12 win over competition leaders Redcliffe.

If the Jets can reproduce the second half form that shut the door on Souths chances on Saturday night, an upset win over Toowoomba is within their grasp.

"We were very tense in the first half," Gardner said. "We weren't fluent and we weren't free.

"By the same token we didn't make many mistakes. We kept at them. The quality of that in the end got on top of them.

"We stuck to what we planned to do," Gardner said.

Centre Heath McQueen picked up his second try in two weeks and Norths' Scott Morris also picked up a try on his return to the side.

With the club still waging a weekly war with injury, the return of prop Andrew Whittington was also a welcome sight on Saturday night.

Props Leigh Groves and Anthony Fowler are unlikely to play again this season and Paul Wilkinson's return is in the hands of the specialists.

Ipswich Jets 40 (B McCarthy 2, C Wehrman, R Busslan, S Boothby, D Robertson, S Morris, H McQueen tries; C Lawler 4 goals) **d Souths Magpies 12** (D Lawson, I Donald tries; A Murdoch 2 goals).

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Winger hungry to find form

EXCITING Ipswich Jets winger Craig Wehrman is hoping a reversal in his own form can coincide with the club's opening win of the season against Souths at Davies Park today.

Wehrman, a revelation in his first year of Queensland Cup last year, admits his form has waned after starring at halfback for the Jets in his debut season.

The Jets off-season spending spree forced Wehrman's move to the wing after he was trialled at fullback in the pre-season.

The former Goodna half admitted his confidence had taken a battering on the wing after having the ball in his hands most of last season.

But the speedy utility back is intent on finding his best form as the Jets go into today's vital game against the Magpies.

"I'm having a bit of trouble adjusting," Wehrman said. "I'm not very happy with the way I am playing and my confidence is down."

"It's been hard to adjust but it's getting better slowly but surely."

His place in the team was never in doubt, with coach Paul Srama admitting Wehrman was one of the Jets' best attacking weapons.

He and Norths teenager Brad Bulow form one of the youngest wing combinations in the Cup.

While Wehrman has struggled, Bulow has gone from strength to

strength and been a stand-out in the early part of the season.

"I have a lot of time for Wehrman as a player. He's got loads of ability and he's our best option out there by far," Srama said of Wehrman. "The bloke can play."

The Jets received some positive news during the week, with prop Paul Wilkinson's back injury not as bad as first thought.

Wilkinson is likely to be back in two to three weeks.

Fellow prop Leigh Groves, who hasn't played since the pre-season due to a knee injury, also returned to the training paddock.

Groves should be back within two weeks.

Forwards Adam Hutchison, Steve Boothby and John Lührman were cleared to play after training solidly on Thursday night.

"They are all aware of the importance of this game," Srama said. "This week we worked things a little bit different at training to try and pick them up."

"If we make silly mistakes we're going to make it hard for ourselves. It doesn't matter who we play when that happens."

Souths are an unknown quantity, with their side hardly recognisable compared to the team which the Jets beat 20-16 last year.

"To be honest I really don't know too much about them," Srama said. "We've really got to win to get our season on track."

"It doesn't matter what we've done. It is a must win game for us."

— **BRENT READ.**

Jets squad: Scott Ward, Craig Wehrman, Craig Green, Mick Pechey, Brad Bulow, Chris Lawler, Craig Teevan, Anthony Fowler, Dale Robertson, Steve Boothby, Nick Hall, John Lührman, Adam Hutchison, Frank Saunders, Brian McCarthy, Russell Bussian, Danny Coburn.

PLAYER PROFILE



Name: Craig Wehrman
Date of Birth: December 5, 1978
Height: 178cm
Weight: 83kg
Position: Utility back
Nickname: Wehrmo
Occupation: Mechanic
Previous club: Goodna
Most admired player: Alan Langer
Toughest opponent: Frank Saunders
Favourite food: Potato stew

7-6-1999

Stunned reaction to latest collapse

By **Brent Read**

THE positive to come out of the Ipswich Jets shattering Queensland Cup rugby league loss to Wynnum yesterday is things can't get any worse.

Coach Bill Gardner looked as stunned as his players by the turnaround in his club's fortunes only a week after a promising performance against Wests.

In his words there was nothing to say about the way the Jets played.

It was a stunned silence shared by the 17 players who took the field and their small but loyal group of supporters after the 38-14 loss at Kougari Oval.

If the club has hit a lower point this season it's hard to remember when.

It wasn't so much the size of the loss, more the nature of the defeat after most people involved with the Jets felt they were building a solid platform on the back of some credible performances.

But yesterday's loss was like a sledgehammer blow to the head it left them stunned and beaten.

Captain Craig Teevan grasped for an explanation for his side's performance, eventually putting it down to a lack of hunger and the hangover from last week's heartbreaking loss to Wests.

"It comes down to a bit of a mental problem," Teevan said.

"I think Billy hit the nail on the head after the game when he said we'll turn things around when we want it bad enough."

"We're not as hungry as the other sides. We should be going in for the kill."

The Jets were unlucky to trail 8-4 at half

time but conceded six second half tries in a lacklustre performance.

Wynnum's speedy backline had a picnic, with winger Alan Glyde and centre Matthew Fisher scoring three tries apiece.

Since the Jets replaced coach Paul Srama with Gardner in round nine, the club has won only one game despite playing some attractive football.

Even Gardner, with his experience and undoubted football knowledge, can't give the Jets what they sorely lack — strength and speed.

It's simply too late in the season to lift those areas of the game, which should have been addressed in the off-season.

Wynnum's big forwards had a field day off-loading the ball and their backs simply picked holes in the Jets backline to pile on the second half points as the club lost its 13th game this season.

Every player was guilty in some way, be it missing tackles or dropping passes.

Halfback Jason Twist tried hard and forwards Brian McCarthy, Steve Boothby, Desi Dodd, Dale Robertson and Andrew Whittington worked themselves into the ground.

But the Jets were outgunned and out-classed.

With three of their remaining six games against teams in the top five, Ipswich face a long end to the season and their goal of six wins looks almost impossible.

Wynnum Seagulls 38 (A Glyde 3, M Fisher 3, D Seage, L Cronk tries; S Dunshea 2, A Glyde goals) **d Ipswich Jets 14** (C Green, B Bulow, C Lawler tries; C Lawler goal).

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Jets centre tipping big improvement

JETS centre Adam Hutchison is expecting the club to bounce back from last week's demoralising Queensland Cup rugby league loss with an improved performance against Burleigh tonight.

Burleigh lead the Queensland Cup competition and have handed the Jets a thumping in their only two clashes this year.

The Gold Coast side is overloaded with former Australian Rugby League (ARL) talent and their strength is the Jets achilles heel — speed in their outside backs.

The likes of winger Aaron Douglas and Faron Anderson exposed the Jets with their pace in the previous two clashes and will have to be watched again this week.

Wynnum took a similar route on the way to de-railing the Jets last week, with their three-quarter line scoring seven of their eight tries.

"Usually we come back after we get a flogging," Hutchison said. "We had a great first half (last time we played Burleigh) but we had nothing in the second half."

"I think it will be a good, fast game."

After joining the Jets as a back rower, Hutchison has been used mainly in the centres to plug one of the Jets gaping holes.

At only 20, he still has plenty of time to secure a contract with a National Rugby League (NRL) club after making his ARL debut last year with the Gold Coast Chargers.

The Southport resident admits his Queensland Cup season has been a disap-

pointment and, like many of his teammates, is counting down the days until next season.

"To tell you the truth I am looking forward to next season," Hutchison said. "We're at the stage where we're not going to make the semis."

"What I was hoping to do this year was make the (Queensland) Country side and then make the state side."

"I had an (wrist) operation in the pre-season and didn't do pre-season training."

"Even though I was hoping to play a bit better than I have, next year will be a different story."

Despite the Jets disappointing year, Hutchison is almost certain to follow the lead of teammate Brian McCarthy and resign with the Ipswich club.

While at the Gold Coast, he spent most of his season in the Vikings side which qualified for last year's Queensland Cup finals.

He sees a lot of similarities between last year's Gold Coast Vikings outfit and this year's Jets side.

"To have a good side and a side that wins every week you need that combination. It doesn't just take a year to get to know someone else's game," the 97kg back rower said.

"A lot of us blokes had been together a year (at the Coast) and come the second year we ended up knowing each other's game inside out."

"That's what I think will happen (here) next year."

IPSWICH JETS v BURLEIGH BEARS

TONIGHT 6PM FIRST PROVINCIAL OVAL

IRL LEAD UP GAMES - Goodna v Swifts
GATES OPEN 12.30pm

JETS OLD BOYS REUNION - 3PM AT JETS LEAGUES CLUB THEN OFF TO THE GAME



Miracles happen - just watch the Jets

By Brent Read

FOR those who don't believe in miracles, prepare to be converted.

Even the most optimistic of fans gave the Ipswich Jets little hope of upsetting the Queensland Cup-leading Burleigh Bears at First Provincial Oval on Saturday night.

But that's exactly what the Jets did, holding on for a stunning 19-18 victory over the competition favourites.

It was the most stunning turnaround in the club's history and easily the biggest upset of this year's Queensland Cup competition.

Coming off a drubbing at the hands of lowly Wynnum last week, the Jets were expected to be cannon fodder for the Queensland Cup leaders.

They answered their critics with a courageous display, in the process picking up their fourth win of the season.

After last week's disappointing display against Wynnum, satisfied coach Bill Gardner waved the magic wand during the week to lift his side's sinking spirits.

The former Broncos coach asked for commitment and was rewarded as his players scored the biggest upset in the Queensland Cup season thus far.

"They all did it together," said Gardner, who led the club to their second win under his charge.

"What happens in the past has very little to do with what happens in the future. I am an optimist even when we are losing."

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"We have to keep being very positive. We know it is a long road and (after beating Burleigh) it is not much shorter."

The Jets led 19-12 after a Craig Teevan field goal and only a late Burleigh try narrowed the gap.

The star-studded Burleigh line-up, which included four Queensland Residents players, had lost only two games all year.

Prop Steve Boothby, one of the Jets most consistent players this season, admitted a few home truths from Gardner had played a decisive role in Saturday night's surprise win.

"I think we were all just disappointed in the second half against Wynnum," Boothby said.

"We thought it was a game we could have won and the second half effort wasn't how we had been playing the last few weeks."

"Billy said we're not going to win until we want it enough."

"If we can beat the top team we should be able to beat most teams."

Hooker Craig Teevan, halves Chris Lawler and Jason Twist and lock Danny Coburn started in the unexpected win.

The next big test for the Jets is their consistency, with a clash against the improved Logan Scorpions this weekend.

The club has displayed its potential at different times this year but the win over Burleigh was the first time they had

reached it for a full 80 minutes.

Despite being out of finals contention, Gardner is looking beyond this season, with the experienced coach likely to lead the side again next year.

Gardner has towed the club line since taking over midway through the year and he believes the weekend's win is proof the Jets are heading in the right direction.

"What happens in the next few weeks relates to the ongoing development of our football club," Gardner said.

"We are heading in the right direction."

"I just know we're getting better and better."

Ipswich Jets - the season in retrospect

Another below-par effort

THE Ipswich Jets stumbled through another disappointing season in 1999, winning six games and missing out on the semifinals.

Although the club's pre-season goal was to only win six games, privately officials and players had higher expectations.

QT sports reporter Brent Read cast an eye over the Jets squad and took a look at how they had shaped up this season.

Craig Green: Was signed after tearing apart the Jets last year with Wests and became the club's 'Mr Fixit'. Green played nearly every position in the backline and acquitted himself well. The former London Broncos ended the season at fullback after playing most of the year in the centres and was among the club's leading try scorers.

Rating: 7
Darren Smeath: Joined the Jets from the Burleigh Bears midway through the year and battled a hamstring injury for most of the season. A strong and quick winger, he showed flashes of potential but never on a consistent basis.

Rating: 5
Craig Wehrman: Was expected to star this year after acquitting himself well in his first season with the club last year. Was shuffled to fullback on the arrival of halves Chris Lawler and Jason Twist but had a tough pre-season and ended up playing most of the year on the wing. Suffered from a lack of confidence and never lived up to the pre-season expectations. Still played nearly every game and is young enough to bounce back. But more will be expected next year.

Rating: 6
Adam Hutchison: Another of the club's major signings, Hutchison joined the Jets hoping to catch the eye of an NRL club. Had an interrupted pre-season and played catchup most of the year. Ended up playing in the centres to help cover the Jets dearth of outside backs. Was displaying his potential at the end of the season. Another player who will be expected to show more next season.

Rating: 6.5
Russell Bussian: Bussian joined the Jets

after an ARL career with North Queensland and the Gold Coast. Suffered from a bad knee injury which limited him to a handful of appearances late in the year. Came with high expectations but ended up as one of the club's major disappointments. Unsure whether he will be back next season.

Rating: 4
Brad Bulow: Showed a level head early in the season playing in an uncanny position on the wing and ended up making the position his own for most of the year. Has plenty of talent and intelligence but prefers to play closer to the ball. Along with Wehrman he formed the Queensland Cup's youngest and least experienced wing duo. Neither started their careers on the wing but ended up handling themselves well.

Rating: 6.5
Chris Lawler: Another of the club's big name signings, Lawler ended the year as captain after injury to Craig Teevan. Also finished as one of the competition's top point scorers. Was able to pick apart some of the competition's weaker sides and invariably played well when the side played well. Has been targeted by rival Queensland Cup clubs and may not be back next year.

Rating: 7.5
Jason Twist: Was the player designated to lead the Jets around the park but suffered an early-season ankle injury and battled the problem all year. Teevan described Twist as the best off-season signing in the Queensland Cup but injury never allowed the former South Queensland Crusader to display his true ability. Played the season with injury and will undergo surgery now the Queensland Cup is finished. Teevan is optimistic Twist will be back next season where he will have another chance to show his ability.

Rating: 7
Brian McCarthy: The stand-out player for the club this season. McCarthy was the only Jets player to make a representative side, playing for Queensland Country against City. The hard-running back rower was like the Eveready man — he just kept on going. Was the first player signed for next year and club officials will be ecstatic if he can repeat this year's performance.

Rating: 8
Danny Coburn: Coburn was the Jets best

player last year and was expected to grow in stature this year. But the Beaudesert lock struggled earlier in the season and found himself back among his former Kingfisher teammates. When he earned a recall, Coburn produced the sort of form which made him a fixture in the side last year. Was one of the big improvers as the season progressed and cemented his place in the competitive Jets back row. Will be expected to continue to improve next season.

Rating: 7
Nick Hall: The surprise packet early in the season, Hall struggled with injury later in the year. The towering back rower forced his way into the second row through sheer weight of performances, showing good skills and an ability of off-load in traffic. Is expected to re-sign for next season and will form the cornerstone of the Jets pack with back row partners McCarthy, Coburn and John Lührman.

Rating: 7
John Lührman: Lührman had a stormy start to the season, walking off the field during the club's early-season win over Souths. But when the forward had his mind focused on football, he displayed the punishing defence which caught the eye of Sydney City scouts in previous years. A lightweight back rower by today's standards, Lührman should be one of the major beneficiaries of the Jets off-season weights program. His ability to plug holes in the middle of the ruck and stiffen the Jets defensive line was sorely missed when he failed to take the field.

Rating: 7
Stephen Boothby: By far the most improved player in the Jets' squad this season, Boothby went ahead in leaps and bounds as the season progressed. One of the most underrated players in the Queensland Cup, but not by his teammates. Has worked on his ball skills and developed an ability to off-load at the line. Seems to have a motor that never stops. Worked hard in the off-season and reaped the benefits. If he continues to improve at this rate, Boothby could be pushing for representative duty next year.

Rating: 8
Andrew Whittington: Joined the club mid-season from Burleigh and broke his hand on arrival. Struggled with his fitness for most of the season but showed his ability in flashes. Carries a load and can sting in defence. Fought back from injury to become one of the club's most important players. If he can be retained and works on his fitness in the off-season, will be a valuable player next year.

Rating: 6
Craig Teevan: Along with Boothby and McCarthy, the Jets most consistent player in 1999. Struggled with the drop back to the Queensland Cup earlier in the year but found his feet and was consistently among the club's best players. Expected to figure highly in the club awards. Has retired to concentrate on chief executive duties.

Rating: 8
Dale Robertson: Has made his preference for playing hooker well known but was forced into limited duty by the signing of Teevan. Will not have that barrier next season so the position is his to hold. The versa-



Danny Coburn ... a slow start but improved and showed signs of realising his full potential.

tile forward spent most of this year in the back row after a stint with Norths in the Ipswich Rugby League. Another player who struggled with his confidence earlier in the year before regaining it with some solid form towards the end of the season. Will be expected to play a more prominent role next year.

Rating: 5.5
Scott Morris: Had a mixed year. Started the season as one of the first-choice wingers but then went missing in action. Finished the year with broken ribs and had a tough outing against Wynnum while struggling with injury. Bounced back to play the last couple of games. Is one player who will benefit from a full off-season.

Rating: 5
Shane Shoosmith: An honest toiler who played off the interchange bench. Spent most of the year in the 17 and never gave less than 100%. Gets in and does the hard work without any plaudits.

Rating: 6
Paul Wilkinson: Another of this year's major disappointments. Was expected to form the cornerstone of the Jets' pack and push for representative honours but struggled with injury. Hurt his back early in the year and then damaged his shoulder. Attempted a comeback but failed. Needs a complete shoulder reconstruction but is young enough to bounce back and reach his unlimited potential.

Rating: 3
Others: Centre Mick Pechey played most of the season with the club but battled with his fitness. Was exposed at times in defence but was damaging with the ball. Left the club towards the end of the season due to work commitments and will not be back next year. Brothers centre Heath McQueen played a handful of games with the Jets when the club was struggling with injury and impressed officials. The Diggers three-quarter may have won a spot at the club next season. Norths lock Storm Richter also played some games with the Jets at the end of the season and played solidly.



Stephen Boothby and Brian McCarthy doing the hard work ... McCarthy was the Jets' standout player in '99 while Boothby was the most improved player.

QUEENSLAND CUP

FIRST PROVINCIAL OVAL - 6.00PM SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 1999



OURS
BLACK & WHITE

COACH
BILL GARDNER

REFEREE
DARREN MCKENZIE

SCRUMS			
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T4C6 (6-4) IPSWICH
T4C6 (12-4) 12
T2X6 (22-16)

FULL BACK
T CRAIG GREEN 1

THREEQUARTERS
T DARREN SMEATH 2
ADAM HUTCHISON 3
T RUSSELL BUSSIAN 4
CRAIG WEHRMAN 5

HALVES

CCX CHRIS LAWLER (c) 6
JASON TWIST 7

FORWARDS

BRIAN MCCARTHY 13
JOHN LUHRMAN 12
NICK HALL 11
STEPHEN BOOTHBY 10
DALE ROBERTSON 9
ANDREW WHITTINGTON 8

REPLACEMENTS

SHANE SHOESMITH 14
STORM RICHTER 15
ODEL HARRIS 16
FRANK SAUNDERS 17

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EASTS

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FULL BACK
PAUL HUBBARD

THREEQUARTERS

PETER TURNER
JABIN PICKER
CHRIS BEATTIE
QUINTON NICOL

HALVES

MATT ANDERTON XX TCT
BRETT McPHERSON EX
SBX3

FORWARDS

JEFF DOYLE (c) SCOTT SIPPLE -15
DION COPE
GRAHAM COTTER
CLINTON PETERS
DARREN IRELAND CP
PHIL MOONEY

REPLACEMENTS

ANDREW NEAVE
JAMIE PETERS
SCOTT SIPPLE T DANIEL HARNDEN
AUSTIN NEALE



COLOURS
GOLD WITH TWO BLACK V's

COACH
GRAHAM HERLIHY

TOUCH JUDGES
PETER KIRBY
PETER MURRAY

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ROUND 22 - August 14, 15
Saturday August 14

Premiership Points Table

	Team	P	W	D	L	For	Agn	Pts	Diff
1	Redcliffe Dolphins	22	17	1	4	660	361	35	299
2	Norths Devils	22	17	0	5	791	393	34	398
3	Burleigh Bears	22	16	0	6	685	396	33	289
4	Toowoomba Clydesdales	22	14	0	8	602	530	28	72
5	Easts Tigers	22	13	1	8	611	438	27	173
6	Wests Panthers	22	13	1	8	551	431	27	120
7	Logan Scorpions	22	10	0	12	478	561	20	-83
8	Cairns Cyclones	22	9	1	12	494	514	19	-20
9	Wynnum Seagulls	22	9	1	12	459	577	19	-118
10	Ipswich Jets	22	6	0	16	443	646	12	-203
11	Central Capras	22	4	0	18	440	626	8	-186
12	Souths Magpies	22	1	0	21	217	958	2	-741

QUEENSLAND CUP DRAW AND RESULTS

R1:- 13/14 March

		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Norths	2.00	28 - 16
Sat. Cairns v Souths	7.00	40 - 0
Sun. Toowoomba v Central	2.00	42 - 14
Sun. Logan v Wests	2.00	4 - 17
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	14 - 40
Sun. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	52 - 10

R2:- 20/21 March

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Cairns	2.00	18 - 18
Sat. Souths v Easts	3.00	8 - 62
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	6.00	4 - 36
Sat. Burleigh v Logan	6.00	36 - 16
Sat. Central v Wynnum	7.30	22 - 26
Sun. Toowoomba v Norths	12.15	10 - 38

R3:- 27/28 March

		SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Central	2.00	24 - 20
Sat. Souths v Ipswich	3.00	16 - 38
Sat. Cairns v Burleigh	7.00	10 - 34
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	20 - 21
Sun. Easts v Wests	3.00	27 - 0
Sun. Redcliffe v Toowoomba	3.00	26 - 28

R4:- 3/4 April

		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Easts	2.00	36 - 14
Sat. Wests v Souths	3.00	54 - 0
Sat. Norths v Logan	4.00	42 - 14
Sat. Ipswich v Toowoomba	6.00	24 - 30
Sat. Central v Cairns	7.30	30 - 28
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	58 - 4

R5:- 10/11 April

		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Toowoomba	2.00	10 - 34
Sat. Wests v Ipswich	3.00	36 - 14
Sat. Cairns v Norths	7.00	4 - 54
Sun. Logan v Redcliffe	2.00	26 - 34
Sun. Easts v Central	3.00	24 - 12
Sun. Souths v Burleigh	3.00	10 - 36

R6:- 17/18 April

		SCORE
Sat. *Burleigh v Wests	2.00	22 - 12
Sat. Norths v Easts	4.00	36 - 18
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	6.00	17 - 10
Sat. Central v Souths	7.30	32 - 14
Sun. Toowoomba v Logan	3.30	18 - 28
Sun. Redcliffe v Cairns	4.00	28 - 20

R7:- 24/25 April

		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Redcliffe	2.00	18 - 38
Sat. Souths v Norths	3.00	12 - 76
Sat. Wests v Central	3.00	26 - 22
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.00	48 - 17
Sun. Logan v Wynnum	4.00	18 - 20
Sun. Cairns v Toowoomba	4.45	18 - 22

R8:- 1/2 May

		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Wests	2.00	30 - 16
Sat. Ipswich v Logan	6.00	18 - 34
Sat. Central v Burleigh	7.30	22 - 30
Sun. Redcliffe v Souths	3.00	52 - 10
Sun. Toowoomba v Easts	3.30	32 - 38
Sun. Wynnum v Cairns	4.00	18 - 20

R9:- 8/9 May

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Redcliffe	2.00	18 - 24
Sat. Cairns v Logan	7.00	18 - 20
Sat. Central v Ipswich	7.30	34 - 18
Sun. Souths v Toowoomba	12.15	14 - 22
Sun. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	56 - 8
Sun. Burleigh v Norths	3.30	28 - 18

R10:- 15/16 May

		SCORE
Sat. *Redcliffe v Burleigh	2.00	30 - 19
Sat. Cairns v Ipswich	7.00	44 - 26
Sun. Logan v Easts	2.00	26 - 18
Sun. Norths v Central	3.00	54 - 24
Sun. Toowoomba v Wests	3.00	14 - 30
Sun. Wynnum v Souths	3.00	16 - 21

R11:- 29/30 May

		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Cairns	2.00	20 - 30
Sat. Wests v Wynnum	3.00	30 - 28
Sat. Souths v Logan	3.00	6 - 52
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	6.00	22 - 36
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	7.30	14 - 32
Sun. Burleigh v Toowoomba	3.30	38 - 20

R12:- 5/6 June

		SCORE
Sat. *Wynnum v Central	2.00	12 - 10
Sat. Cairns v Wests	5.30	10 - 22
Sun. Norths v Toowoomba	2.00	18 - 24
Sun. Logan v Burleigh	2.00	24 - 30
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	30 - 12
Sun. Easts v Souths	3.00	38 - 0

R13:- 12/13 June

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Easts	2.00	24 - 26
Sat. Toowoomba v Redcliffe	5.30	32 - 12
Sat. Ipswich v Souths	6.00	40 - 12
Sat. Burleigh v Cairns	7.00	34 - 20
Sat. Central v Logan	7.30	26 - 28
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	3.00	24 - 37

R14:- 19/20 June

		SCORE
Sat. *Easts v Burleigh	2.00	22 - 22
Sat. Toowoomba v Ipswich	3.00	44 - 32
Sat. Souths v Wests	3.00	6 - 34
Sat. Cairns v Central	7.00	40 - 16
Sun. Logan v Norths	2.00	16 - 44
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	22 - 22

R15:- 26/27 June

		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Cairns	2.00	52 - 20
Sat. Toowoomba v Wynnum	4.30	32 - 26
Sat. Burleigh v Souths	6.00	44 - 0
Sat. Ipswich v Wests	6.00	24 - 26
Sat. Central v Easts	7.30	12 - 16
Sun. Redcliffe v Logan	3.00	24 - 18

R16:- 3/4 July

		SCORE
Sat. *Logan v Toowoomba	2.00	26 - 12
Sat. Souths v Central	3.00	0 - 42
Sat. Wests v Burleigh	3.00	26 - 16
Sat. Cairns v Redcliffe	5.30	16 - 6
Sun. Easts v Norths	3.00	12 - 26
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	38 - 14

R17:- 10/11 July

		SCORE
Sat. Toowoomba v Cairns	12.05	14 - 30
Sat. *Redcliffe v Easts	2.00	26 - 18
Sat. Ipswich v Burleigh	6.00	19 - 18
Sat. Central v Wests	7.30	14 - 24
Sun. Norths v Souths	3.00	56 - 4
Sun. Wynnum v Logan	3.00	26 - 0

R18:- 17/18 July

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Norths	2.00	30 - 36
Sat. Souths v Redcliffe	3.00	0 - 52
Sat. Cairns v Wynnum	7.00	16 - 24
Sat. Burleigh v Central	7.00	36 - 22
Sun. Logan v Ipswich	2.00	20 - 18
Sun. Easts v Toowoomba	3.00	14 - 42

R19:- 24/25 July

		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Burleigh	2.00	10 - 26
Sat. Ipswich v Central	6.00	30 - 12
Sun. Logan v Cairns	2.00	16 - 18
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	10 - 18
Sun. Redcliffe v Wests	3.30	28 - 14
Sun. Toowoomba v Souths	3.30	56 - 16

R20:- 31 July/1 August

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Toowoomba	2.00	34 - 12
Sat. Ipswich v Cairns	6.00	20 - 16
Sat. Central v Norths	7.30	6 - 48
Sun. Souths v Wynnum	3.00	26 - 36
Sun. Easts v Logan	3.00	54 - 16
Sun. Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.30	16 - 24

R21:- 7/8 August

		SCORE
Sat. *Norths v Ipswich	2.00	32 - 10
Sat. Cairns v Easts	7.00	8 - 24
Sun. Logan v Souths	2.00	30 - 26
Sun. Redcliffe v Central	3.00	38 - 12
Sun. Wynnum v Wests	3.00	34 - 24
Sun. Toowoomba v Burleigh	3.30	26 - 22

R22:- 14/15 August

		SCORE
Sat. *Wests v Logan	2.00	36 - 22
Sat. Burleigh v Wynnum	6.00	54 - 20
Sat. Ipswich v Easts	6.00	16 - 22
Sat. Central v Toowoomba	7.30	22 - 36
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	3.00	24 - 12
Sun. Souths v Cairns	3.30	16 - 50

SATURDAY 22 MAY COUNTRY 22 del CITY 20

FINAL SERIES

Semi-Finals 1:- 21/22 August

Game A NORTHS 30 v BURLEIGH 24 (Winner to Game C, Loser to Game D).

Game B TOOWOOMBA 22 v EASTS 6 (Winner to Game D, Loser out).

Semi-Finals 2:- 28/29 August

Game C REDCLIFFE 18 v BURLEIGH 24 (Winner to G/Final, Loser to Game E).

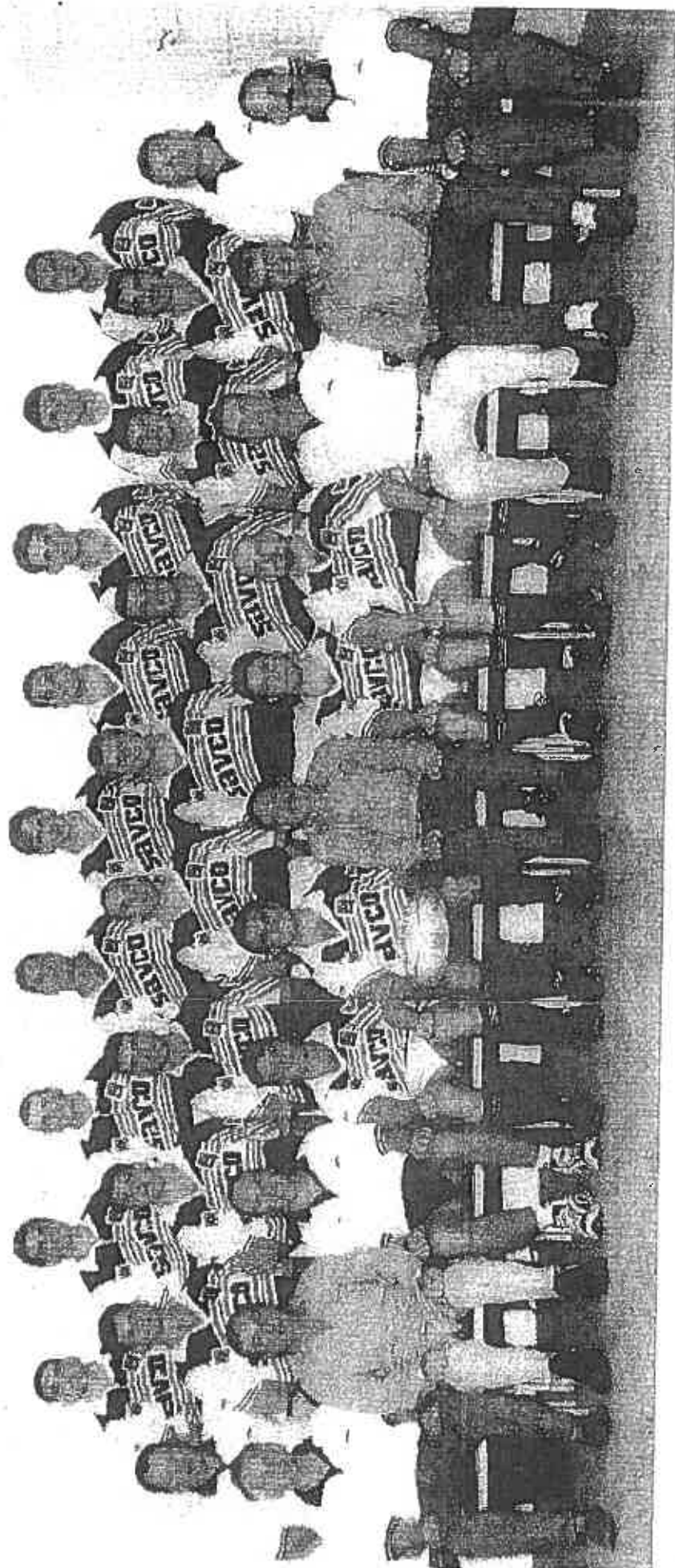
Game D NORTHS 24 v TOOWOOMBA 18 (Winner to Game E, Loser out)

Preliminary Final:- 4 September

Game E REDCLIFFE 26 v NORTHS 22 (Winner to G/Final, Loser out).

GRAND FINAL - SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

BURLEIGH v REDCLIFFE



A GRADE SQUAD

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Steven Boothby, Brad Bulow, Russell Bussian, Danny Coburn, Desic Dodd, Anthony Fowler, Craig Green, Leigh Groves Nick Hall, Odell Harris, Adam Hutchinson, Chris Lawler, John Luhrman, Brian McCarthy, Kelso McEwen, Andrew Moroney, Scott Morris, Michael Peachy, Storm Richter, Dale Robertson, Frank Saunders, Shane Shoesmith, Darren Smeath, Craig Teevan, Jason Twist, Scott Ward, Craig Wehrman, Andrew Whittington, Paul Wilkinson, Gareth William, Chris Windolf, Clint Zammit.

Bill Gardner
Coach
Bundy cup

