

JETS PLAYERS 2010

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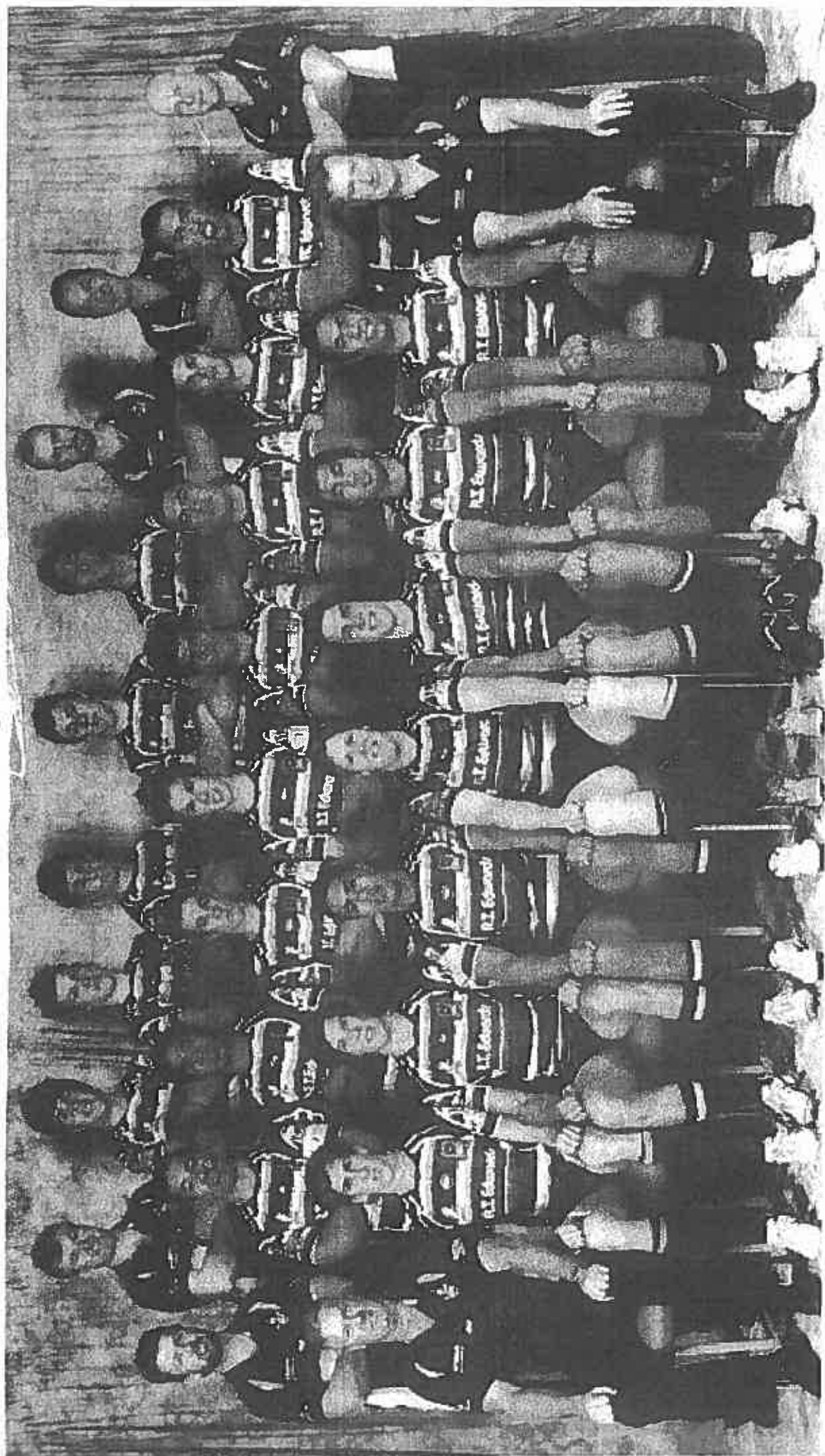
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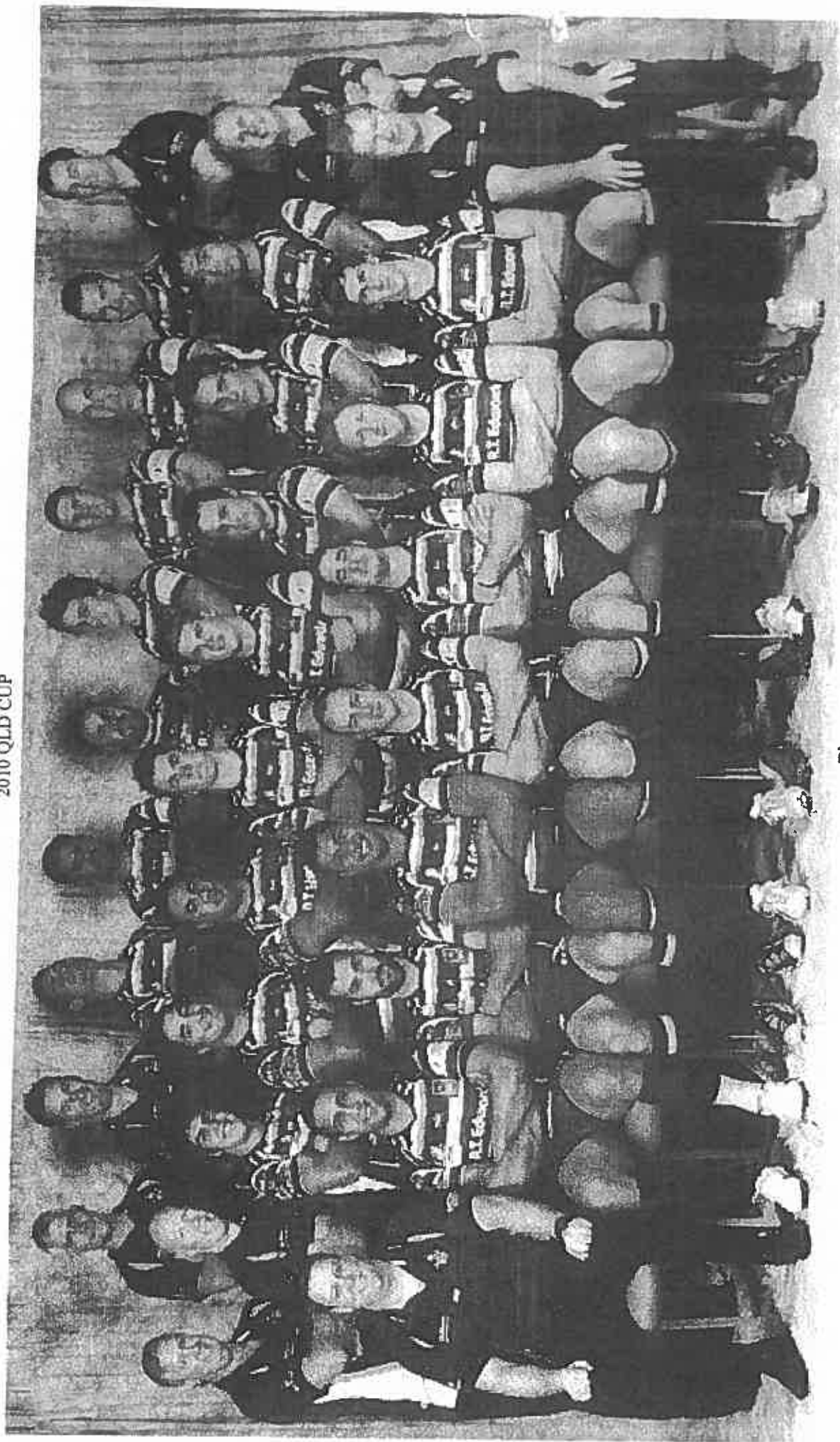
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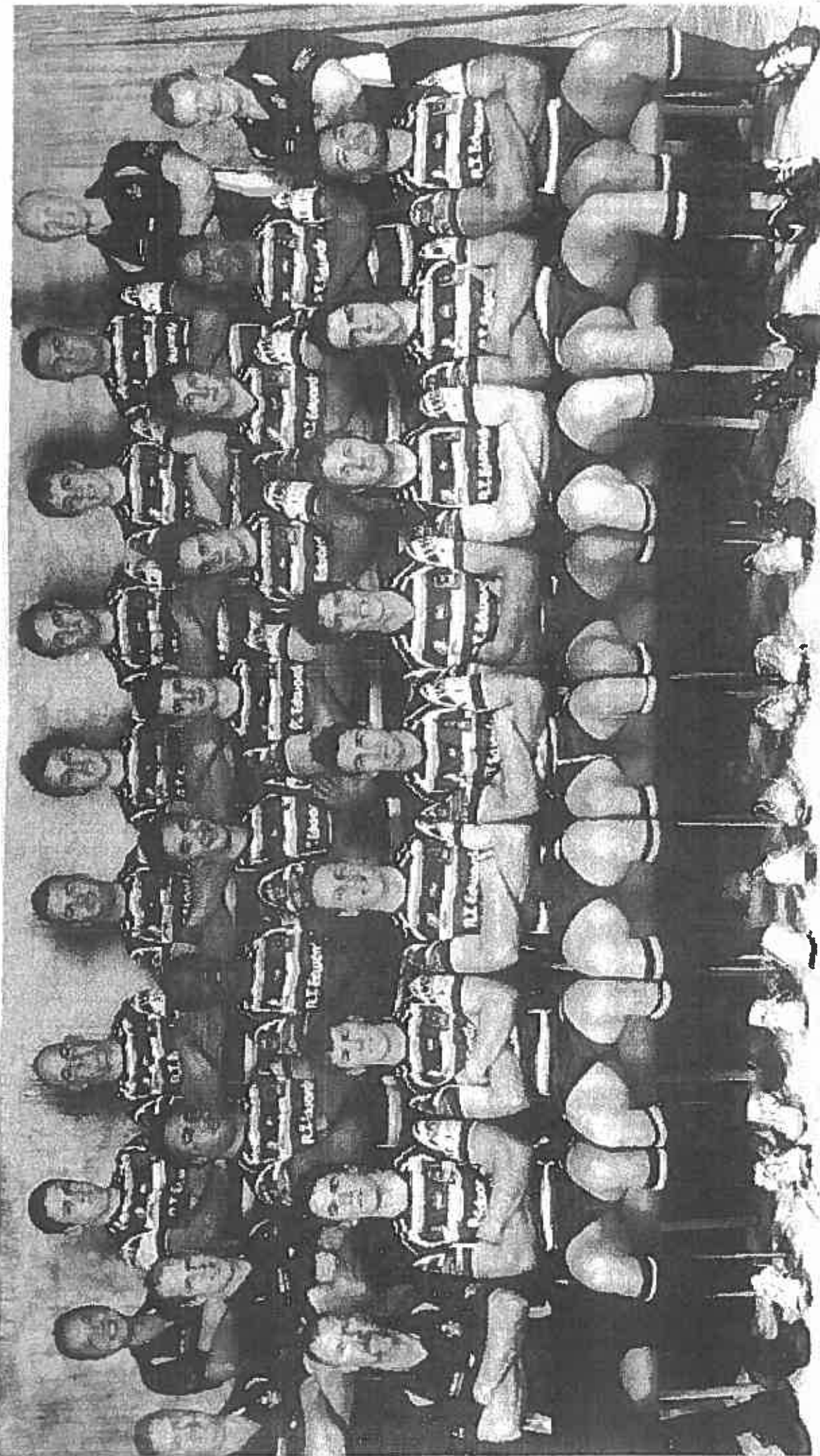
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Aaron CANNINGS, Adam BOETTCHER, AJ GILBERT, Brendan MARSHALL, Callum WALDRUM, Daniel COBURN, Eric ALEFOSIO, Fred TILA, Ian LACEY, Jacob LING, James FURMINGER, Keiron LANDER, Luke WALKER, Marshall CHALK, Michael FISHER, Paul STEPHENSON, Ramon FILIPINE, Ryan BARTON, Rhys JACKS, Sepolonie ALOVILI, Smith SAMAU, Todd RIGGS, Tyson LOFIPO, Vili FAINGAA, Warren SHILLINGS, William ZILLMAN.



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ANATOMY OF A CHAMPION

Name: Ian Lacey (aged 26)

Sport: Rugby league

Position: Halfback/hooker

Team: Ipswich Jets

What is your game day routine?

"I just wake up in the morning, have a bit of breakfast and chill out, nothing too strenuous.

What special meal or food do you eat before a game?

"I just try to have a big breakfast because I don't eat much before the game.

When you arrive at the sporting venue, how do you prepare for the game?

"I just go in (the sheds) and get strapped, do a lot of stretching. I'm getting a bit older now so it takes a bit longer to warm up.

What is your favourite part of the game?

"The competitive aspect of it. Everyone likes being in competition.

Who is your sporting idol, and why?

"Allan Langer. He's similar in stature to me and the things he did on the field, for a little fella, (were amazing).

What are your sporting goals?

"I'm just trying to build the Ipswich club back up to a competitive club. I'm enjoying playing Queensland Cup level. It's about working hard to get those young guys to further their careers.

What is your first memory of playing?

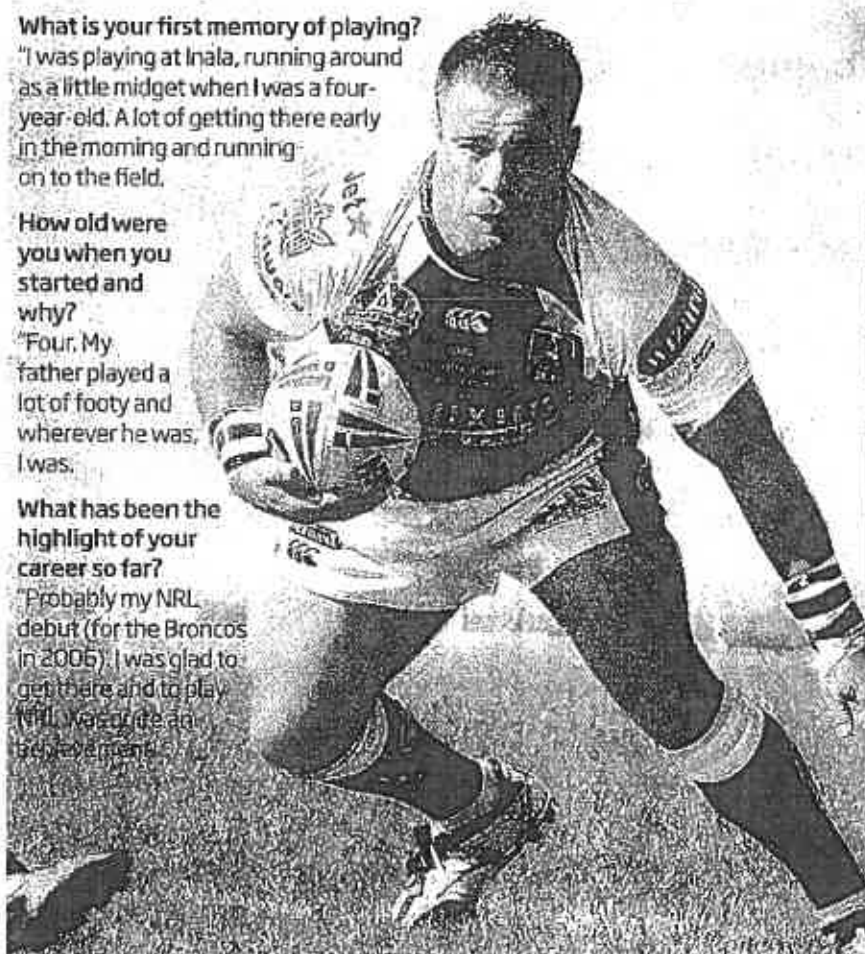
"I was playing at Inala, running around as a little midget when I was a four-year-old. A lot of getting there early in the morning and running on to the field.

How old were you when you started and why?

"Four. My father played a lot of footy and wherever he was, I was.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

"Probably my NRL debut (for the Broncos in 2006). I was glad to get there and to play NRL. You're an achievement.





HIGH-FLYING EAGLE: Former Ipswich Jets five-eighth Brendon Lindsay is returning home after success with Sheffield Eagles in England.
Photo: Supplied

Ipswich Jets receive lift from Lindsay's decision

RUGBY LEAGUE

ONE OF the most decorated Ipswich Jets players is set to return to the club from the frosted surrounds of northern England.

Brendon Lindsay, a rugged five-eighth, starred with the Jets through the early part of last decade.

He ranks in the top five for most games, most points and most tries in the Jets' history.

Since 2006, Lindsay has been playing for the Sheffield Eagles in the England equivalent of the Queensland Cup.

He is widely regarded in England's north as the best player the Eagles have had over the past four seasons.

Jets CEO Brad Wolens said he signed Lindsay for the 2011 season to give his young playmakers a mentor.

Jets 19-year-old halves

Callum Waldrum and Rhys Jacks had moments of brilliance this year coupled with repeated errors.

But both showed throughout 2010 that they had the potential to be permanent fixtures in the Jets QCup side.

That's if the Gold Coast Titans do not recruit them for their under-20 team.

"Brendon will be a great asset to the club next year in bringing those young fellers along," Wolens said.

"The halves were an area we lacked depth in this year and Brendon will help shore that up.

"But we also hope he will be heavily involved within the club, giving advice to the young blokes we have coming through the club."

Brendon Lindsay played 90 games, scored 224 points and posted 33 tries for the Jets.

Returning Jet named in Hall of Fame

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRENDON Lindsay will head back home to Australia with Sheffield Eagles' highest honour in his luggage.

The five-eight was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame to mark achievements over the past five seasons at the club's annual dinner last Friday.

"It's a great way to finish off at the club," said Lindsay, who is set to rejoin the Ipswich Jets.

"It's a fantastic award. I've really enjoyed my five years in Sheffield and being part of a great club."

Lindsay, who the past year has combined playing with being the Eagles general manager, becomes only the seventh person to join the Hall of Fame. He was also presented with the Supporters' Award for 2010.

"It's been good being able to say my goodbyes to the club



HAPPY SEASON: Recently re-signed Ipswich Jets player Brendon Lindsay has collected a major overseas award.

Photo: Supplied

and everyone I've got to know as friends. It's good to be acknowledged and it shows I've done some things right." He has made the number

six shirt his own since joining the Eagles at the start of the 2006 season - playing 137 games and scoring 51 tries, kicking 15 goals and two drop

goals. He will return to Australia after playing for Scotland in the four nations Euro Cup later this month.

Coach Mark Aston was full of praise for Lindsay.

"Brendon's a champion of a bloke. The club is now established in the Championship and a massive part of that has to be down to Brendon," he said.

Lindsay said he was excited to be return to the Ipswich Jets, the club he played for before the move to the UK.

"The Ipswich move seems to be moving along smoothly and I'm just waiting to get confirmation about jobs and things. I saw an article that they have made a few decent signings and it's going to be good. The club (Jets) didn't have the best season and there's only one way to go. I'm looking forward to meeting the coaches and looking forward to the challenge."

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Young prop links with the Broncos

RUGBY LEAGUE

IPSWICH Jets' shaggy haired prop Zac Lemberg has signed with the Brisbane Broncos, with the colts star to play for their under 20s next year.

Following in the footsteps of Jets colts winger James Furrminger, Lemberg has rejected interest from the Gold Coast Titans to sign with the Broncos.

Ipswich Jets coach Ben Walker said it was a loss for his team next year, although the Jets have prop Matty McPhee coming home from Easts Tigers.

"He's a big boy and he would have got some time next year you think so it's a blow for us," Walker said.

One player the Jets will have the services of next year is Jacob Ling.

The skilful back rower was the big winner at this year's Ipswich Jets awards night.

The cellar worker and harman won the Allan Langer Medal for the best and fairest player and the players' player award for the Queensland club team.

Prolific try scorer Luke

Walker won the best back award while rookie hooker Michael Fisher collected the best forward award.

The rookie of the year award went to Titans-bound five-eighth Callum Waldrum.

Chris Garry

Ipswich Jets 2010 season awards: Allan Langer Medal (best and fairest) - Jacob Ling. Walters Family Medal (players' player): Jacob Ling. Qld Cup best back: Luke Walker. Qld Cup best forward: Michael Fisher. Qld Cup coaches award: Ronnie Alovili. Qld Cup rookie of the year: Callum Waldrum.

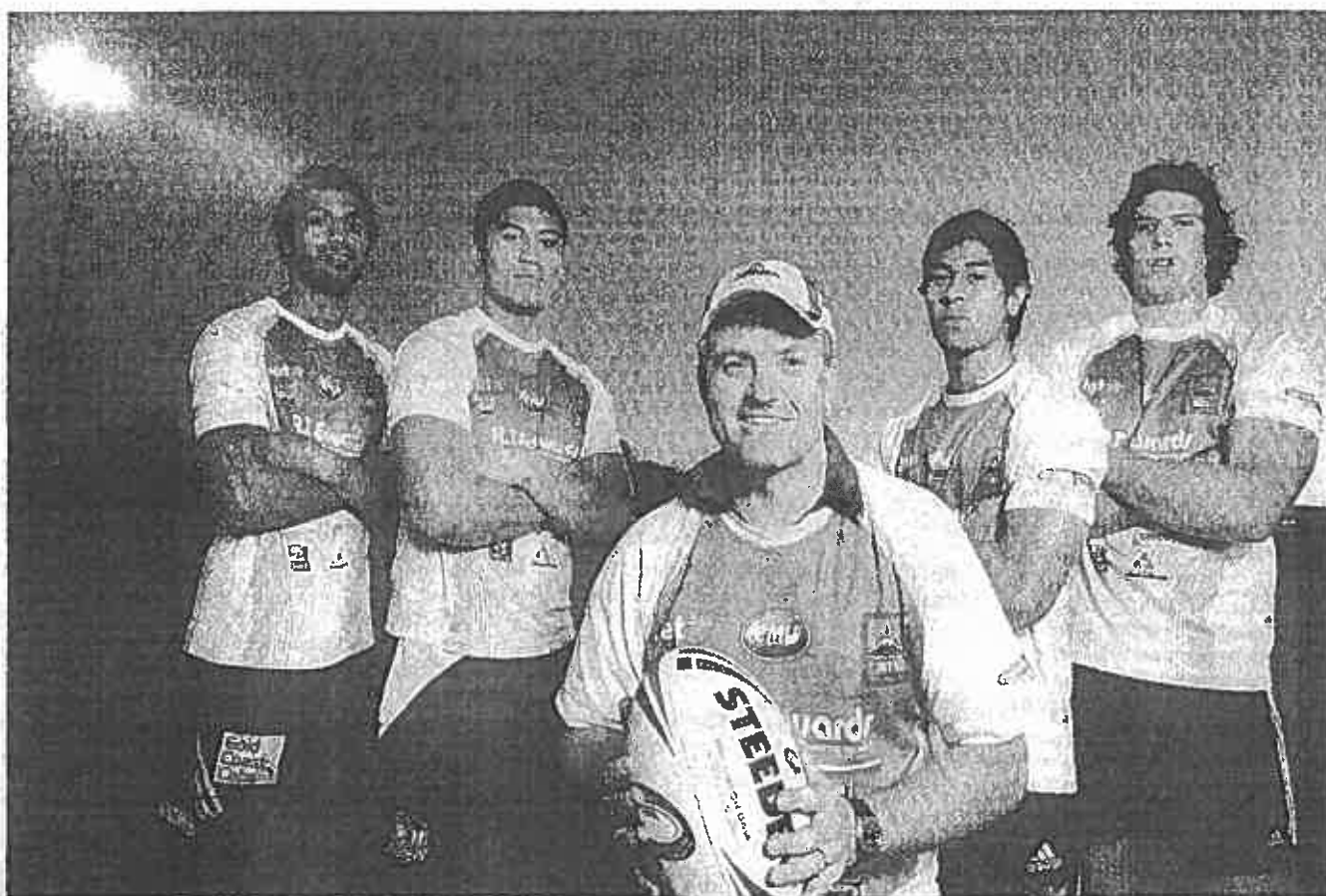
FOGS Cup best and fairest: Dale Robertson. **FOGS Cup players' player:** Dale Robertson. **FOGS Cup best back:** Jarrod McNally. **FOGS Cup best forward:** Geoff Holcumbie. **FOGS Cup coaches award:** Nathan Carney.

FOGS Colts best and fairest: Rhys Chapman. **FOGS Colts players' player:** Chris Naidu. **FOGS Colts best back:** David Pasmita. **FOGS Colts best forward:** Mervyn Walker. **FOGS Colts coaches award:** James Turlaga. **Den Coburn clubman of year:** Peter Poppi.



EXCITING FUTURE: Ipswich Jets colts player Zac Lemberg is moving on to further his career.

Photo: File



FINALS BECKON: Coach of the successful Ipswich Jets colts side Mark Bishop (middle) with (from left) Trivendra Naidu, Chris Kai, Saunda Seumanutafa and Angus Christensen.

Photo: Sarah Harvey JL1510HH

Jets colts shining as playoff race hots up

By **CHRIS GARRY**

THE Ipswich Jets Colts team has performed an incredible turnaround to go from seventh to equal third on the competition table in one month.

The side is the shining light at the Jets this year as both the Queensland Cup and FOGS Cup teams are anchored to the bottom of their tables.

Colts coach Mark Bishop said the under-20 competition was a strange one where one loss could see you plummet several places on the table.

"The competition is so close and everyone is beating everyone at the moment," Bishop said.

"We have risen from seventh very quickly because no-one is putting wins together.

"Even during games we have come back from 20 points behind to win.

"The players' age probably has a lot to do with it as their performances are very up and down."

The Colts have had an inconsistent season with eight wins and seven losses but have comfortably beaten second-placed Tweed Heads and the Souths Logan Magpies, whom they share third place with.

The Jets play the Wynnum Manly Seagulls in all grades tomorrow at North Ipswich

Reserve.

Last week, the Colts team beat Wests Panthers 22-14, in a messy display that was led by their pack of rugged forwards.

Prop Rhys Chapman was sensational during the match.

"Rhys is our captain and has been great for us up front this season," Bishop said.

The Jets Queensland Cup team is out of contention for the finals with their coach Glenn Lazarus likely to be in charge of the team for the last time this weekend.

But Wynnum Manly is coming off a heavy loss to Tweed Heads Seagulls and is in poor form.

Ipswich Jets Queensland Cup team: 1. Smith Samau, 2. Ramon

Filipine, 3. Esi Tonga, 4. Marshall Chalk, 5. Luke Walker, 6. Brendon Marshall, 7. Rhys Jacks, 8. Paul Stephenson, 9. Ian Lacey, 10. Sepuloni Alovili, 11. Jacob Ling, 12. Aaron Cannings, 13. Vili Fainga'a, 14. Dan Coburn, 15. Geoff Holcombe, 16. Ryan Barton, 17. Tyson Lofipo.

Ipswich Jets Colts team: 1. Eric Alefosio, 2. Chris Naidu, 3. Saunda Seumanutafa, 4. David Faamita, 5. James Furminger, 6. Josh Clelland, 7. Mitchell Range, 8. Rhys Chapman, 9. Mervyn Walker, 10. Zac Lemberg, 11. Angus Christensen, 12. Matt Avier, 13. Travis Jeans, 14. Brodie Cochrane, 15. Leslie Alovili, 16. Chris Kai, 17. James Tuiluga.



TOP SEASON: Callum Waldrum fires out a pass for Ipswich Jets. The young player was one of the bright points in the Jets' otherwise poor season.

Photo: Claudia Baxter AP1010BL

Waldrum shines out from gloomy season

By CHRIS GARRY

ONE of the few positives to come from a disastrous Ipswich Jets' season is the promise of teenage playmaker Callum Waldrum.

And the Gold Coast Titans have made the Collingwood Park product's year even better, inviting him to train with their under-20 team in the view of him playing later this season.

The man who, until recently had the wildest hair in rugby league, a Lion's mane which earned him the nick name of "Mufasa", has wowed fans all this season with sharp footwork and tricky passing stolen from Johnathan Thurston's play book.

Waldrum, 18, said he hoped to cement a spot in the Titans under-20 team for next year.

"I'm just training with them every Monday at the moment, but I really want a chance at the

their under-20s team that would be a big step," Waldrum said.

"This year has been great for me.

"I have to thank the Walker brothers especially because they really helped me with my game this year.

"I thought I would play mainly Colts, but there were some injuries in the top grade and I got my chance and I've loved it."

Waldrum attended St Laurence's College, where he played in the same teams as fellow Jet Rhys Jacks and Gold Coast Titans' player Matt Srama, who played for the Jets last year.

"I grew up playing footy with all those boys and if we could all play together at the Titans that would be great," he said.

Interest from the Titans is good and bad for Jets officials who hoped Waldrum would partner Ian Lacey in the halves

Ben Walker, Jets assistant coach, said he found it hard to believe Waldrum was not picked up by the Titans last year after an excellent season in the Colts team.

"They signed Jacks and Srama but overlooked Waldrum and to me he's just as talented if not

the season".

Waldrum will likely play half-back for the Jets until he is called up to the Titans because of Ian Lacey's injury.

"I hadn't played any halfback until this season actually, but I really enjoy it," he said.

"It's good to have the control

"I grew up playing footy with all those boys and if we could all play together at the Titans that would be great" – Callum Waldrum

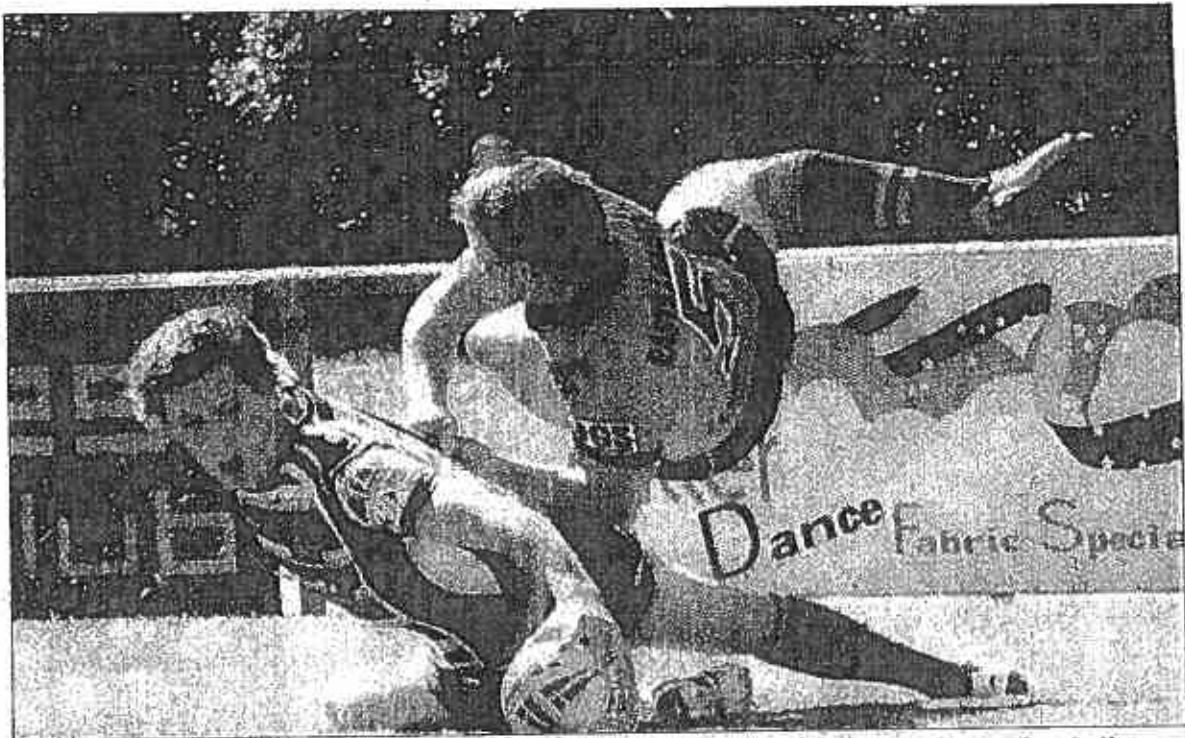
more so than those guys," Walker said. "He has come on really well for us this year and I think if he's still here next year he will be an excellent player."

Waldrum has thrown the last pass for several tries this season including a beautiful short ball while faking a long ball to William Zillman in Round 1 that

of the team and being able to lead them around the park."

The Jets have a bye this weekend before returning to North Ipswich Reserve to play the Burleigh Bears next week.

The match will be a big celebration for the Jets with both teams to wear pink jerseys in support of breast cancer



ON THE RISE: Teenage winger James Furrminger is one of several young Jets in line for a call-up to the Gold Coast Titans under-20s team.

Photo: Kathy Furrminger

Talented Colts on right track

Ipswich teens chase Titans under-20s dream

By **CHRIS GARRY**

THERE will be five to seven Ipswich junior rugby league players in the Gold Coast Titans Toyota Cup team next year.

The Titans under-20s team had an opposed session with the Jets last week in what will become a regular fixture as the Titans look to bolster its roster with up-and-coming Ipswich talent.

Titans coach Rod Patison put the Jets Colts through a rigorous training session as he judged what teenagers had the potential to reach NRL standard.

"Next season we will have at least five, maybe more, Jets Colts in our Toyota Cup team," Patison said.

"There's a lot of talent in the Colts side and that will be flowing

through to us because we are very intent on being involved in the Jets system."

Jets boom playmaker Callum Waldrum and back rower Matt Avier are both training with the Titans already and may be used in upcoming games.

But Patison said he is also looking at contracting lightning winger James Furrminger for games later this season.

"Furrminger we have wraps on and understand he has played really well this year and we expect him to be in mix soon, too," Patison said.

"With Glenn Lazarus and the Walker brothers (Ben and Shane) coaching, you know the kids will have good technique," Pattinson said.

The Titans NRL team has not

used any Jets-contracted players but the Jets have gained Rommie Alovili, Esi Tonga and Aaron Cannings back from the Titans.

Eric Alefosio could also receive a call-up once he fixes some defensive problems the Jets coaches have identified.

Jets CEO Brad Wolens said the club spoke weekly to the Titans coaches, including Trevor Gillmeister who is the unofficial link between the two teams.

"As part of the deal we struck earlier this year, the Titans under-20s will have some opposed sessions with our Colts so they can see the talent we have here," Wolens said.

The Jets Colts are the best performing team in the club and sit in fifth position, in line for a finals appearance.



EMOTIONAL MOMENT: Ipswich stalwart Danny Coburn leads out the Jets in his 250th game yesterday.

Photo: Sasha Breda

Devils spoil Coburn's incredible occasion

By CHRIS GARRY

THE Norths Devils have ruined Ipswich Jets stalwart Danny Coburn's 250th match, with a 40-22 thumping at Bishop Park.

Coburn ran on to the field holding the hands of his three young children as his fellow Jets players formed a guard of honour to mark the occasion.

Before the match Coburn, who has been with the club for 13 years after he was plucked from Leamington, was presented with a Jets jersey embroidered with the 50 figure and the date he achieved it.

But once the game started, it became obvious that Coburn's incredible milestone would not be marked with a victory as the evils cut the Jets apart out wide. The Devils' crafty hooker Asher

Elemani started for his team with sharp passing and footwork, scoring two tries in an impressive display.

The Jets were down 22-8 at the break but scored minutes after the resumption of play with Jacob Ling barging over in the corner.

But the Devils quickly quashed any hopes of a fightback when Devils veteran Shane Perry sliced through soft defence in the middle to score under the posts.

Coburn said it was an honour to run on to the field with his young children by his side.

"It was a very emotional moment for me," Coburn said.

"It was a great feeling and I want to thank the club for what it has done for me today."

Coburn said it was not for two late first half tries his team could have overcome the Devils in the

second half.

"If we could have got to the break at 10-4 down I think we could have come back strong," he said. "I didn't go how I wanted it obviously but it was just a tough game and they're a really good team."

The Jets were missing key figures Smith, Samau, Ian Lacey and Tyson Lofipo through injury but it was discipline and ball control which let them down, as players pushed passes which weren't on or had the ball knocked loose in the tackle.

Callum Waldrum returned to halfback and had a mixed performance, throwing two intercept passes but also laying on two tries through crisp face balls.

Vili Fatinga, who was watched by his brother and Wallabies hooker, Saita, scored the Jets first

try. He ran a line on a Waldrum ball to burst through before he stepped the fullback to score.

There was however one bright note to the Jets performance.

Giant prop Sepuloni "Ronnie" Aloveli scored two sensational tries, which showed the former Gold Coast Titans under-20's star has undoubted NRL potential. He will be a great asset for the Jets the back end of the season.

The 113kg Goodha Junior, who younger brother Leslie has just signed to play for the Jets from the Wests Tigers, side stepped 11 Devils defenders in a 30 metre surge for his first try before stepping over Devils in a 50 metre surge for his second.

Coburn's 250th game will be celebrated again when the Jets return to North Ipswich Reserve in two weeks to play Bulimba.

Jets win as racial claim sparks blue

Prop sent off after retaliation

By CHRIS GARRY

THE Ipswich Jets' 18-14 win over the Easts Tigers was overshadowed by a brawl sparked when a Tigers player allegedly racially abused Jets prop Aaron Cannings.

With 15 minutes left, Cannings, an eight-year NRL veteran of Tongan heritage, came out of a tackle and threw a short right which connected flush on the chin of Tigers lock Mark Offerdahl.

Players from both teams rushed in to join the melee.

When order was restored, a seething Cannings was sent from the field for striking.

But he later lodged a complaint with match officials - claiming he reacted because he was called a "black (expletive)".

A fellow Jets player near the tackle also heard the comment and has provided a written statement confirming Cannings version.

Queensland Rugby League referees manager Eddie Ward said if there was evidence to support

the alleged abuse, the Easts player would be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Otherwise, the incident may be dealt with through arbitration.

Easts Tigers CEO Des Morris said he was aware of the allegations. "I found out about the incident after the match but I am looking into it and will make further enquiries into what happened," Morris said.

After losing six matches in a row, the Jets were down to 12 men with just an eight-point lead for the remaining 15 minutes.

Despite conceding another try, the Jets managed to hold on for a gritty win at Langlands Park.

It was one of the Jets' best performances all year as they completed 84 per cent of their sets in the first half.

Smith Samau had his best game of the year at fullback but, in what has been a cruel season for the Jets, he was taken off the field with an injury late in the match.

Dropped Gold Coast Titans teenager Ronnie Alovili had his first match in the Queensland Cup



MAKING FORWARD. New Ipswich Jets signing Ronnie Alovili hits the ball in his Queensland Cup debut. Photo: Sasha Beeston

and played well off the bench.

Former Jets centre Brendon Marshall said the penalty had finally dropped for the Jets.

"Henn (Lazarus) has been telling us that all we need is to play for the 80 and once we did that, we would win and that's what happened," Marshall said.

Marshall said the Cannings incident fired up his team.

"It made us angry. But we knew we had to go overboard," he said.

"It was a pretty stupid thing to say because there's a lot of

coloured boys in this team."

Jets CEO Brad Wolens said Cannings was extremely upset by the abusive comment.

"Even after the match, he was still very hurt," Wolens said.

"He had never heard anything like it in his time in the game."

Ipswich Jets 18 (Marshall Chalk, Smith Samau, Ian Lacey tries; Keiron Lander 3 goals) **def Easts Tigers 14** (Kevin Stephensen, Dane Phillips, Ben Vaeau tries; Nathan Pill goal) at Langlands Park.

JETS TO UNLEASH EXCITING TALENT

Speedy fullback given chance

By CHRIS GARRY

A 19-year-old livewire in the mould of Preston Campbell has been handed the Ipswich Jets fullback role tomorrow as coach Glenn Lazarus makes heavy duty changes.

Colts young gun Eric Alefosio will make his run-on debut against the Northern Pride after impressing in a 15-minute cameo in the Jets' 34-14 loss to the Burleigh Bears last Sunday.

Luke Walker, who made some costly errors against Burleigh, has been moved to the wing for the North Ipswich Reserve fixture.

Another teenager, halfback Callum Waldrum (pictured), also returns to the team.

Smith Samau switches to five eighth in place of Todd Riggs.

Alefosio has been the most impressive player in his Colts team this year and their coach Mark Bishop said he could create something out of nothing.

"He's a very unpredictable player," Bishop said.

"He bobs up anywhere and he's very light on his feet so he can get through a gap well.

"He a real footballer Eric, not just an athlete."

Alefosio is in his second year

with the Jets and he played for Goodna in the Reserve Grade III, grand final last year.

Jets CEO Brad Wolens said Alefosio had great potential but his attitude to training last year cost him.

"He wasn't the best trainer last year but he's turned that around and he had a great off-season where he showed how dedicated he was," Wolens said.

"He has been earmarked as someone to get a chance in the Q Cup and he's a local junior which is great plus for the club.

"He's not afraid of the bigger guys in the top grade and has a lot of confidence about him."

Lazarus said he brought Alefosio into the squad to bolster the team's attacking potential.

The Jets have averaged just 12 points a game in their past three matches, all of which they lost.

"I'm trying some things this week to give us more attack," he said. "You can't win a footy game without scoring points and we haven't been doing a lot of that lately.

"Burleigh scored three tries against the run of play and I

thought we were very competitive with them outside of making some costly errors."

Jacob Ling also returns to action after being ruled out of last week's game with concussion.

"Lingy really shores up the middle for us and adds a lot to our side," Lazarus said.

Moses Manu retains his place in the side and is expected to play a heavy chunk of the game.

Incredibly, the Northern Pride will field nine players with significant NRL experience for tomorrow afternoon's match.

Gun North Queensland Cowboys players like Ty Williams and Carl Webb give the Pride more than 500 NRL games experience.

Ipswich Jets side to play Northern Pride at the North Ipswich Reserve tomorrow (2pm): 1. Eric Alefosio, 2. Ramon Filippine, 3. Marshall Chalk, 4. Brendon Marshall, 5. Luke Walker, 6. Smith Samau, 7. Callum Waldrum, 8. Paul Stephenson, 9. Michael Fisher, 10. Tyson Lofipo, 11. Jacob Ling, 12. Keiron Lander, 13. Adam Boettcher, 14. Dan Coburn, 15. A.J Gilbert, 16. Ryan Barton, 17. Moses Manu.



League legend angered by refs' dodgy decisions

By Chris Garry

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AUSTRALIAN league legend and 20-test veteran Glenn Lazarus says he is disgusted at the standard of refereeing in the Queensland Cup.

Lazarus also criticised the NRL's refereeing standards and said there was no consistency from game to game in either competition.

Lazarus' blast came after his team was hammered 11-2 in the penalty count in its loss to the Wynnum Manly Seagulls last weekend.

As the penalties mounted in the second half, the Seagulls scored 22 unanswered points.

"I wasn't happy with the refereeing last Sunday and I haven't been happy with it all season," Lazarus said.

"I'm absolutely disgusted by it (the standard of refereeing)."

"They do my head in. You don't know why they do half the things they do.

"It's a real issue in the Queensland Cup and the NRL as well.

"Every ref has their own interpretation and there's no consistency from game to game."

Queensland Rugby League referees boss Eddie Ward was reluctant to comment on Lazarus' opinions.

"If he's got a problem with the refs he can come and talk to me about it," Ward said.

Norths Devils coach Kevin Carmichael, who has steered his club to an unbeaten record after six matches, was also concerned at the performance of the refs.

"There have been far too many penalties around the ruck which is really frustrating for myself and the players,"



DODGY DECISIONS: Brendan Marshall on the fly in Ipswich's loss to Wynnum Manly last weekend. The Jets were on the wrong end of an 11-2 penalty count.

Photo: Sasharatz

Carmichael said.

"I think they struggle to keep up with the pace of the game and they get carried away in the ruck but that is obviously an area they have been told to focus on for this season.

"The second marker being too deep has been called a lot and most of the time the marker is fine."

"They seem to be nitpicking, looking for penalties."

The NRL has also been besieged with referee criticism and was forced to stand down two referees this week.

Ben Cummins and Gerard Sutton were dropped from this weekend's round of matches after inadvertently sin-binning the wrong player last weekend.



BOUNCING BACK: Ipswich Jet Brendan Marshall hopes a new, disciplined approach to training will earn him a starting centre's spot for Saturday's Queensland Cup opener against Easts.

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CENTRE OF ATTENTION

Marshall primed to tackle Tigers

BRENDAN Marshall has been around long enough to know the importance of timing.

And while there are no guarantees he will be in the starting XIII when the Jets take on Easts in the Queensland Cup opener at North Ipswich Reserve on Saturday, he looks to have timed his run to perfection.

An injured thumb ruled Marshall out of the Jets' trial match a fortnight ago against Souths Logan, a performance coach Glenn Lazarus described as a debacle.

He was back last week for the much improved final trial against premiers Sunshine Coast, scoring two tries and kicking three goals.

"I came back only because I knew I needed some game time," Marshall said, ignoring the injury to shine.

"I was just in the right place at the right time."

Marshall is confident if the Jets don't get any centres back from the Gold Coast Titans when they finalise their top squad, he has a

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good chance of first crack at his preferred right centre spot.

"I hope I am," he said.

"That's one of the reasons I got fitter and stronger.

"I wanted to have a better year than last year."

Marshall missed the first three rounds last season with a hamstring injury that hampered him throughout the campaign.

It left him sweating on a new contract and he was relieved to be offered a two-year deal.

He has responded by getting himself in the best shape possible and his times on the training paddock have caught the eye.

While most near 30-year-olds are slowing down, he is slashing minutes off training runs compared to last year.

"I'm a lot fitter and a lot stronger," Marshall said.

"I'm eating more sensibly.

"If your diet's right and you're doing your gym and doing the little things right - getting your

injuries looked after, your injuries come good."

Marshall's physical state is reflected by the rest of his team-mates and it can only be a good thing.

"Everyone is killing it in their skin folds and in the gym," he said.

"No-one is taking their foot off the pedal. It is giving (Lazarus) one less thing to worry about."

Marshall believes Lazarus' approach has a lot to do with the improved commitment levels.

"He is appearing a bit different," Marshall said of the second year head coach. "He's sounding more confident as head coach."

"In about November he went out to every player for a one-on-one meeting which was good."

"He put down on paper what each person's goals were and what he wanted from them."

It has worked both ways. The players have worked harder and were rewarded with a long weekend off before the serious business starts on Saturday.

ZILLMAN FIRES UP FOR JETS

A YEAR ago he was the Gold Coast's marquee signing.

But after an injury-affected 2009 in which he failed to reach expected heights, William Zillman finds himself at fullback for the far-western Queensland Cup opener against Raikow at North Ipswich Rovers on Saturday.

Zillman and hooker Marshall Chalk are the two Titans players Jets coach Glenn Lazarus has at his disposal this weekend and he's not complaining.

Chalk will play in the centres.

"They're quality footballers,"

Lazarus said. "You always welcome those types of players into the team."

"It can only enhance our prospects. I'm really happy with what we've got at the club."

While former Jet Chalk is returning to familiar ground, Lazarus is confident Zillman will slot in with no problems.

"Fullback is a position where you do a lot of roaming around in attack and look after high balls in defence," he said.

"You don't change that much and we've got him at training this Thursday and Friday."

Lazarus said the most difficult thing

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about picking his round one team was the back row.

Jacob Ling and Villi Fainga's start in the second row, with Adam Boettcher at lock with A.J. Gilbert starting from the bench.

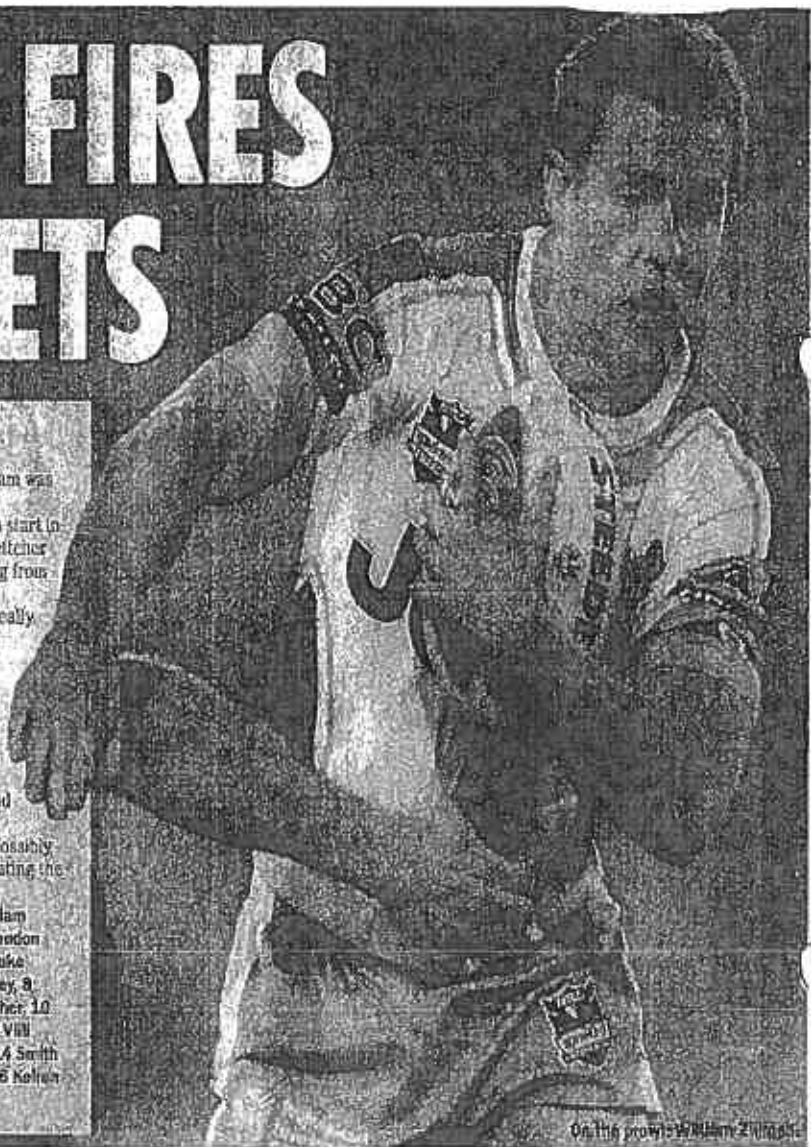
"The three in the back row really deserved their opportunity," Lazarus said.

Boettcher and Villi continually upped the ante and put pressure on a lot of guys.

"We've just got really good quality there. It was hard to find spots."

Danny Coburn is due back, possibly next weekend, further complicating the back row conundrum.

Jets team for Round 1: 1 William Zillman, 2 Renson Filippine, 3 Brendon Marshall, 4 Marshall Chalk, 5 Luke Walker, 6 Todd Riggs, 7 Jan Lacey, 8 Paul Stephenson, 9 Michael Fisher, 10 Tyson Laipo, 11 Jacob Ling, 12 Villi Fainga, 13 Adam Boettcher, 14 Smith Samau, 15 Warren Schillings, 16 Nelson Lander, 17 A.J. Gilbert.



On the prow: William Zillman



HOME RETURN: Ipswich Jets CEO Brad Wolens is happy to be back at the North Ipswich Reserve.

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Saturday night games at Reserve help Jets

THE Ipswich Jets will return to North Ipswich Reserve this season, three years after the cost of playing on the field nearly crippled them financially.

Jets CEO Brad Wolens said his club would now make a handsome profit from playing at North Ipswich, helped by a switch in match times which would hopefully attract bigger crowds.

The Jets have spent the past two seasons at Briggs Road where they made a good financial return, but crowds were smaller than previous years.

The Jets used to pay more than \$20,000 per year to Ipswich Rugby League (IRL) to play at North Ipswich, but they did not receive the profits from the canteen or bar.

"We never wanted to leave the

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Reserve, but it was killing us financially, because all we got was the gate," Wolens said.

"Coming back here is like driving your car into the driveway after a long day at work, it just feels like home."

"We last played there in the 2008 grand final, which obviously wasn't the best memory."

The Jets were able to return to North Ipswich because the Ipswich City Council bought the lease from the IRL.

"Now we get the gate, the canteen and the bar and we only have to pay \$730 a year to use the ground," Wolens said.

The Jets will play the majority of their games at 6pm on Saturday night this season, switching from

Saturday and Sunday afternoons to avoid clashing with junior sport games.

"I think the crowds would really improve when we play on Saturday night," Wolens said.

"That way families can go to their junior sports and then come straight to the ground to watch the footy."

"We made money at Briggs Rd but being back at the Reserve will be even better."

Ipswich league legends Allan Langer and the Walters brothers played many of their most memorable games at North Ipswich Reserve.

The ground hosts its first Queensland Cup game on Saturday, March 13, when the Jets play Easts Tigers at 6pm.

The Jets have several 6pm

Saturday games in the first eight rounds of the competition and one Saturday afternoon television game.

There had been concerns the timeslot would clash with IRL matches, particularly West End's.

But IRL operations manager Brendan Rose said there was no issue.

"We are working together so we both get big crowds," Rose said.

"There are no issues with the scheduling at all."

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Vital encounter for fringe Jets brigade

South Logan trial chance to impress Lazarus

By CHRIS GARRY

FRINGE Ipswich Jets players should add two more Weet-Bix to their morning breakfast meal as tonight's Queensland Cup trial match is their final chance to impress coach Glenn Lazarus.

The Jets tackle old enemy South Logan tonight at Ballymore, with both sides close to full strength.

However, the Jets will be flooded with Gold Coast Titans players for their remaining trials, ensuring fringe first-13 players must perform tonight or find themselves playing FOGS Cup first round.

Lazarus said facing the team which broke their heart in the 2008 Queensland Cup grand final would be an aspirin for his selection headaches.

"The Titans have told us we will be getting a few of their guys for next week's trial match so for a lot of blokes in our team this is their last chance to show they deserve to be there for round one," he said.

Todd Riggs has been selected at five-eighth for tonight's match,

ahead of English import Paul Mennell.

Riggs was the standout in the Jets 40-6 win over the Gold Coast Titans under-20 side at Briggs Road last week.

"I was really happy with Riggsy last week," Lazarus said.

"But he did slip off a couple of tackles and we've talked to him about that. I think he'll keep getting better in defence.

"His kicking game was really impressive and people have often said it's the one facet he lacks in his game.

"But Mennell, for his first time playing for the Jets, was impressive last week as well."

Paul Stephenson will return from injury off the bench while potential Titans players AJ Gilbert, Warren Schillings and Jacob Ling will also feature in the Jets line-up.

Some positions in the Jets side are already settled.

Injury-plagued utility Luke Walker will get first chance at the fullback position with Smith Samau a possible replacement.

GAME ON

Ipswich Jets v Souths Logan Magpies at Ballymore, 6pm tonight: Luke Walker, Ramon Phillipine, Moses Manu, Smith Samau, Jnr Sovala, Todd Riggs, Ian Lacey, Warren Schillings; Kieron Lander, Taikaha Brown, AJ Gilbert, Adam Boettcher, Danny Coburn; Interchange: Michael Fisher, James Furminger, Diego Coydre, Cameron Woo, Jacob Ling, Villi Fiangaa, Paul Stephenson, Tyson Lofipo, Paul Mennell.

Ian Lacey will be halfback and Paul Stephenson and Ryan Barton will load the front row while Danny Coburn is set to begin the first round at lock.

But all other positions are waiting for players to stake their claims.

Lazarus said Walker was one of his most improved players and deserved first crack at the custodian position.

"He's had some injury setbacks but through that he has really come on and improved dramatically and he will be our fullback for Round 1," Lazarus said.

The Jets backline tonight is stacked with size. Three of the side's outside backs Moses Manu,

Smith Samau and Ramon Phillipine all weigh more than 105kg.

Lazarus said he never intended to have such size in his backline. "I didn't set out to get a huge backline for this season at all, but I'm not complaining that we do," he said.

"The size we have in the backs will cause a lot of problems this year and it will be difficult for teams to line up against us."

Fans should watch for the debut of former ACT Brumbies and Queensland Reds flyer Junior Sovala.

Reports suggest the flashy winger would be among the quickest players in the Queensland Cup.

Veteran pivot determined to earn a start

RIGGS BACK IN CONTROL

TODD Riggs knows to take nothing for granted.

Bitter experience has taught him that injuries can strike at the wrong time and being the best at one level doesn't mean you get a shot at the next.

At the moment, the Ipswich Jets stalwart is just relieved to be training again and in full health.

He missed much of last season with a torn medial ligament then dislocated his knee "mucking around" early in the off-season.

Now fit and firing, the 2009 FOGS Cup player of the year is primed for a shot at the top grade.

"It is a little bit open but Lazo (coach Glenn Lazarus) has a few options there so it will be interesting to see how he goes," Riggs said of his chances of getting a crack at a Queensland Cup start.

The Jets have English half Paul Mennell on the books but Riggs won't be drawn into what he thinks of his potential competitor.

"We'll have to wait and see how he goes in the games," Riggs said. "He trains well."

Mennell is a halfback who can

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play five-eighth, Riggs a five-eighth who can play half.

With Ian Lacey certain to nail either the halfback or hooker's role, it could come down to which pair strikes up the best combination.

"I'll play wherever I'm told," Riggs said. "In the halves, six or seven is no different. It's just a number on your back."

"(Lazarus is) probably going to lean towards one guy who likes to attack the line and who is more of an instinct player."

"My role is really to guide the team around the park and try to be as controlled as possible for 80 minutes."

While he won't concede this is his make or break season, the 27-year-old admits the physical demands are getting harder each year.

"It's just a matter of ... as soon as I feel the body's not up to it or the footy's not good enough for the FOGS, I'll give up and look to start coaching."

"It's getting harder, I'll tell you that much."

That hasn't stopped Riggs doing what was needed to get up to speed with the rest of the Jets squad.

"Before Christmas I was not really prepared for much training but by the time of the first trial, I will be good to go," he said.

That's three weeks away against the Gold Coast Titans under-20s.

The St Peter Claver College school teacher is confident he can do the job if given the chance, which he wasn't last year.

"I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't think I could," he said.

"I still think I've got a bit to offer in the (Queensland) Cup."

Not that he's holding any grudges for not getting a start in the top side last season.

"Last year I was playing really good footy when I did my medial ligament in round three," he said.

"Then I was playing some good footy by the end of the season."

"But by that stage of the season you've got to go with the (Queensland) Cup side you've got."

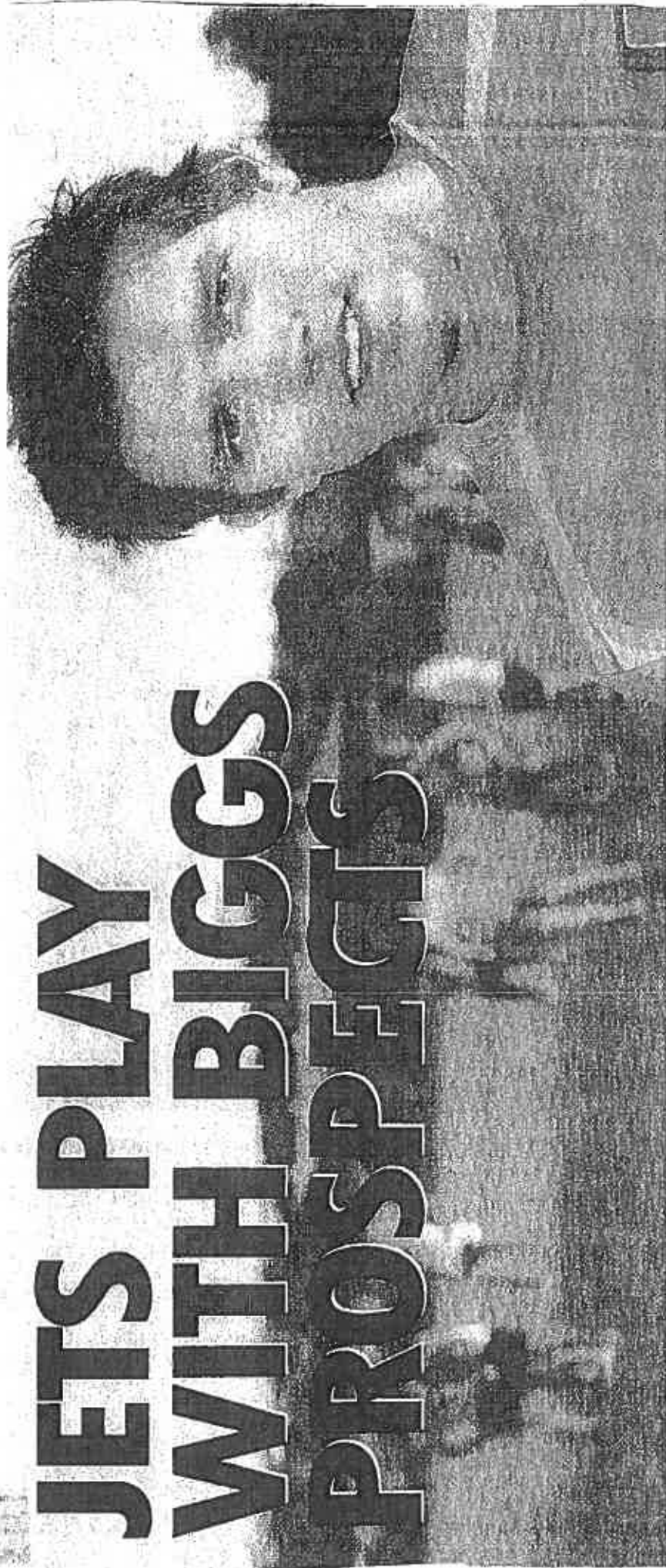
"You don't chop and change in round 15."



HARD YARDS: Ipswich Jet Todd Riggs puts in at pre-season training.

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JETS PLAY WITH BIGGS PROSPECTS



TOP CHANCE: Jarrod Biggs, last season's IRL player of the year, starts at fullback for the Ipswich Jets FOGS Cup team's opening game against Easts.

Photo: Sarah Keayes JA1310AL

WILLIAM Zillman's demotion from the Gold Coast Titans to the Ipswich Jets this weekend could have spelt bad news for Jarrod Biggs.

But Biggs must have done something right as he held his spot at the back for the Jets FOGS Cup team to play Easts tomorrow, despite Zillman being named the Jets Queensland Cup fullback.

Luke Walker, who has been starting at fullback for the Queensland Cup team during trials moves to the wing.

Biggs' selection came in spite of his own modest appraisal of his trial form.

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"There were good patches and mistakes, as there always is in trials," he said.

It was not through lack of effort on Biggs' part. "Since Christmas I've tried really hard to commit to it, switch on a bit and improve," he said.

Biggs credits FOGS coach Rhett Trone with helping him and the team play some good football.

"We've lost (our trials) but we've started to come good," the 2009 Ipswich Rugby League (IRL) player of the year said.

"Once we started to do what

Rhett is teaching us.

"It is hard in trial games, there are a lot of changes."

Biggs played Queensland Cup in 2006 but has noticed the huge rise in standards since then.

"Back then FOGS was a lot weaker," he said. "FOGS Cup players now would have been playing Q Cup back then."

"I think that level just seems to be getting stronger and stronger."

"It is a massive step up from the IRL. The guys you are playing against are athletes, they're all big and strong."

"I'm still getting used to it.

"There are not many times after

games in the IRL where you have injuries in corks.

"After our first two trials I was struggling to get out of bed."

Biggs has been working hard to bulk up but is struggling to put weight onto his 83kg frame.

"I want to play my best footy in FOGS and be at the stage where week-in, week-out I'm playing my best footy," he said. "I want to get my standard and ability up."

Yet Biggs is not harbouring thoughts of an elevation to the Queensland Cup squad just yet.

"It would be pretty optimistic to think about getting picked in the Q Cup," he said.

"The physical education student won't be just waiting at the back for things to happen."

He was judged the IRL's best last season because of the way he cut opposition defences to shreds when he got involved around the rucks, running into gaps.

"I don't want to be out there waiting for the footy," Biggs said.

"The way (Trone) wants me to

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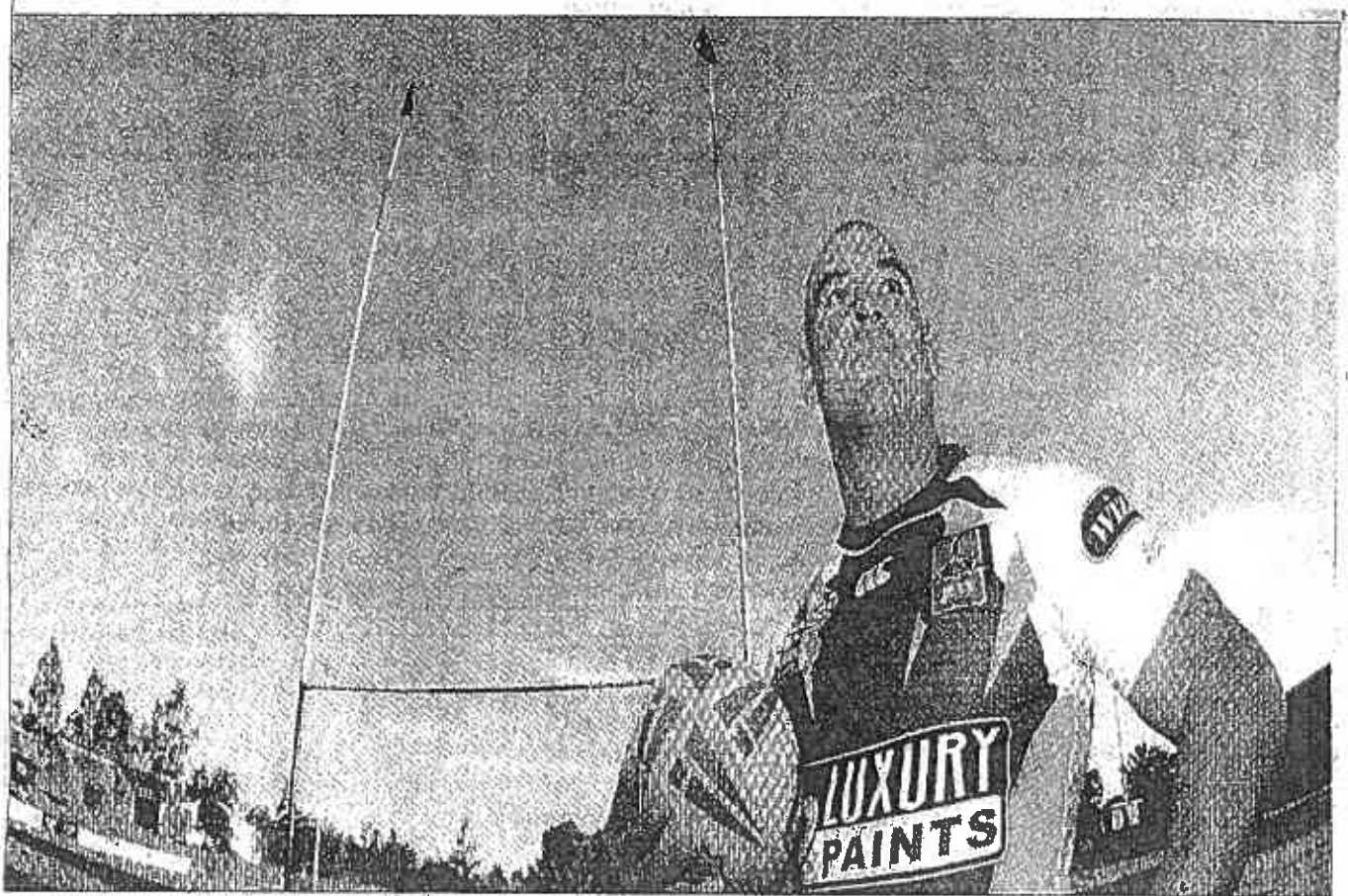
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BETTER BEGINNING: Danny Coburn says the Ipswich Jets have all the elements in place for a successful season.

Jets' first goal is a solid start

FORWARD leader Dan Coburn says the Ipswich Jets will set simple goals ahead of the new Queensland Cup season in a bid to avoid a repeat of the side's diabolical start to 2009.

The Jets crashed to five straight losses at the begin-

ning of last season before rallying late to narrowly miss the finals.

With the side set to open the campaign against Easts on Saturday, March 13, Coburn said the importance of a good start was not lost on him.

"(Our start) probably cost us a semi-final spot last year. We definitely need to improve on that," said Coburn, returned to training with his teammates on January 4 after a two-week Christmas break.

"We will have a meeting

where we will sit down and set goals. We sort of set ourselves specific goals each month, like how many we can win."

Coburn said the squad's new additions, such as former Queensland Red A.J. Gilbert and Celtic Cru-

saders recruit Marshall Chalk, had "gelled really well" since training began in November.

"I've been impressed by everybody. We kept the core of our team last year. The guys we have signed this year will build on that."

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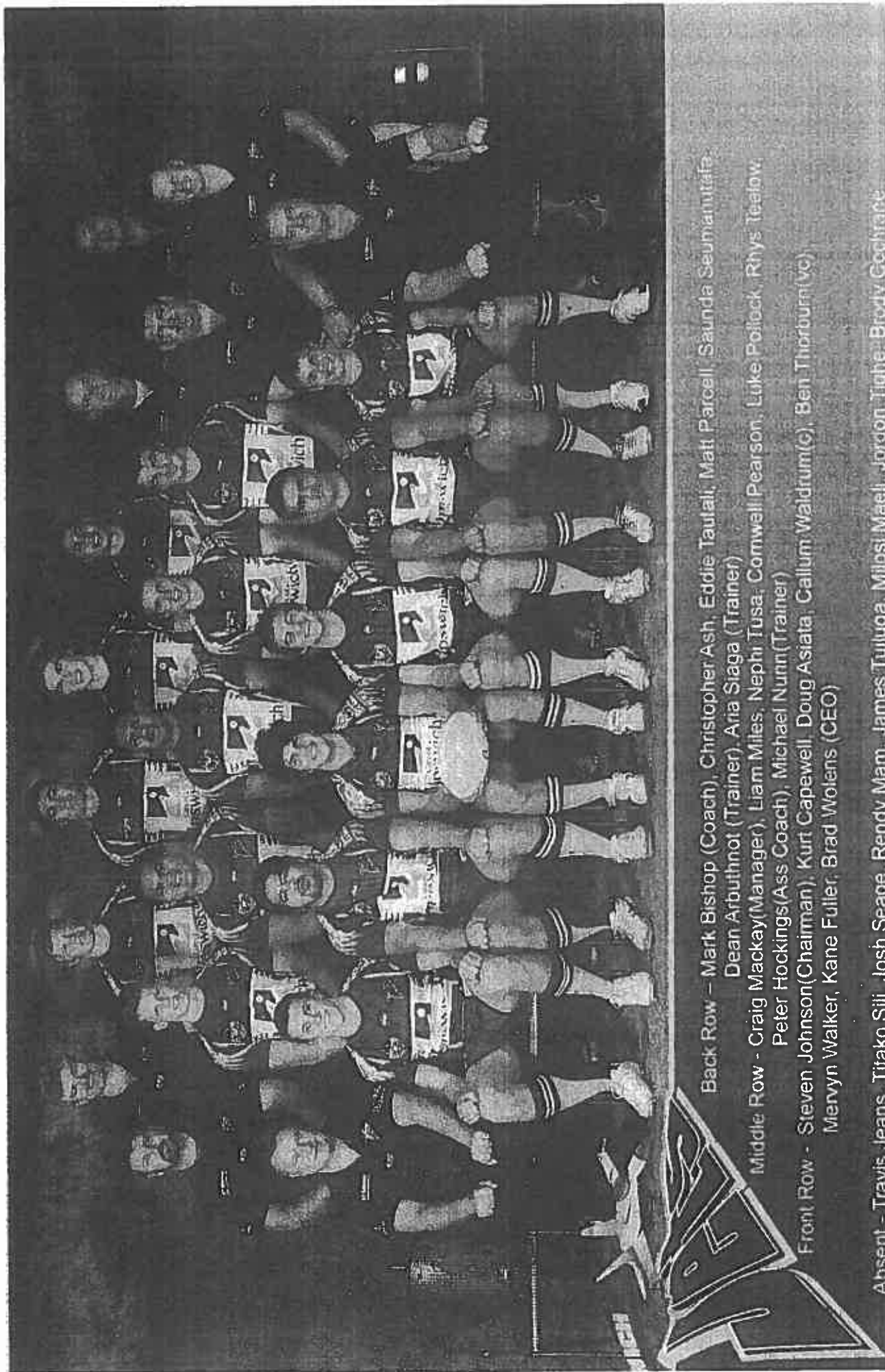
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R1:- 19/20 March			SCORE
Sat. Norths v Mackay*	2.00	6 - 16	
Sat. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	16 - 16	
Sat. Central v Pride	6.00	10 - 36	
Sun. Burleigh v Sun Coast	3.00	32 - 10	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe	3.00	16 - 22	
Sun. Sths Logan v Tweed Hds	3.00	12 - 26	

R2:- 26/27 March			SCORE
Sat. Redcliffe v Easts*	2.00	28 - 24	
Sat. Sths Logan v Central	4.00	22 - 12	
Sat. Pride v Wynnum	5.30	29 - 6	
Sat. Burleigh v Ipswich	5.00	20 - 20	
Sun. Mackay v Sun Coast	2.00	36 - 12	
Sun. Norths v Tweed Hds	3.00	10 - 32	

R3:- 2/3 April			SCORE
Sat. Wynnum v Sths Logan*	2.00	24 - 44	
Sat. Easts v Pride	3.00	16 - 26	
Sat. Ipswich v Sun Coast	5.00	44 - 6	
Sat. Central v Norths	6.00	0 - 34	
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	2.30	28 - 4	
Sun. Tweed v Mackay	3.30	46 - 20	

R4:- 9/10 April			SCORE
Sat. Redcliffe v Sun Coast*	2.00	52 - 12	
Sat. Tweed Hds v Central	3.30	26 - 22	
Sun. Ipswich v Mackay	1.30	32 - 12	
Sun. Burleigh v Pride	2.00	6 - 30	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	2.30	20 - 10	
Sun. Sths Logan v Easts	3.00	26 - 32	

R5:- 16/17 April			SCORE
Sat. Wynnum v Tweed Hds*	2.00	10 - 30	
Sat. Easts v Norths	3.00	28 - 34	
Sat. Pride v Sun Coast	5.30	60 - 10	
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	6.00	22 - 44	
Sat. Central v Mackay	6.00	24 - 32	
Sun. Sths Logan v Burleigh	3.00	4 - 24	

R6:- 23/30 April & 1 May			SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Pride*	2.00	12 - 12	
Sat. Burleigh v Norths*	2.00	20 - 18	
Sat. Central v Wynnum	6.00	13 - 12	
Sun. Redcliffe v Mackay	2.00	16 - 10	
Sun. Sths Logan v Sun Coast	3.00	62 - 24	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Easts	3.30	18 - 12	

R7:- 7/8 May			SCORE
Sat. Easts v Central*	2.00	22 - 26	
Sun. Pride v Redcliffe	2.00	36 - 28	
Sun. Mackay v Wynnum	2.00	12 - 14	
Sun. Norths v Sun Coast	3.00	30 - 6	
Sun. Sths Logan v Ipswich	3.00	16 - 32	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Burleigh	3.30	33 - 32	

R8:- 14/15 May			SCORE
Sat. Burleigh v Central*	2.00	34 - 22	
Sun. Mackay v Pride	3.00	22 - 18	
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	3.00	30 - 46	
Sun. Sun Coast v Tweed Hds	3.00	10 - 44	
Sun. Redcliffe v Sths Logan	3.00	18 - 25	
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	36 - 6	

R9:- 21/22 May			SCORE
Sat. Norths v Redcliffe*	2.00	12 - 32	
Sat. Easts v Mackay	3.00	18 - 6	
Sat. Pride v Sths Logan	5.30	36 - 6	
Sat. Central v Sun Coast	6.00	34 - 16	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	26 - 4	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Ipswich	3.30	18 - 8	

R10:- 28/29 May			SCORE
Sat. Redcliffe v Tweed Hds*	2.00	12 - 22	
Sat. Ipswich v Central	5.00	40 - 12	
Sat. Pride v Norths	5.30	24 - 18	
Sun. Sths Logan v Mackay	2.30	26 - 10	
Sun. Burleigh v Easts	3.00	32 - 0	
Sun. Sun Coast v Wynnum	3.00	14 - 32	

R11:- 4/5 June			SCORE
Sat. Tweed Hds v Pride*	2.00	26 - 12	
Sat. Sun Coast v Easts	2.00	28 - 38	
Sat. Central v Redcliffe	6.00	18 - 44	
Sun. Mackay v Burleigh	2.00	6 - 7	
Sun. Norths v Sths Logan	3.00	0 - 40	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	12 - 12	

R12:- 10/11/12 June			SCORE
Fri. Pride v Central	7.00	22 - 30	
Fri. Sun Coast v Burleigh	7.30	6 - 24	
Sat. Ipswich v Easts*	2.00	22 - 24	
Sun. Mackay v Norths	2.00	26 - 6	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	19 - 18	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Sths Logan	3.00	17 - 10	

R13:- 17/18/19 June			SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v Burleigh	7.30	40 - 4	
Sat. Wynnum v Pride*	2.00	30 - 28	
Sat. Easts v Redcliffe	3.00	8 - 14	
Sat. Central v Sths Logan	6.00	10 - 12	
Sat. Sun Coast v Mackay	6.30	22 - 24	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Norths	3.00	38 - 12	

R14:- 25/26 June			SCORE
Sat. Burleigh v Redcliffe*	2.00	22 - 30	
Sat. Sun Coast v Ipswich	2.00	22 - 12	
Sat. Pride v Easts	5.30	32 - 16	
Sun. Mackay v Tweed Hds	2.00	10 - 10	
Sun. Norths v Central	2.30	34 - 40	
Sun. Sths Logan v Wynnum	3.00	22 - 18	

R15:- 8/9/10 July			SCORE
Fri. Pride v Burleigh	7.00	25 - 25	
Sat. Sun Coast v Redcliffe*	2.00	6 - 10	
Sat. Easts v Sths Logan	3.00	14 - 24	
Sat. Central v Tweed Hds	7.30	20 - 34	
Sun. Mackay v Ipswich	2.00	10 - 56	
Sun. Wynnum v Norths	3.00	54 - 10	

R16:- 15/16/17 July			SCORE
Fri. Sun Coast v Pride	7.30	10 - 20	
Sat. Burleigh v Sths Logan*	2.00	6 - 30	
Sun. Mackay v Central	2.00	24 - 12	
Sun. Norths v Easts	3.00	24 - 14	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich	3.00	19 - 20	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Wynnum	3.00	48 - 8	

R17:- 23/30/31 July			SCORE
Sat. Easts v Tweed Hds*	2.00	14 - 32	
Sun. Mackay v Redcliffe	2.00	17 - 16	
Sat. Norths v Burleigh*	2.00	32 - 8	
Sat. Pride v Ipswich	5.30	36 - 20	
Sun. Sun Coast v Sths Logan	3.00	18 - 28	
Sun. Wynnum v Central	3.00	48 - 12	

R18:- 6/7 August			SCORE
Sat. Wynnum v Mackay*	2.00	22 - 12	
Sat. Sun Coast v Norths	2.00	14 - 24	
Sat. Ipswich v Sths Logan	3.00	20 - 26	
Sat. Central v Easts	6.00	36 - 22	
Sun. Redcliffe v Pride	2.00	0 - 14	
Sun. Burleigh v Tweed Hds	3.15	10 - 16	

R19:- 13/14 August			SCORE
Sat. Sths Logan v Redcliffe*	2.00	18 - 16	
Sat. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	36 - 22	
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	3.00	26 - 16	
Sat. Pride v Mackay	5.30	30 - 10	
Sun. Central v Burleigh	1.30	22 - 20	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Sun Coast	3.00	31 - 20	

R20:- 20/21 August			SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Tweed Hds*	2.00	4 - 11	
Sat. Sths Logan v Pride	4.00	40 - 22	
Sat. Mackay v Easts	6.30	14 - 16	
Sat. Sun Coast v Central	6.30	46 - 16	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.00	12 - 32	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	24 - 12	

R21:- 27/28 August			SCORE
Sat. Tweed Hds v Redcliffe*	2.00	10 - 4	
Sat. Easts v Burleigh	3.00	10 - 6	
Sat. Mackay v Sths Logan	6.30	20 - 34	
Sat. Central v Ipswich	6.00	10 - 16	
Sun. Norths v Pride	3.00	22 - 32	
Sun. Wynnum v Sun Coast	3.00	28 - 16	

R22:- 2/3/4 September			SCORE
Fri. Pride v Tweed Hds	7.00	16 - 10	
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum*	2.00	40 - 10	
Sat. Redcliffe v Central	2.00	38 - 24	
Sat. Easts v Sun Coast	3.00	42 - 22	
Sat. Burleigh v Mackay	5.30	30 - 20	
Sun. Sths Logan v Norths	3.00	30 - 28	

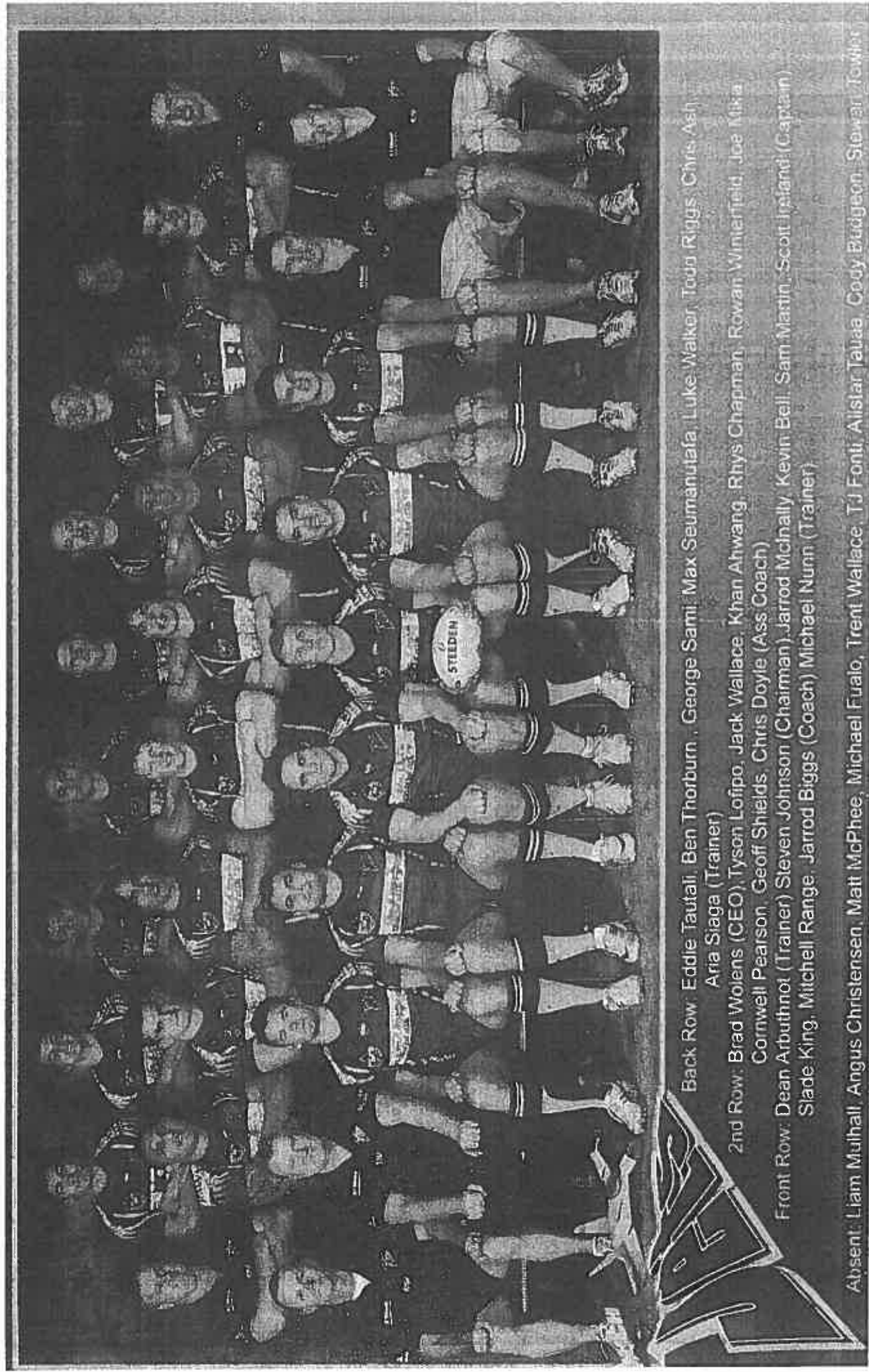
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Aria Siaga (Trainer)
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Cornwell Pearson, Geoff Shields, Chris Doyle (Ass Coach)
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Absent: Liam Mulhall, Angus Christensen, Matt McPhee, Michael Fualo, Trent Wallace, TJ Fonti, Alistar Taula, Cody Budgeon, Stewart Towler

**JAYSON REGO**

Age: 24
Position: Wing/fullback
Weight: 86kg
Height: 175cm

JOSHUA RICE

Age: 24
Position: Back row
Weight: 97kg
Height: 185cm

MEANING BUSINESS: Jayson Rego and Joshua Rice are the new US players for the Ipswich Jets.

Photo: Sarah Harvey

Rego and Rice form US package for Jets

By JAY BUCHAN

FOR the Ipswich Jets' two newest recruits, their own expectations may seriously exceed the club's.

As they experienced their first Christmas in Australia, Jayson Rego and Joshua Rice revealed their desire to play at the highest level.

The two former US football players from Hawaii were first introduced to rugby union by a friend.

When a four-team rugby league competition kicked off in Hawaii, they both joined and did well enough to get invited by US and former Penrith Panthers coach Matthew Elliot to try out for the national team.

Elliot is a good friend of Jets chairman Steve Johnson who is also the US rugby league development manager.

It was in that capacity that he introduced Rego and Rice, both on the fringes of the national team, to the Jets for a year.

Johnson thinks the two may push for a spot in the Jets' Queensland Cup team towards the end of the 2012 season if they progress well.

Rego was previously a running back for the University of Hawaii, which competed in the top division of US college football.

"I trialed for the pro-league and did okay," he said.

"But I ended up getting hurt, fell into rugby league and fell in love with it."

It was a similar story for his long-time friend Rice.

"Me and Josh go way back," the 24-year-old Rego said.

"We've known each other since the first days at university.

"We were recruited to play gridiron together and have been good friends ever since."

Now both share a similar goal in rugby league – to make it as far as possible, starting with the Jets in 2012.

"We did a lot of conditioning and stuff so I

learned a lot about that," Rego said of his brief time with the Jets so far.

"I've learned a lot so far.

"I'm hoping to learn enough to make it in the top grade.

"It will take a lot of hard work and perseverance.

"As long as I keep working, hopefully I'll get there."

Rice hopes to go further than just the Queensland Cup, with ambitions to one day play in the NRL.

"I definitely need to improve my instincts for the game," he said.

"Players here have been playing since they were four or five years old. I've been playing for a year."

Rego rates his running skills his greatest attribute and thinks Rice's defence is the strong point of his game.

"I'd say his hitting," Rego said of Rice.

"He's a great tackler."

Yet it is tackling the back-rower rates as the biggest adjustment he has

had to make playing league.

"In American football, you've got all the pads and helmet on so you don't really have to think about where you put your head or body," Rice said. "In rugby, if you put your head in the wrong place, you get knocked out."

The fitness levels required for league are also a lot different to US football, with much greater aerobic stamina required.

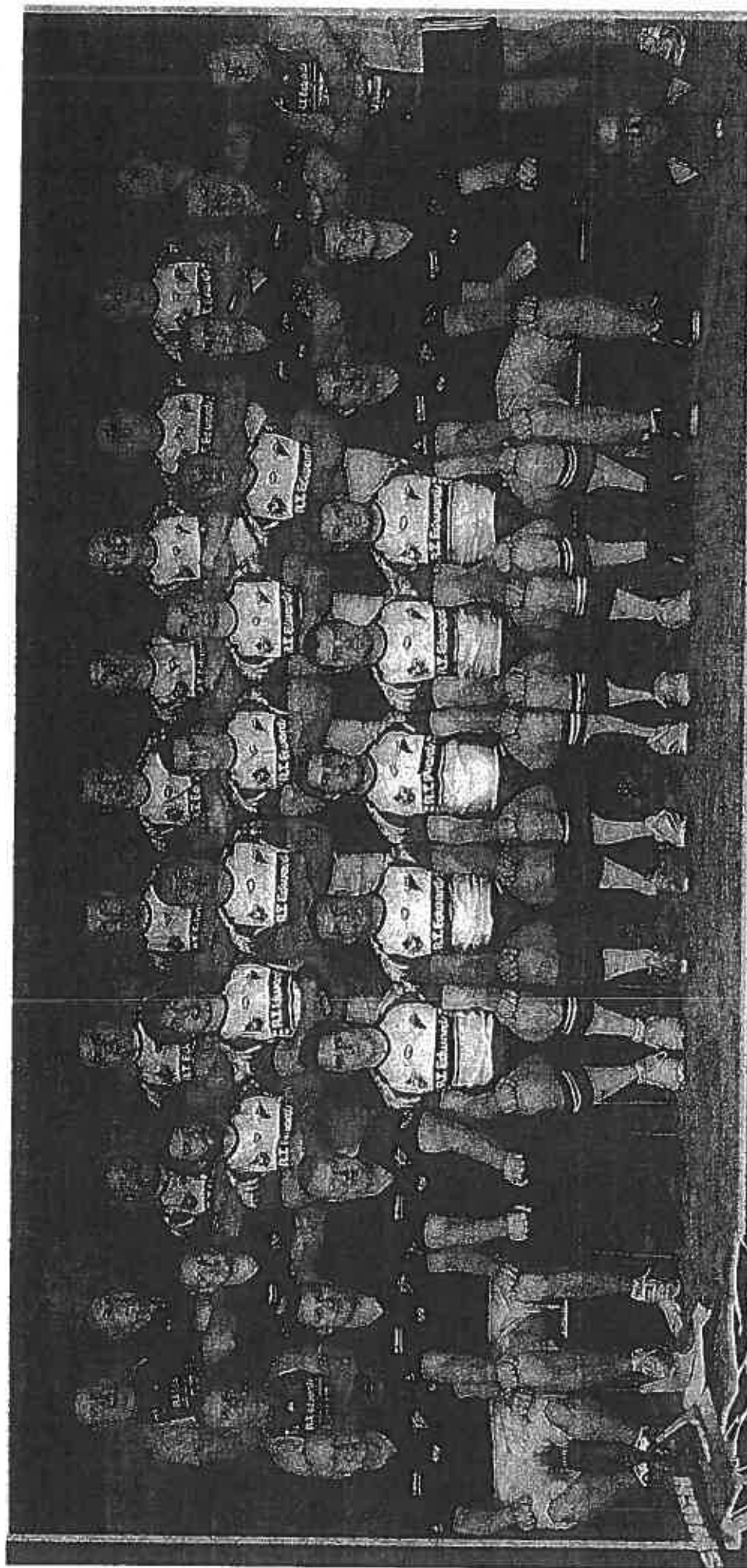
"You need to be a lot fitter and in better running shape," Rice said.

Rice is confident his year spent with the Jets will put him in good stead to earn a place in the US World Cup squad.

"Definitely," he said.

"Because playing with the Jets, I learn a lot of things others might not. Also the competition here is so high.

"When you're amongst others at a high level, you bring yourself up to that level."



Back Row - Chris Doyle (Trainer), Darren Lingard (Manager), Ian Lacey, Slade King, Michael Fisher, Brendon Lindsay,
 Luke Walker, Todd Riggs, Lorenzo Maafu, Max Seumanulafa, Aria Slaga (Trainer)
 Middle Row - Dean Arbuthnot (Trainer), Michael Nunn (Video & Trainer), Nathaniel Neale, Rowan Winterfield, Ramon Filipine,
 Liam Capewell, Jarrod McNally, Tyson Lofipo, Matthew Barradeen (Level 2 Sports Trainer), Brad Wolens (CEO),
 Adam Boettcher (Trainer)
 Sitting - Jim Landy (Ass Manager), Ben Walker (co Coach), Steven Johnson (Chairman), Sam Martin, Trevor Exton, Keiron Lander (Captain),
 Marshall Chalk (Vice Captain), Jacob Ling, Shane Walker (co Coach), Ben French (Physio)
 Insert - Donald Malone
 Absent - Luke Capewell, Brendon Marshall, Brad Meyers, Smith Samau, Sam Tagataese, Joseph Tomane, Esi Tonga, Matthew White,
 Dr Roy Saunders, Dave Wilkinson (Wrestling), Chris Weir (Conditioner)



ON THE MOVE: Ipswich's Lorenzo Maafu. (Inset) Luke Capewell.

Capewell's departure creates opportunities

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RUGBY LEAGUE: With Luke Capewell signed to the Brisbane Broncos for the 2011 competition, the backline arsenal for the Ipswich Jets will take a hit.

Ipswich Jets CEO Brad Wolens is confident there are many young guns waiting in the wings, ready to fill the gap left by Capewell at fullback.

"There is evidence over the past number of years that the Jets have developed players to the NRL sides and it's imperative that we continue to produce players to that level," Wolens said.

"If you don't have that then we are obviously doing something wrong. It's important people see the Jets are here as a pathway to the NRL.

"In our Colts, we've got some real good kids. Josh Seage and Matt Parcell are a couple of kids on the way up."

"It (Capewell signed to Broncos) leaves the door open for these kids to realise if they keep working hard on development skills, they can move forward."

Capewell is excited to cement a consistent role in the NRL but is proud of his achievements at the Ipswich Jets.

"Coach Griffin (Broncos) rang me up and watched me play for the Jets. He said he was interested in me and wanted to offer an opportunity at the Broncos. I



Magpie Phil Dennis



Ipswich's Ramon Filippine

have to go there (Broncos) and back myself and see what I can do. I'm looking forward to training with Petero (Civoniceva) and the young guys."

The Jets lost 26-20 to Souths Logan on Saturday and play Norths this Saturday at North Ipswich Reserve.



BREATHING FIRE: Former Ipswich forward Jacob Ling has been snapped up by the St George Illawarra Dragons. Photo: Claudia Baxter

Ling leaves Jets for final shot at the NRL

By JAY BUCHAN

THE Ipswich Jets will be without one of their best from recent seasons, with Jacob Ling heading south to link up with the St George Illawarra Dragons.

He will begin with Dragons feeder club Illawarra Steelers as he recovers from recent shoulder surgery.

"I'm looking forward to a new challenge," Ling said from Wollongong where he was looking for a place to live.

"But it will be sad to leave the club."

In his three seasons at the Jets, the Newcastle product proved himself one of the club's most reliable forwards.

But after training with the Gold Coast Titans in the 2010 pre-season and trialling with them once, nothing further eventuated.

So when the Dragons came knocking, Ling was eager to grasp the opportunity.

"I got a call out of the blue," Ling said of his two-year contract with St George

Illawarra.

"I wouldn't have thought about leaving Ipswich if I hadn't."

"It made me sit up and listen."

"I'm not getting any younger and opportunities like that don't come along too often."

Ling harbours no animosity towards the Titans, despite their lack of interest.

"That's just the way things go," he said.

"That's footy."

Ling credits the Jets with turning him into a footballer ready for the NRL challenge.

"Definitely they've helped my game improve in all aspects," the skilful ball-playing forward said.

"I've had to mature as a player a bit."

"It is a credit to the Walker boys for their help."

"I saw this as an opportunity but I couldn't speak more highly of the Jets."

"This is my last shot at it (making it in the NRL)."

"If it doesn't work out, so be

it.

"I've got no regrets."

Ling knows he will be at a disadvantage to most of his team-mates, missing most of the pre-season due to his shoulder.

But he has been told performance will be rewarded.

"They pretty much told me there's a new coach so if you are the best in the team, they'll pick you," Ling said.

"If the opportunity comes, they'll give you a shot. I'm not after any promises."

Ling will not be lacking any motivation.

Being completely removed from his comfort zone means he will do all he can to impress.

"You go down there and no-one knows anything about you," he said.

"You've got to prove yourself from the word go."

The Jets have also lost the services of prop Trevor Exton who has joined Norths Devils for 2012.

However, the Jets have

JACOB LING

Height: 185cm

Weight: 104kg

Date of birth: October 2, 1987

Position: Second row

Junior clubs: West

Newcastle Knights

First senior club:

Newcastle Knights

Representative history:

New South Wales U17s

and U19s

Footy hero: Paul Harragon

Favourite music: RnB, Top 40

Favourite food: Steak

announced the signing of 2011 Queensland Cup player of the year, former Norths fullback Jarvan White.

He will be joined by prop Mark Appleton, formerly on the books with the Canberra Raiders, and forward Ethan Taffi.

Taffi is a former Ipswich junior who has returned after three years with the Wests Tigers.

JETS' TOP SCALP

By CHRIS GARRY

Ipswich grabs best Queensland Cup win of season

LAST weekend, Keiron Lander hunted 10 pigs in west Queensland. Yesterday, the Ipswich Jets skipper added the Souths Logan Magpies' scalp to his trophy cabinet.

The Jets notched a rare 32-16 win at the Magpies' traditional home ground of Davies Park in West End.

The Jets won the ruck battle and kept quiet their opposition's lethal outside backs, which included Queensland State of Origin squad member Daniel Vidot.

The win was the Jets' most impressive this season, considering the calibre of players in the Magpies line-up.

The Magpies sat one rung below them on the Queensland Cup ladder and the Jets' win ensures they remain in fourth with four wins, three draws and one loss.

Despite coming off a bye week, the Jets rushed out of the gates to score the first try and lead 20-4 at halftime.

Lander said the week off worked wonders for his team and him.

STATE OF PLAY

Ipswich Jets 32 (Ramon Filipline 2, Luke Capewell 2, Michael Fisher 2, Brendon Marshall tries; Brendon Marshall, Luke Capewell goals) def **Souths Logan 16** (Mick Picker 3 tries; Mick Picker 2 goals) at Davies Park.

Turning point: Fifteen minutes into the match and with scores locked at 4-4, the Magpies were pounding the Jets' line with repeat sets. The Magpies flung the ball through the backline to five-eighth Mick Picker who stepped to the outside of his opponent to create a two-on-one. Left in no-man's land, Jets' winger Brendon Marshall picked his moment, charged on to Picker's pass, snatched it out of mid-air and raced 90 metres to score. If Marshall missed the intercept, Souths would likely have led 10-4.

After yesterday's win, the Jets are in fourth (nine points) behind Tweed Heads (14), Northern Pride (13) and Redcliffe (12). Full results review page 20.

"I injured my knee pretty badly a couple of weeks ago, but I went out last weekend hunting and fishing on a property out west and bagged about 10 pigs and that seemed to do the trick," Lander said. "It's good at this time of the year to get that time off to freshen up."

The Magpies only scored one

team-constructed try.

Their other two tries came through a kick and scooping up a dropped ball from the Jets to race 20 metres and score.

Lander said his team's defence built the win.

"We defended well. Our ball control was probably down but it's always tough to come here to

Souths' home and get a win, but we are building," he said.

"They have a solid team and we were just trying to work on our own platform for this season.

"We had a few errors in the second half, but it's always tough when you're 20-4 up at halftime and trying to build again. It's definitely a mind game and something we need to work on.

"In the second half, a few things went their way and not ours, but the same thing happened to us in the first half. If we control the football better, we will keep going forward.

"If we stick to what we know works, we go well, but when we try to do something different, it stuffs up."

While the Jets fielded three Gold Coast Titans players - Joseph Tomane, Luke Capewell and Sam Tagataese - their best players were the club regulars.

Superb lock forward Lorenzo Maafu continued his excellent season, with gritty runs through the middle and a handful of

off-loads.

Prop Trevor Exton had his best game for the Jets since returning from England.

Hard-working hooker Michael Fisher was also among the Jets' best, scoring two tries, both dummy-half darts five metres out from the try line.

Luke Capewell played five-eighth in place of an unlucky Brendon Lindsay.

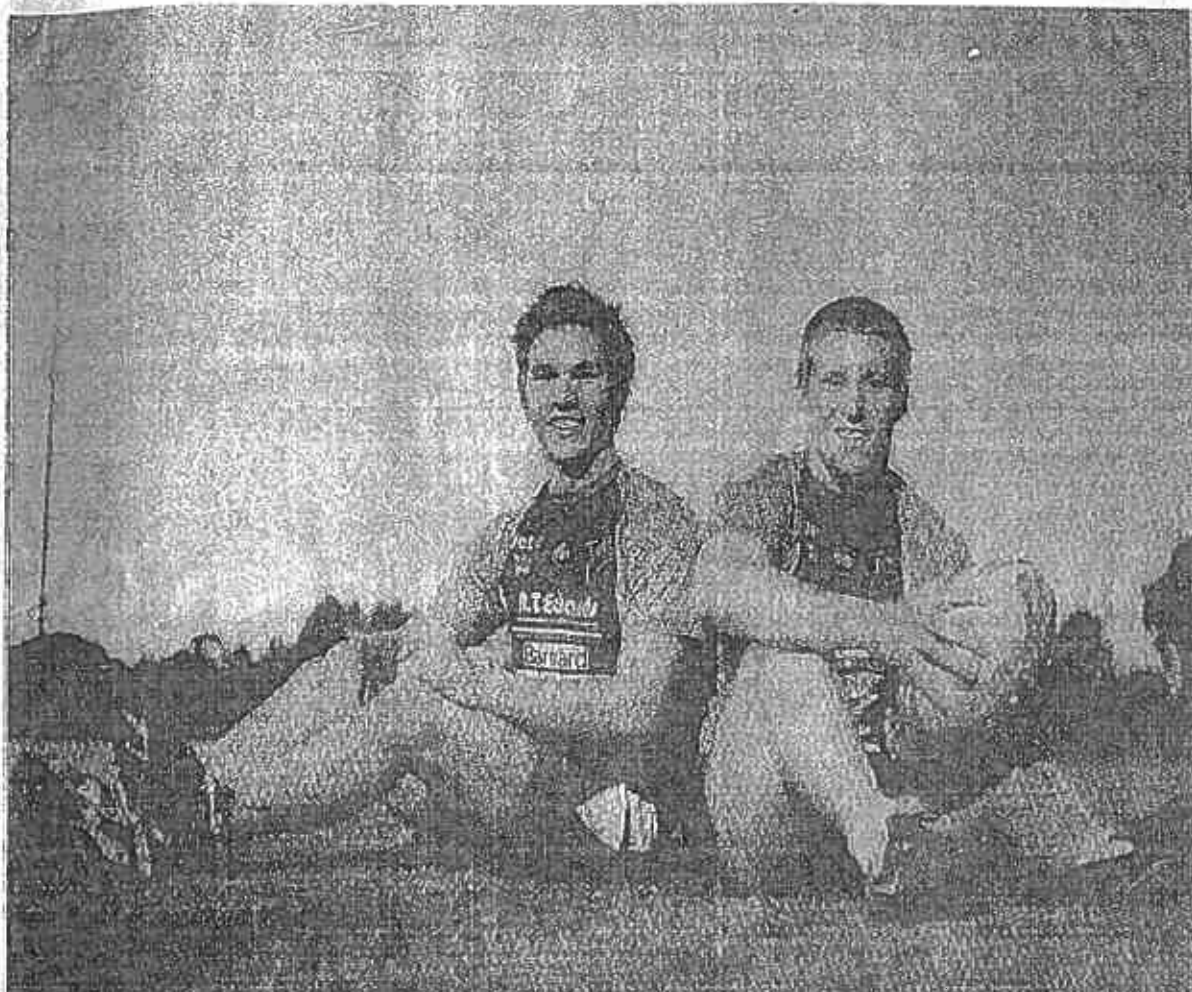
Capewell was everywhere, with excellent line running and support play to bag two tries.

He will surely be back in Titans' colours soon after that club lost yet another game yesterday.

The only sore point for the Jets was their poor goal-kicking.

The green brigade kicked just two goals from seven attempts with four players having shots at the posts.

It has been a problem all season and one which will continue to plague the team unless either Brendon Marshall or Jacob Ling returns to form with the boot.



NO FEAR: Jets players Matt Parcell (left) and Ethan Ellison have played well above their young ages for the Ipswich Jets Colts this season.

YOUNG JETS ON COURSE TO TOP

By JAY BUCHAN

IN a disappointing season for the Ipswich Jets Colts, the development of two youngsters has stood out as a highlight.

Matt Parcell and Ethan Ellison have 'future star' marked all over them.

Ellison is still at school but has already proven how tough he is, making his FOGS Cup debut in the front row against Redcliffe last Sunday.

At just 17, he was playing against men a decade and more his senior, in the most physically demanding role on the field.

Yet never did his coaches doubt his ability to handle it.

"Ethan's mad, he loves it," Jets Colts coach Mark Bishop said.

"He can't get enough footy."

After five games for St Peter Claver College at the Queensland

Confraternity Championships the week before last, in which his school coach Todd Riggs said the youngster played himself to a standstill, Ellison backed up in SPCC's 20-12 defeat of St Mary's of Toowoomba last Friday.

That was followed by half a game for the Jets Colts on Sunday, then his FOGS Cup debut.

Today he is at it again for his school team as it takes on Wavell State High in the South Queensland pool of the Australian Schoolboys Cup.

"He went well," Bishop said of Ellison's performance against the men last Sunday.

"He takes no backward steps, that's for sure. He just doesn't stop."

"The tougher the better. He'll cart the ball up all day. In defence, if anyone comes in the middle, that's the end of them."

Parcell showed his potential on debut for the Jets Colts last season.

After getting plucked out of the Norths under-18 team, where he'd been playing hooker, he scored three tries on debut for the Jets from the wing.

This year he has been used everywhere from second row to centre.

"Matty was out injured for eight weeks and we really missed him," Bishop said. "He's working off the ball all the time. Any breaks we make, I'll guarantee he's the one backing up."

Bishop expects the two to be picked up by the Gold Coast Titans in the near future, if the club knows what's good for it.

But he has seen too many promising Ipswich footballers passed over by the NRL club, for which the Jets act as a feeder club,

to get his hopes up.

Last Sunday, former Ipswich players James Furrminger and Justin Lemberg scored in Broncos feeder club Redcliffe's win over the Jets.

They were picked up by the Brisbane Broncos after being overlooked by the Titans.

"We hope the Titans will pick them up," Bishop said of Parcell and Ellison.

"Otherwise, the Broncos pick them up and we play against them."

That's the last thing he wants to see, knowing what Parcell and Ellison are capable of.

Parcell is 18 and Ellison just 17 so if they're not picked up by an NRL club for next season, don't be surprised to see them lead a revival of the Ipswich Jets Colts - unless they're playing higher grades by then.

Lander to tackle Jets captaincy with relish

By CHRIS GARRY

FOR 24 hours, new Ipswich Jets captain Keiron Lander refused to accept the truth.

Lander kept mumbling to himself: "It could not have happened to them. This is a sick joke."

But as he travelled up the Warrego Highway to confront reality on January 13, he finally accepted his world had changed forever.

Lander's auntie and 13-year-old cousin had both perished in the flash flooding that tore through Toowoomba in January.

A torrent of water ripped Donna and Jordan Rice from an SES support rope as they tried to escape their vehicle.

Jordan, who could not swim and was terrified of water, became a symbol of courage in the flooding disaster because he insisted his younger brother Blake, 10, be rescued first.

That decision cost him his life but saved his brother's.

Lander, a ball-playing lock, said in the weeks after the flood he struggled to hear the gushing praise for his family when he knew others were worse affected.

"My auntie was amazing. I was closer to her than I am my mother," Lander said.

"What her and Jordan did was courageous. But other families had it worse than us and I really feel for them knowing what I've been through."

"Jordan was a very shy kid. It was brave of him to make a decision like that. I just think there must have been other people who had to deal with a lot worse."

"It hurt me a lot. For probably a day, I just would not believe it. I kept thinking they must have mistaken Donna for someone else."

"I probably should have gone up to Toowoomba a lot more last year to see them."

Jets coaches Ben and Shane Walker and several players attended the funeral for Donna and Jordan.

Lander undoubtedly matured through the horrendous experience.

But when the Walker brothers asked him to be club captain, Lander questioned his ability as a leader.

"I wasn't hesitant, I was unsure. The captaincy is a really big thing," Lander said.

"There are so many leaders here at the club that it was quite a surprise for me to learn the Walkers wanted me to captain the team."

"I'm a straight up and down guy and I think that's what they wanted in a captain."

The Jets are just two days away from their opening round Queensland Cup clash against the Easts Tigers.

Ben Walker said Lander was chosen as captain because "he doesn't suffer fools".

"He is a no-nonsense bloke who is a natural leader on and off the field," Walker said. "He's one of the toughest players I've ever seen. He leads by example but talks a lot on the field as well and he's the sort of bloke this club needs."

A proud Aboriginal, Lander works for the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health.

Alongside injured Jets five-eighth Ian Lacey and Test legend Steve Renouf, he regularly visits Aboriginal teens in Wacol Detention Centre.

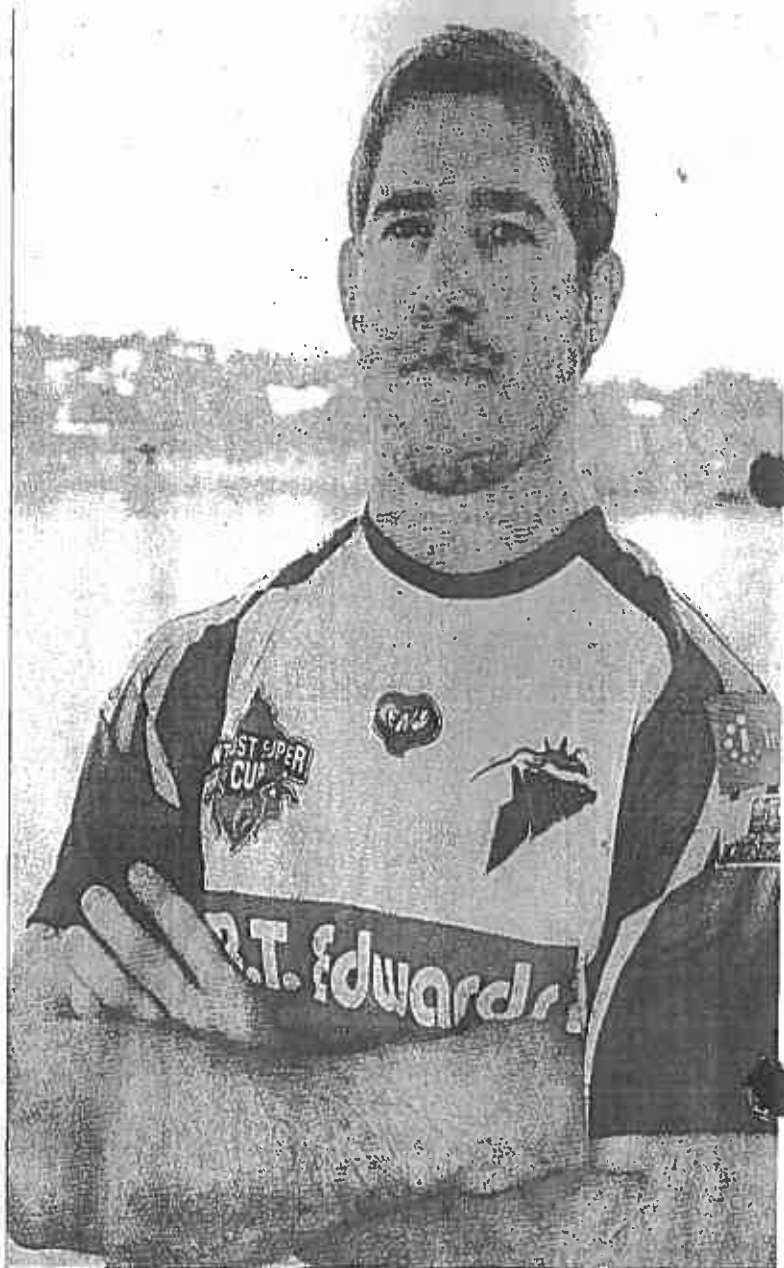
"If you talk to the kids, you get through, but if you try and tell them what to do, you get nowhere," Lander said.

"They're good kids at Wacol and I love doing what I can to help them."

"Improving Aboriginal welfare is something I'm passionate about."

The Jets face the Tigers at Langlands Park on Saturday at 3pm.

After his personal torment, Lander will be able to handle anything the Tigers throw at him.



FLOOD OF EMOTION: Ipswich Jets club captain Keiron Lander reflects on his personal pre-season torment while at yesterday's Queensland Cup launch in Hamilton.

Photo: Warren Keir/SMP Image

By CHRIS GARRY

FANS of the Ipswich Jets were treated to an exhilarating display of backline skill as the men in green passed their biggest test of the Queensland Cup season so far.

The Jets did not demolish the Mackay Cutters. Instead they ran around them with sweeping backline moves and cut-out balls to rack up a 32-12 victory at North Ipswich Reserve yesterday.

The Jets scored six tries to two in the win, a game that was essentially wrapped at halftime when they led 20-0.

The Jets executed some sublime set plays but mixed it with excellent offloads to entertain the healthy crowd.

However, it was far from a perfect performance, with the Jets' first 10 minutes after halftime poor as they conceded back-to-back sets and the Cutters capitalised to grab their first points.

The Jets could also have put 40-plus points on the Cutters if they did not drop the ball a handful of times with the tryline within sight.

But this is a Jets team set to rack up plenty of wins this year.

Jets' coaches Ben and Shane Walker said their team's performance was just "okay".

"I think we played better in our two drawn matches," Ben Walker said.

"Our defence again was excellent. The boys are taking a lot of confidence from their defence.

"They know they can keep teams out and even today the Cutters' tries were off kicks."

Before the game, the Cutters were rated as the Jets' hardest opponent this year.

Mackay came into the match with a 2-1 record that included the scalp of the Norths Devils.

But the Jets showed no fear in attack, scoring in just the sixth minute when Todd Riggs threw a beautiful cut-out ball to a hard-running Jacob Ling.

Brendon Lindsay then waltzed through the Cutters' line after a backline movement and five minutes later the Jets were in again when Joe Tomane finished off a set play

Ipswich outfit too sharp for Cutters



UNSTOPPABLE: Interchange player Smith Samau starts another Ipswich Jets raid on the Mackay Cutters' tryline in their impressive win yesterday afternoon.

Photo: Claudia Baxter IPS100411JETS106

that went through seven sets of hands.

Ramon Filippine then made a great try-saving tackle in the 12th minute to deny the Cutters' their best opportunity to score.

Nuggetty second rower Lorenzo Maafu won the Jets' players' player award.

He was outstanding in the first half especially, beating the first tackler every time he caught the ball.

The Jets' cause was helped with an injury to Cutters' five-eighth Grant Rovelli, a NRL veteran, who went down late in the first half and did not return.

Shane Walker said despite the impressive

win, there was plenty of improvement in his team. "What is pleasing for us is that we are getting results while not being at our best," Walker said.

"There's a lot of belief in this group and they're gaining confidence every week."

Cutters coach Anthony Seibold said nothing went right for his team yesterday.

"We were well behind on the penalty count which doesn't help and the ball didn't bounce for us. It just wasn't our day," he said.

"They Jets played well and we knew they would.

"In those two draws at the start of the season, they showed how good they would be this year.

"But for us, it was not a good performance and we were just outplayed."

The Jets had just one Gold Coast Titans' player, Tomane, in their team yesterday with Luke Capewell back in the NRL.

Ipswich Jets 32 (Joseph Tomane, Brendon Lindsay, Tyson Lofipo, Jacob Ling, Smith Samau, Ian Lacey tries; Brendon Lindsay, four goals) **def Mackay Cutters 12** (Chris Glumelli, Lewis Balcomb tries; Liam Taylor goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

JETS ZOOMING INTO NEW ERA

Updated logo reflects a club poised to tackle success again

By CHRIS GARRY

IT HAS taken 30 years but a dramatic change to the Ipswich Jets logo has seen the club's emblem finally reflect the city's air force history.

The new logo, changed for the first time since the club's inception in 1980, features a Super Hornet in the picture to reflect the brand new jets housed at RAAF Base Amberley.

The emblem had undergone minor alteration since the club formed in 1980, but this new logo was designed with a new beginning in mind.

The former emblem featured a jet that looked like the traditional F111 recently retired from Amberley.

But the jet pictured was actually a Mirage aircraft that was used from 1960 to 1989 by



The new Jets logo (right) replaces the old (above).



the Australian Air Force - but they were never based in Ipswich.

The Jets are the most recent Queensland Cup club to change its logo.

Most Queensland Cup clubs have removed the "Q" sign surrounding it during the past few years.

Ipswich Jets chief executive Brad Wolens

said changing the logo was a tough decision to make.

"Initially I was against changing it because I'm one for tradition," Wolens said.

"We held on to our old logo for a long time though.

"I thought there's no harm in having a look so the guys came up with a new logo and I just thought it looked fantastic and came around to the idea.

"Considering the fact that the original logo did not even feature an F111, it made sense to change it. Everyone thinks it's an F111 but it's a Mirage. The new logo accurately reflects the city's link to the air force and our name."

The new logo was created by Jets graphic design team and marketing manager Greg Lyons.

"This decision was not taken lightly as we

needed to be mindful and respectful to all the players and management who worked tirelessly with and for the club over many years and, at times, through some difficult years," Wolens said.

The Jets have a rich history with the career of many superstars, including Allan Langer and the Walters brothers, launched at the club.

The club was formed in 1982 and played in a Queensland-wide State League featuring seven teams.

In 1988, the Jets joined the Queensland Rugby League-run Winfield Cup which was contested among Brisbane teams.

The Australian Government is spending \$100 million on Super Hornet-related developments at RAAF Base Amberley, including a new No. 1 Squadron operations building and maintenance facilities.

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Walters tackles new era

RUGBY LEAGUE

By JAY BUCHAN

Assistant coach back in NRL saddle with Storm

IPSWICH rugby league legend and former Jets coach Kevin Walters is relishing his return to the NRL as Melbourne Storm assistant coach.

Walters (pictured) is the specialist backs coach at the Storm following two seasons with Catalans Dragons in the European Super League.

He took up the post with Les Catalans after guiding the Jets to the 2008 Queensland Cup grand final.

"Being back in the NRL is extremely pleasing for me," Walters said.

"The professionalism of the club is something I respect and appreciate."

Walters has set no goals for himself or what he wants the team

to achieve this season. However, success is non-negotiable at the Storm, where Bellamy and senior players like Cameron Smith, Cooper Cronk and Billy Slater demand excellence.

"It is a bit of an unknown," Walters said.

"They've always been a very consistent club. Even last year through the adversity.

"There are some world-class players at the club who want to be successful."

It makes a contrast to Les Catalans, where he had the job of trying to develop a successful culture that didn't previously exist.

"It's been very good for me and I'm loving the experience," Walters said of the Storm job,

which came after he had accepted an offer to coach Easts in the Queensland Cup.

Fortunately, Easts were happy for him to take the Melbourne post.

Walters has had to get use to the increased focus on defence in the NRL, compared to the UK Super League.

"The English game is very much attack-oriented," he said. "That's been the case from day dot.

"Certainly in Australia, there is more emphasis on defence."

The other thing Walters is trying to get his head around is having two referees on the field.

Whatever the Storm achieve in 2011, the club will remain under the shadow of last year's salary cap port exposure.

However, Walters has noticed no lingering fallout from the scandal and subsequent punishment, which left the Storm to battle through 2010 with no hope of reaching the semi-finals.

"It's not my concern," Walters said. "I haven't had anything to do with it.

"There are new players and new coaches. It's a new season."

While players like Smith, Cronk and Slater need no extra motivation to succeed, Walters believes last year's hardship could make the players stronger.

"If they're looking for motivation from that, I doubt it with this group," Walters said.

"They have probably learnt a lot about themselves in trying, conditions."



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Jets launch new era in Qld Cup glory bid

by CHRIS GARRY

REDEMPTION is less than a week away for the Ipswich Jets and new beginnings was the theme of the club's season launch on Friday night.

A host of Ipswich rugby league identities swapped stories at the Briggs Road venue ahead of the opening round of the Queensland Cup this weekend.

The Jets play the Easts Tigers at Langlands Park on Sunday afternoon as they look to erase last year's wooden spoon effort from fans' minds.

The club will release its first team list tomorrow, with two to three Gold Coast Titans players in the mix to be among the starting 13.

By the time they take the field at Langlands Park on Sunday, it would be three weeks between games for the Jets.

But co-coach Ben Walker said preparations were proceeding well.

He said it would be extremely difficult to narrow their 30-man squad down to the best 17.

Even gun players like Josh Seage are likely to begin the year in Colts despite many fawning over his trial form.

"It's been business as usual for us during the past few weeks," Walker said.

"Selecting that Round 1 team is going to be very hard and we still aren't sure what players we will be getting back from the Titans."

The Jets' back row is poised to be a strength for Walker's boys.

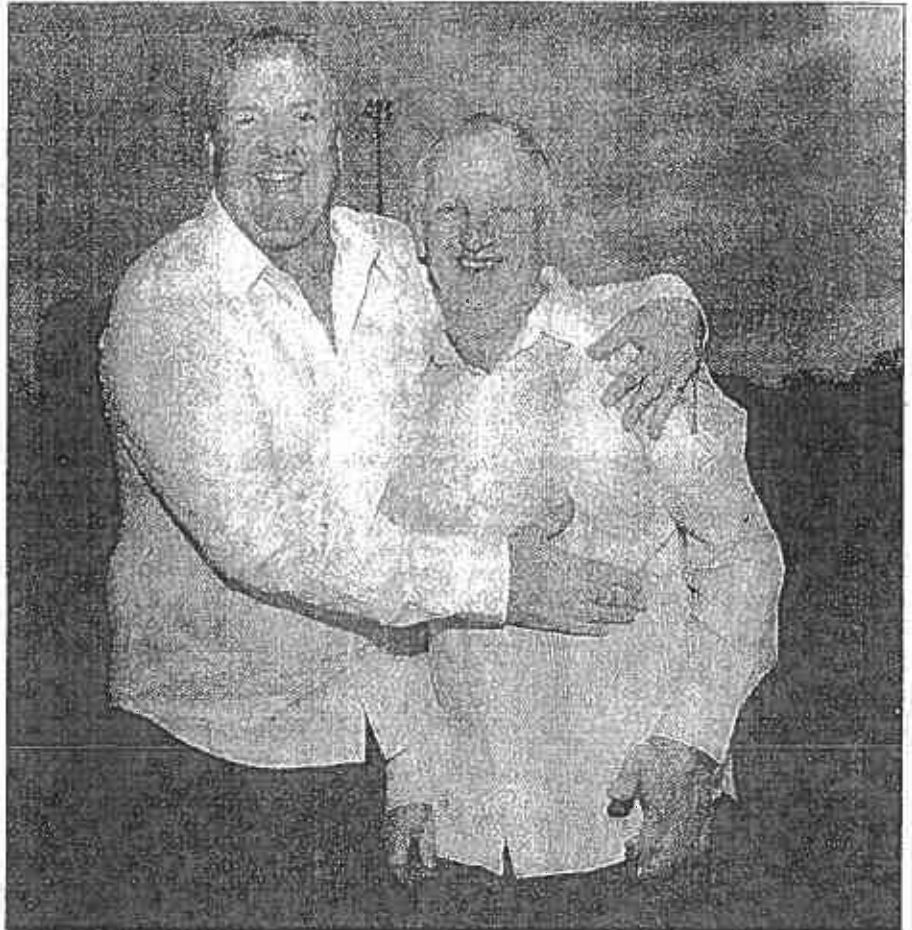
Jacob Ling, Lorenzo Maafu and Keiron Under are set to be one of the best loose forward combinations in the Queensland Cup. Throw in Sam Martin, Ronnie Mavili, Adam Boettcher and Seage and the Jets will have a deep mobile forward pack to call on.

The Jets held a successful junior coaching clinic at the North Ipswich Reserve yesterday morning with 200 juniors receiving tips from all Jets players.

RIGHT: Ipswich Jets chairman Steven Johnson and his partner Amanda Pringle at the season launch. IPS110311SEAS12E

FAR RIGHT: Cameron and Rachel Crowell, of major club sponsors RT Edwards, continue to support the Jets.

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BLAST OFF: Ipswich Jets CEO Brad Wolens (left) and secretary Jim Landy prepare to enjoy the season launch at the Briggs Road Sporting Complex.

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Jarrod's big challenge

New FOGS coach

Big ask of rookie coach

By JAY BUCHAN

AT just 24-years-old, Jarrod Biggs doesn't expect to wield the big stick of authority over the players he will coach this year.

Biggs has been appointed Ipswich Jets FOGS Cup coach for 2011, having played for the team last season.

With 2010 coach Rheit Tronc unavailable due to work commitments, Biggs threw his hat in the ring for the position and got the job. It wasn't an immediate decision to accept it, however.

"It took me about a week to decide," the pacy fullback said.

"But I was always interested in coaching and I speak up a lot at training."

Biggs is the first to acknowledge the biggest test he faces this season is to get his players, some who are years older and others who know him as a team mate rather than coach, to accept he's the boss.



NEW BOSS: Ipswich Jets FOGS Cup coach Jarrod Biggs faces a tough initiation in his rookie season.

Photo: Sarah Harvey IPS310111

"That's the challenge," he said.

"How do you go from being mates to 'you're not in the side this week' or 'pull your head in'?"

"When the time comes, I'll have

to deal with it."

That time is not upon him yet as he awaits the results of pre-season trials and Queensland Cup coaches' decisions on who is in

which squad for the season proper, starting on the weekend of March 19-20.

Yet Biggs knows he will have to tailor his coaching to suit his rookie status.

"I can't be a coach that goes in and demands things because I'm still learning myself," the Bachelor of Education student and PE teacher in training said.

"I'd like to bring in an assistant coach on board who is a little bit older and can be a bit more demanding."

He might be in luck with Tronc possibly available from next month.

Once Biggs knows his squad, he is looking at promoting all-round skills throughout and not have players pigeon-holed by the number on their backs.

"There are a couple of technical areas I'd like to work on," he said.

"I want us to be busy."

"At training and playing, I want the players switched on to all play

football. Even if you're a front rower, I want you to be able to take a pass or run the short side."

Having been named the Ipswich Rugby League (IRL) player of the year in 2009, Biggs had his 2010 with the Jets hampered by injuries.

While still on the books with the Jets and training with old IRL club Norths, he can see the day coming when his playing career will be behind him.

He does not want his association with the game to end there, however, so coaching the Jets FOGS Cup is a way of keeping his foot in the door.

"I want to be involved in rugby league," he said.

"Coaching is a big thing but I don't know if that is at an elite or development level."

"This is a good opportunity."

"Ultimately I'd like to be involved with the QRL or ARL in development and coaching."

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Geoff Shield
Nemani Suguturga
Jacob Stephen
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Ethan Tafill
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Nephi Tusa
Nemana Valekapa
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Mervyn Walker
Jack Wallace
Trent Wallace

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Chris Ash
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Geoffrey Broome
Jack Brown
Dale Dempset
Brett Ferguson
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Sun. Capras v Sun Coast	2.00
Sun. Redcliffe v Mackay	2.00
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R2:- 17-18 March		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Easts	3.00	
Sat. Mackay v Pride	6.00	
Sun. Sun Coast v Sths Logan*	2.10	
Sun. Wynnum v Capras	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Tweed Hds	2.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Redcliffe	3.00	

R3:- 24/25 March		SCORE
Sat. Easts v Pride	3.00	
Sat. Sun Coast v Tweed Hds	3.00	
Sat. Mackay v Norths	6.00	
Sat. Sths Logan v Capras	7.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Ipswich*	2.10	
Sun. Wynnum v Burleigh	3.00	

R4:- 31 March/1 April		SCORE
Sat. Pride v Sths Logan	5.30	
Sat. Mackay v Tweed Hds	6.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Easts*	2.10	
Sun. Ipswich v Capras	2.00	
Sun. Norths v Wynnum	7.00	
Sun. Sun Coast v Redcliffe	3.00	

R5:- 7/8 April		SCORE
Thu. Capras v Pride	7.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Mackay	5.30	
Sun. Sun Coast v Norths*	2.10	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Sths Logan	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Easts	3.00	

R6:- 14/15 April & 21/22 April		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Sun Coast v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Pride*	2.10	
Sun. Sths Logan v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Easts v Mackay*	2.10	
Sun. Capras v Redcliffe	2.00	

R7:- 28/29 April		SCORE
Fri. Mackay v Capras	7.00	
Sat. Sths Logan v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Easts v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Sun Coast	5.30	
Sun. Wynnum v Redcliffe*	2.10	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Burleigh	3.00	

R8:- 5/6 May		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Sun Coast	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Wynnum	5.30	
Sun. Capras v Burleigh	2.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Mackay	3.00	

Sat. Pride v Burleigh	5.30
Sat. Mackay v Ipswich	6.00
Sat. Norths v Capras	7.00
Sun. Tweed Hds v Redcliffe	3.00
Sun. Wynnum v Sths Logan	3.00

R10:- 19/20 May		SCORE
Sat. Burleigh v Sths Logan	2.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Easts v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sun. Capras v Tweed Hds	2.30	
Sun. Sun Coast v Mackay	2.30	
Sun. Norths v Pride	3.00	

R11:- 26/27 May		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Norths	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Redcliffe	5.30	
Sun. Capras v Easts	2.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Sths Logan	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Mackay	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Sun Coast	3.00	

R12:- 2/3 June		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Pride	3.00	
Sat. Sun Coast v Capras	5.00	
Sat. Mackay v Redcliffe	6.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Burleigh	3.00	

R13:- 9/10 June		SCORE
Sat. Easts v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Mackay	5.30	
Sun. Capras v Wynnum	2.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Norths	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Sun Coast	3.00	

R14:- 16/17 June		SCORE
Fri. Ipswich v Mackay	7.30	
Sat. Sun Coast v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Capras v Norths	2.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Pride	2.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Tweed Hds	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Wynnum	3.00	

R15:- 23/24 June		SCORE
Sat. Pride v Tweed Hds	5.30	
Sat. Mackay v Easts	6.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Capras	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Sun Coast	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Sths Logan	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Ipswich	3.00	

R16:- 7/8 July		SCORE
Sat. Easts v Wynnum	3.00	
Sat. Ipswich v Tweed Hds	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Capras	5.30	
Sat. Mackay v Burleigh	6.00	
Sun. Norths v Sun Coast	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Redcliffe	3.00	

R17:- 14/15 July		SCORE
Sat. Easts v Burleigh	TBA	
Sat. Tweed Hds v Mackay	TBA	
Sat. Capras v Ipswich	5.00	
Sat. Wynnum v Norths	TBA	
Sat. Redcliffe v Sun Coast	TBA	
Sat. Sths Logan v Pride	TBA	

R18:- 21/22 July		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Sths Logan	3.00	
Sat. Sun Coast v Pride	5.00	
Sun. Capras v Mackay	2.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Wynnum	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Tweed	3.15	

R19:- 28/29 July & 4/5 August		SCORE
Sun. Wynnum v Pride	3.00	
Sat. Sun Coast v Ipswich	3.00	
Sat. Easts v Tweed Hds	3.00	
Sat. Burleigh v Capras	3.00	
Sun. Mackay v Sths Logan	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Redcliffe	3.00	

R20:- 11/12 August		SCORE
Sat. Pride v Norths	5.30	
Sat. Mackay v Sun Coast	6.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Capras	3.00	
Sun. Wynnum v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Easts	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Burleigh	3.00	

R21:- 18/19 August		SCORE
Sat. Ipswich v Redcliffe	3.00	
Sat. Pride v Easts	5.30	
Sun. Capras v Sths Logan	2.00	
Sun. Tweed Hds v Sun Coast	3.00	
Sun. Norths v Mackay	3.00	
Sun. Burleigh v Wynnum	3.00	

R22:- 25/26 August		SCORE
Sat. Easts v Capras	3.00	
Sat. Mackay v Wynnum	6.00	
Sun. Norths v Ipswich	3.00	
Sun. Sun Coast v Burleigh	3.00	
Sun. Sths Logan v Tweed Hds	3.00	
Sun. Redcliffe v Pride	3.00	

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A TOUGH CALL

Bishop delighted with abundant riches in Jets Colts squad for 2012

By JAY BUCHAN

LIFE is getting harder for Ipswich Jets Colts coach Mark Bishop and it's made him a happy man.

"We're looking alright at the moment," Bishop said as his Colts prepare to tackle the 2012 season.

"I've got a selection headache over who to leave out."

With four players to return who have been training with the Jets top squad (Chris Ash, Merv Walker, Saundia Seumantafa and Matt Parcell), Bishop estimated he still has seven or eight spots undecided.

All four are versatile, adding to the selection possibilities.

Ash is a halfback/forward, Walker and Parcell are hooker/linebackers and Seumantafa is a centre Bishop is considering moving into five-eighth or lock.

It makes for a pleasant dilemma to have but that doesn't make it easier.

"Last year we struggled to figure out who we would put in," Bishop said.

"This year we're struggling with who to leave out."

"We've got a lot more depth that's for sure."

The Jets Colts have drawn the first round bye so Bishop doesn't

have to make the call just yet, though that might just be prolonging the agony.

Whether Parcell is part of the Jets Queensland Cup plans will also have a bearing on who Bishop chooses as captain.

Parcell and Ash are the leading contenders.

Bishop has noticed the benefits of having Ash, Walker, Parcell and Seumantafa training with the

'Here you can't put your hands on your hips or you'll just get dusted'

Jets' top squad and the rest of his Colts mixing it with the seniors in pre-season.

"When we get those players back on Thursday at training, it really ups the ante," Bishop said.

"What all the Colts are doing is a lot closer to what the (Queensland) Cup squad have been doing."

"We've probably pushed them a bit harder physically than last year."

It has been a shock to some but those who have handled it best are those with the brightest future.



PUSHING HARD: Ipswich Jets Colts coach Mark Bishop lessons his instructions at training (above) after players (right) warm up.

Photo: Claudia Baxter

"We've got a lot of guys out of the lock compared it's not the best ground," Bishop said.

"In the local comp you can put your hands on your hips for a little while."

"Here you can't put your hands on your hips or you'll just get dusted."

Last year the Jets Colts finished seventh but Bishop is cautious about making any bold predictions this season.

"We let a few too many games go we should have won," he said of the 2011 campaign.

"This year we've just got to be consistent and just compete until the end."

"That's something Jets head coaches Ben and Shane Walker are big on."

"If we compete in every tackle and every set, we should be able to finish on the right side of the ladder."





GOING PLACES: Rowan Winterfield has gone from park footballer to Ipswich Jets starting forward in 18 months.

Photo: Claudia Baxter

Jets' success story on right track to securing NRL nod

WHEN Rowan Winterfield ventured from Blackbutt to try his hand at the Ipswich Jets, there was nothing to mark him as any different to the rest of the aspiring trialists.

But just 18 months later, Winterfield is one of the first picked for the Jets each week in the Queensland Cup.

Teammates and coaches have little doubt it is just another rung on the ladder to higher things.

"I got told to come and have a go at training," Winterfield said of how he ended up at Jets' pre-season training at the end of 2010.

"I hoped I'd get a go in Cup."

So did a lot of others and Winterfield had to start from the back of the queue, coming off the bench in FOGS Cup.

"At the start it was pretty hard because there were a lot of numbers," the 195cm front rower said. "I spent a few games on the bench."

But after coming down from the Blackbutt Timbertowns, in the South Burnett competition, it didn't deter him.

"I just kept training, waiting for

a chance," he said.

Winterfield had some ideas of what to expect on the training side at least, having played FOGS Colts for Sunshine Coast.

It wasn't long before he had impressed enough to get his shot in the top grade.

"Cup is pretty quick,"

Winterfield said.

"That's the main difference.

"There are no lazy defenders and you get no time to rest."

By the end of the season, he was one of the club's form forwards. Yet Winterfield's goal at the start of this season was to again be picked in the top squad and stay there. Of that there was no doubt in the minds of coaches Ben and Shane Walker.

If you ask them, Winterfield has already attracted the attention of National Rugby League club scouts.

Winterfield lives in Churchill and works as a tree lopper.

It is fitting for a bloke from Timbertowns but he'd rather be a professional footballer.

However, it is not something he is focusing on, knowing the job at hand is more important.

"It beats work. But I can't be thinking about that too much," he said of the prospect of an NRL contract.

"I just need to try and worry about what's going on at the moment."

Asked what he thinks is the biggest difference since he left Blackbutt, Winterfield said: "I've picked up a fair few new skills".

Perhaps just as important is the confidence knowing he can prosper at Queensland Cup level.

Teammate and former Canterbury Bulldogs player Lorenzo Maafu is one who knows what it takes to play in the NRL.

He has no doubt Winterfield is on his way. "He's got it," Maafu said. "If he keeps in there and doing the work, it'll pay off."

Maafu admits he was not so sure when he first laid eyes on the rangy youngster.

"My first thought was 'who's this tall, skinny fella?'" Maafu said. "Then he started lifting weights at training and got big straight away."

"He's progressed a lot. He's really, really aggressive - which is what we need."

Avid amateur historian compiles 30-year history of the Jets

Merv still in league of his own

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MERV Gumbleton may well be Ipswich's biggest football fanatic. The 70-year-old is an institution in the Ipswich region in his role as a strapper for local football clubs. While Merv still spends his weekends in the change rooms of the Norths Tigers rugby league club, it's at home where his football passion is most obvious.

The referee has become the unofficial amateur historian of Ipswich football, thanks to his love of a good football story.

The Hooval resident has created dozens of scrapbooks containing everything from newspaper reports, game programs and team photographs for teams including the Ipswich Jets, Goodna Eagles rugby league and Ipswich Eagles Aussie rules clubs.

His passion has also been a key factor in the Jets' ability to collate a history of the Ipswich Q-Cup club for their 30-year anniversary celebration this season.

"I started collecting in about 2003," Mr Gumbleton said. "I just like to see the history of clubs."

"You walk into any club and see the history they have up on the walls with the team photos and the like but you don't see any clippings."

FOOTY NUT

Merv has collected 30 years of newspaper clippings about the Ipswich Jets and a decade of Ipswich Rugby League and Aussie rules stories.

Merv's scrapbook has been a critical component to the Ipswich Jets 30-year anniversary book currently in production.

"Newspapers tell the story of the club. They take you through the history, who played there, what happened."

After a long playing career in a variety of football codes, Merv turned his hand to strapping, beginning his association with the Jets in 1987. He saw some of the region's biggest names play, including Allan Langer, the Walters brothers and coach Tommy Raudonikis.

Those names and many more now fill the pages of his growing scrapbook collection.

What he didn't have, he collected through records at the Queensland State Library.

Merv now boasts a near-complete 30-year record of the Jets and decade-long histories of the Ipswich Rugby League and Aussie Rules.



SCRAPBOOKER: Local football historian Merv Gumbleton with his collection of scrapbooks from the past 30 years.

Photo: Rob Will

The footy fan hopes the relevant codes make use of the information.

"I'm really proud of the information I've been able to give to the Jets and I'm really looking

forward to the finished book."

He might be 70 but he is not finished yet. Merv still buys the QT every day and has his scissors at the ready.

Opinion

Merv proves a true friend to city footy clubs

QT Comment

MERV Gumbleton is a true friend of football codes in Ipswich.

Mr Gumbleton has devoted his recent life to compiling the history of the Ipswich Jets, Goodna Eagles rugby league and Ipswich Eagles Aussie rules clubs.

The 70-year-old has been working with the Jets to put together a 30-year history of the club that will no doubt be a keepsake for generations.

It is the passion for the game displayed by people such as Mr Gumbleton that helps keep the various codes alive in the community and ensures that grassroots sport survives. He is not just an amateur historian, having played a key role as a strapper and willing volunteer at various clubs for decades after hanging up the boots himself.

His book on the Jets will pay tribute to the great and the good at a club where Allan Langer, the Walters brothers and legendary coach Tom Raudonikis once ruled.

Young prop follows in father's footsteps

By JAY BUCHAN

IT is often said front rowers don't peak until their mid-20s.

If the same is true of 18-year-old Ipswich Jets prop Jake O'Doherty, then anything is possible.

Before last weekend, O'Doherty claimed three man-of-the-match awards in a row in the Jets FOGS Cup team.

He didn't get the main award last weekend against Sunshine Coast, but still polled votes - having already played a full game in Colts beforehand.

"My goal was to play every game (in Colts) and be as consistent as possible," O'Doherty said of his ambitions at the start of the season.

Once he'd found his feet at Colts, which didn't take long, his aspirations changed to trying to crack the FOGS Cup team.

That has come just as quickly to the 105kg primary education university student.

The step up from age group football to seniors is one of the most daunting there is for a young footballer. Especially in the forwards, where older opponents sense vulnerability.

But not O'Doherty.

He attributes playing amongst the older players in FOGS Cup as the key to his great form.

"I think just playing with the older blokes and mixing it with them," he said.

"And learning from blokes like Todd Riggs, the Walker boys and a lot of the forwards."

Jets half Riggs has been mightily impressed with the youngster and could hardly believe he was just 18.

"I've never seen him get dominated," Riggs said.

"We played Wynnum and they had three or four Queensland Cup forwards. But he got off-loads away, he spins and finds ways to find his front."

"He was the catalyst for our comeback against Wynnum."

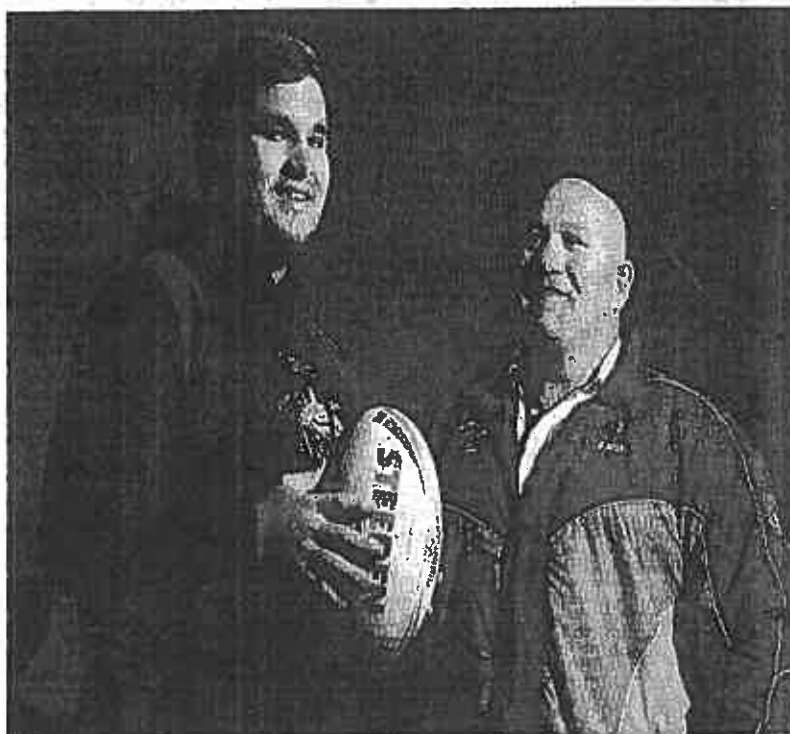
It might look like it has come easy for Jake, but he knows otherwise.

"The hardest part is the extra fitness," he said.

"All the extras you have to put in every week."

"You've got to keep improving yourself."

The improvement still left in O'Doherty is immeasurable, given his youth, inexperience and the fact he has never done weights.



FAMILY AFFAIR: Ipswich prop Jake O'Doherty is following in the footsteps of father Pat. Photo: Claudia Baxter

"I think I have exceeded my expectations," he said.

"I'm just happy to get a spot in the side. When I started, I thought if it didn't work out, I could go back to local footy."

There's no chance of that now, with O'Doherty slated for bigger things.

He has received some interest

from the Newcastle Knights but is in no rush to commit to an NRL contract at the moment.

He is as level-headed as he is talented.

"Next year I'd like to play a few (Queensland) Cup games," O'Doherty said.

"Maybe get an NRL contract."

"But definitely Queensland

Cup is my main aim."

To achieve that, he knows he can't rest on laurels.

"I probably need to be a little fitter and get a bit more speed I think," he said.

"At that level you need speed and fitness. So I need a big off-season, do some weights and get a lot quicker."

Jake O'Doherty doing family name proud with Ipswich Jets

COMPARISONS between sporting generations are often futile, sometimes unfair.

But for Ipswich Jets prop Jake O'Doherty, the comparison to his father - former Jets, Brothers and NRL player Pat - is apt.

It is also likely to be taken as a compliment, given the regard the young front rower holds his father in.

"I grew up in the dressing

room," Jake said.

"I definitely remember dad playing for Brothers and winning four grand finals."

There were a few things in particular that stood out in his memories.

"Just his toughness and how strong he was," Jake said.

"He was one of the only front rowers who could play a full game of footy. And his off-loads. People say that's my

strength but I've never seen anyone do it as well as he can.

"Plus his mental toughness."

"He has always played through injury and pain."

They are attributes Jake tries to emulate.

When Pat is asked what impresses him most about Jake's game, the answer is "his consistency".

"As a front rower, you want to make at least 40 tackles,

25-30 hit-ups and five off-loads a game," Pat said.

"Get set for the first or second hit-up each set, do as much work as you can and be as consistent as possible."

"That's what Bobby Lindner taught me at Wests."

Jake laps up the advice, just like Pat did from Queensland Origin legend Lindner.

It was Pat who advised Jake not to start doing weights

before now, to let his body "mature at its own level".

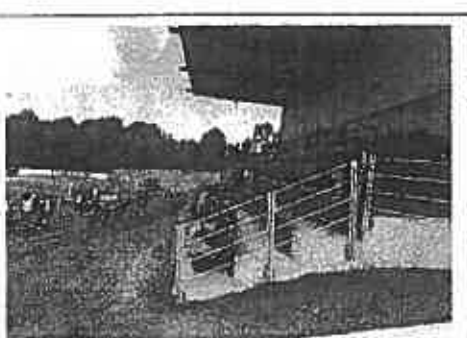
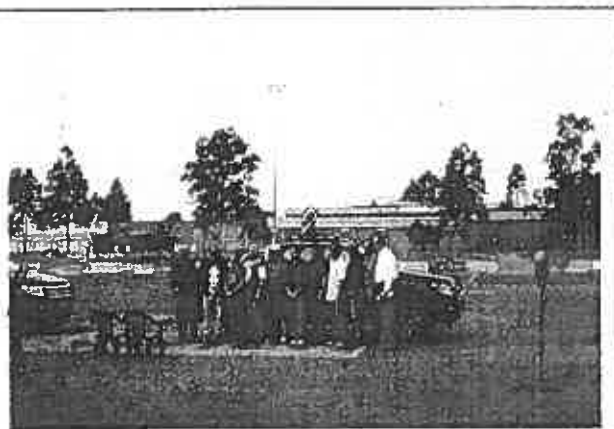
He thinks Jake is now ready to mix it with the big boys.

"If he finishes strong this year, that's the main key to playing Queensland Cup next year," Pat said.

"Training with them is the first step. Doing weights and whatever he needs to improve."

"Whatever the other boys do, do an extra day."

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Lindsay bows out on a low after Jets downed in semis

RUGBY LEAGUE

IT WAS not the way Brendon Lindsay pictured finishing his playing career.

The Jets' 26-20 loss to Norths in the opening Queensland Cup semi-final on Saturday ended with Lindsay announcing his retirement.

He goes out as the second most capped Ipswich Jets player in the Queensland Cup, behind Danny Coburn, and the fourth most capped Queensland Cup player of all time.

"It was disappointing because we didn't start the way we should have," Lindsay said.

"Our defence probably wasn't there in the first 20 or so minutes.

"That's why they got such a good lead.

"We did click into gear eventually.

"We got back into the game when Keiron (Lander) came on. He's pretty inspirational and pulled off a couple of great tackles."

Lindsay doesn't expect to see Norths progress too much further, but admits they did an effective job on the Jets.

Ipswich's 30-16 loss to the Devils at Nundah in the final competition round halted the momentum the Jets had built in an eight-match unbeaten streak.

Lindsay played in the 2002 Jets team that lost the grand final to Redcliffe. He rates this year almost as big a missed opportunity to end the club's wait for a Queensland Cup title.

"We probably had a bit more experience in 2002 in that it was an older side," he said.

"This team's been beaten in the semis two years in a

row. You probably need to lose these types of games to win a grand final.

"I really thought we had the team to win the grand final this year.

"It's disappointing because we had played so well in the back end of the season."

It was particularly disappointing for 34-year-old Lindsay, who won't get the chance to make up for it next season.

"I had a chat with the boys a couple of months ago," he said of his retirement plans.

"It's just probably time. "I've enjoyed footy and Ipswich. It's a great club, a great team. But the body's ready and the mind's ready."

Lindsay was joined in retirement by centre Luke Walker, who finishes as the club's fifth most capped Queensland Cup player.

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Jets Reserves display fighting spirit

GIVEN the Ipswich Jets FOGS Cup season, it was fitting that their final match involved a stirring comeback.

Unfortunately it wasn't enough as the Jets Reserves went down 24-22 to Wests in the elimination semi-final at the North Ipswich Reserve on Saturday.

The Jets scored first but Wests responded in impressive fashion, leading 16-4.

"We started really well," Jets half Todd Riggs said. "But there was a 20 minute period there towards the end of the first half when they killed us."

It was looking grim for the Jets but a try just before the break gave them a much needed boost.

"When we scored at the end of the first half it lifted us," Riggs said.

The Jets revival continued into the second half but they eventually fell just short.

Riggs was left to rue three tries

that were disallowed for forward passes and another held up over the line.

"I said before the game it would be two points either way," Riggs said.

"It is a credit to what the boys have done in the past two months. "We're never out of it."

At the midway point of the season the Jets were a long way out of the top five, they had no coach and morale was low.

But the signing of Todd Brown as coach helped turn things around and the Jets went on a winning streak that got them into the five and indicated they would be a threat to anyone in the finals.

Unfortunately it was an experienced Wests line-up they drew first.

"We showed a lot of determination," Riggs said.

Riggs announced his retirement

after the game.

It brought to an end 10 years with the Jets, in which he played 73 games in the top grade.

"I knew (it was time to retire) probably when I did my ankle," Riggs said, referring to a mid-season injury.

"I was just struggling." His body and age were not the only reasons Riggs has decided to turn his attention elsewhere.

"We've got a bub on the way next year," he said. "It's time for a new phase."

Riggs will remain involved in league in Ipswich as an assistant coach with the Ipswich Mal Meninga Cup (under 18) squad for next season.

He is joined in retirement by fellow Jets stalwart Adam Boettcher, who captained the FOGS Cup team for most of the year.



GAME EFFORT: An Ipswich Jets player stands his ground during Saturday's FOGS Cup final.

Jets into overdrive with full-on training program

Quality recruits bolster ranks for Qld Cup mission

RUGBY LEAGUE

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THE Ipswich Jets have conceded time on the competition but plan to make the month before Christmas count.

The Jets began their pre-season training at North Ipswich last night, having started later than their rivals in their preparations for the 2013 Queensland Cup season.

But what they lose in quantity of training they will make up for in quality.

"We've got four weeks until Christmas," co-coach Ben Walker said. "It's a lot less than the other teams so we don't ease them into it."

The Jets have lost key players Brendon Lindsay (retired to coach the club's FOGS Cup team), Lorenzo Maafu (Parramatta) and Ramon Filipine (released) but have found some handy replacements.

Jacob Ling has returned from a year in Wollongong spent trying to crack the St George Dragons ranks and will offset Maafu's loss in the second row.

Former Jets players James Furminger and Josh Seage are also back at the club.

Having failed to break into the Brisbane Broncos senior ranks, outside back Furminger and forward Seage have returned from Broncos feeder clubs Redcliffe



RUNNING GAME: Ipswich Jets players get back to work at their first training run for the 2013 Q-Cup season. PHOTO: DAVID NIELSEN

“It's a lot less than the other teams so we don't ease them into it

and Wynnum-Manly respectively.

Lindsay's five-eighth position could be the toughest to fill, given how crucial his experience and leadership around the park have been to the Jets in the past two

seasons. The arrival of former Souths Logan half Dane Phillips could prove the answer, while Walker suggested talented youngster Sam Parcell could also be a candidate for the pivot's role.

Lindsay and Filipine were part of the Jets' 2012 leadership group and stepping into the breach for 2013 is last season's players' player Rowan Winterfield.

It is a mark of Winterfield's development since joining the club for the 2011 season that he has been added to captain Keiron

Lander and vice-captain Ian Lacey as one of a leadership trio.

A man of few words, the towering prop leads by deeds on the field.

"I'll be just doing the same sort of thing," the Blackbutt product said.

"Actions speak louder than words.

"I'll just try and play good footy."

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Lindsay and Boettcher entrusted with Jets' next generation as club colts coaches for 2013



DOOKIE VENTURE: New Ipswich Jets Colts coaches Brandon Lindsay (left) and Adam Boettcher at pre-season training.

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