

# **RR**overs Review



**ROUND 1**

**Rochdale Rovers vs Capalaba**

**Underwood Park  
Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Kick Off 7.00 PM**

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# Editorial

Well here we go again. This is shaping up as one of the toughest Premier Leagues in many a year. It is hard to predict who will come out on top at the end of the season. All squads seem to have recruited very well. The inclusion of Olympic and Redlands has added a bit more spice and the promotion of Pine Hills and Beenleigh will mean all teams will need to be wary. I would like to wish all clubs the very best of luck in the coming season. May the best team finish top.

What a disaster this year has been for the Roar! Coaching changes, player movements, dwindling crowds and poor results. It is funny sometimes reading the different forums and getting different opinions. Of course we all have opinions, but sometimes the problems are deeper than what we imagine.

The ticket prices to start with put a lot of people off going. It was simply too expensive. I would have thought that the first thing to do would be to get crowds to games and worry about increasing prices once the crowd is established. The coaching change for me was political, so I will leave that alone. The player movements were the decision of the new coach, and like them or not, you must respect the new coach's decision. He has a vision and needs time to see it through. The results came about, because to put it bluntly, some players just didn't perform. Give the coach some time before you pass judgment and get out and support the Roar.

Would you prefer NO A-League Club in Brisbane?

*The Ed*



## NEXT GAME - PREMIER LEAGUE

**Mt Gravatt vs Rochedale Rovers**



**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Dittmar Park**  
**Kick Off 7.00pm**



**Reserves 4.45pm**

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# Presidents Message



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our players, supporters, coaches, managers, parents, sponsors and everyone associated with the club

to Rochedale Rovers for the 2010 season.

Whether you are returning for another season or are new to the club we are pleased to see all of you and I hope that you enjoy the club and it's facilities as well as the season that lies ahead.

Welcome also to our visiting players, officials and supporters. Tonight we host Capalaba in what should be a cracker of a game. The "Old Firm" of Coops and Brownly go head to head for the first time in the season proper and I'm sure both coaches are keen to get what should be the best season seen in Brisbane Football for years off to a good start. With an ex-Rochedale Coach and many ex-Rochedale players fronting for Capalaba I know both sides will believe they have a point to prove. After some indifferent pre-season form, Rochedale boys are starting to hit their straps and I'm sure we're in for some fast attacking football - the way both

coaches like to play it.

Thank you once again this year to our sponsors, both new and continuing. I know I say it every time but without the continuing, great support of these sponsors this club would not exist as it does today. Please support our sponsors as they support our club.

Whilst we once again have had an off-season full of change, rumours, dramas and innuendo within the Football Brisbane / Football Queensland / Football Clubs triumvirate, at least for now we can put that behind us, get on with the season and especially now with the expanded competition, get to watch the best football competition in Queensland behind the A-League.

Good luck to both teams tonight. Whilst the majority of the players out there will be no strangers to Underwood Park, let's hope the ones in the Rochedale colours come out on top.

Please enjoy the games and the clubs facilities and players, officials and supporters of both sides are welcome to come in and join us in the clubhouse following the main game.

*Mick MacArthur*



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# The Ed's Joke



"How was your golf game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy. "Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad, I couldn't see where the ball went."

"You're seventy-five years old, Jack!" admonished his wife. "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?"

"But he's eighty-five and doesn't even play golf anymore," protested Jack.

"Yes, but he's got perfect eyesight and can watch your ball for you," Tracy pointed out.

The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Did you see where it went?" asked Jack. "Yup," Scott answered. "Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering off into the distance. "I forgot."

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

Engineer: *What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!*

Doctor: *I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!*

Pastor: *Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Lets have a word with him. [dramatic pause] Hi George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?*

George: *Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.* The group was silent for a moment.

Pastor: *That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.*

Doctor: *Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them.*

Engineer: *Why can't these guys play at night?*

## Congratulations



Zack Coulson who is in his 2nd year at Rochdale Rovers has made the Queensland Under 13 side, which will contest the Nationals in Canberra in April. This is no mean feat given the side is made up of boys from all over QLD.

Zach is passionate about his football and has been playing since the age of 5.

In November 2009 accompanied by his dad, Zack spent 3 weeks training with Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday with the experience invaluable for his development.

Rochdale Rovers congratulate Zack on his achievement and wish him well!

# Premier League News



**Brisbane Wolves:** The Wolves have retained all local players this year. The question will be on what imports they get. Will be a show again.



**Peninsula Power:** Have recruited very well. Big task to retain the title but certainly one of the favourites.



**Souths United:** Another club to have recruited well. Will get plenty of wins this year.



**Redlands:** Pretty much a full State League squad. Will be in the shake up.



**Taringa Rovers:** Pre season results indicate they may struggle, but don't be surprised if the league is a different story.



**Pine Hills:** The new boys. Have recruited well and should be ok. A mid table finish would be a huge achievement.



**Pine Rivers:** Another club to have recruited well. Will be pushing for a finals spot and more.



**Rochdale Rovers:** Some good signings to complement the players already established. Will give it a push.



**Beenleigh:** Keeping very quiet in pre season. Unknown.

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Capalaba: Pretty much the same squad. Should be there or thereabouts again.

Easts: These will be the surprise package. Very good side.



Mt Gravatt: Many imports. Can they gel?

Brisbane City: Always in the hunt



Olympic: Nothing but the Premiership will do.



## Premier Review



### **Brisbane Wolves v Peninsula Power:**

What a game to start with! Hard to pick. Power look very strong all over and Wolves are unpredictable. Power by the odd goal. **Away Win**

**Souths United v Redlands:** Another fantastic game. Two good sides. Redlands will be keen to get away to a good start but Souths are tough at home. **Score Draw**

**Beenleigh v Taringa:** Both sides have had average pre seasons although Beenleigh did beat Rochedale last weekend. Taringa's experience may be enough. **Away win**

**Pine Hills v Pine Rivers:** Another cracker. Usually the new boys perform well early but Rivers just might have enough. **Score Draw**

**Rochedale Rovers v Capalaba:** The big games just keep coming. This should have plenty of spice. Capalaba have won the last two meetings between the sides. Hard to pick. **Score Draw**

**Easts v Mt Gravatt:** Easts look the goods. They will score plenty of goals this year. Can they defend? Mt Gravatt will need time. **Easts to win first up**

**Brisbane City v Olympic:** This will be the game of the round. No love lost here. My feeling is that Olympic will have enough to get the 3 points. **Away Win**



# THE PHANTOM

A new season, new players, new coaching staff, new teams, what more could we ask for??? As much as things tend to stay the same at Rochedale Rovers, occasionally something happens that makes everyone sit up and take notice. This pre season it was the departure of Brownie (Former Assistant Coach Tim Brown) to today's opponents Capalaba. It came as big surprise to everyone as it was assumed he would just naturally step in to the top job for Coops one day.

Not only was a good coach lost but also one of the greatest comedians you're likely to meet. With such classics as *'I've seen milk turn quicker'* & *'You're boring the hell out of me'*, Thursday night dinners will just never be the same... Brownie's dress sense will also be sorely missed, his training ensembles can only be matched by his comedy value. All the best Brownie - *after today of course!!*

Brisbane Football's unofficial website, [www.yourbpl.com](http://www.yourbpl.com) has started releasing a weekly podcast which includes an in depth look at each team's chances for the 2010 season. Interestingly, Rochedale topped a couple of pundits league prediction's (and a high profile balls up), but what was of much more interest was the two and a half minute chat about Keenan Duimpies, and how to pronounce his last name. Some interesting attempts including Dump-lings and Dum-pees, we're not sure even Keenan knows how to pronounce it!

Dinner on Thursday night's must be a pleasure for patrons when the players arrive after training. One un-named Liverpool supporter got away with his life at last week's dinner, selling Coops a winning meat tray ticket. It's fair to say he'd be struggling to watch this weeks match due to major injury had Coops not won!! Rochedale players tend not to sing after a victory but Coops certainly rubbed it in his players faces, singing all the way out of the carpark and down the driveway.

It also seems being an angry Scotsman has it's benefits, with Kenny Armstrong's meals always served first and accompanied by a fantastic smile from the staff. After some teething problems with Kenny's meals last season, I don't think he'll be missing out anytime soon!

The new signings have made a big impression on the famous 'yellow training jersey', it was thought Unsy had actually skipped training and had a swim in it, but it seems it was just very hot that night. Unsy will be the first to admit that he is a sweaty man but it still boggles the mind how his boots make the squelching sound on a driza bone Australian day as he bares down on goal. It's fair to say most players will be doing their best to avoid the famous kit.

Lots of ex-Rochedale players should be on display today for Capalaba, including, and in no particular order Drewek, Curtis, Petelo, Thomas, Sherwood (x2), Sargent, Peacock, Vohland and Nagaulfe. You can be sure that on the pitch will be spiteful, but off the pitch some very good friends. Will be interesting to see match ups such as Curtis vs Lovell and Sargent vs Gray... Should be very tasty indeed...

# Youth Report

This season has seen many changes to the club in the coaching and players ranks. A fresh start and the opportunity for each and every player selected in the Youth to show their worth.

I have been given the honor to head the Youth Development Program for 2010. I have also employed the services of Darren Thomas as my assistant. Darren coached our U14BJL last season and left us with no choice but to promote him into the Youth Development Program. He showed a vast knowledge of the game and has a terrific way of getting his message across. In a short space of time, he has gained the respect of the players and they are keen to work with him on their personal development. I for one am very pleased and look forward to working alongside Darren this season.

Last year's results were fantastic! We could not have finished any higher on the table. My job this season is to continue on, but to make Coops, Kenny and Nigel take note of the talent coming through.

We have a 30 man squad and each player has not only been selected on his current form, but on what we see him capable of in 2 – 3 years. It took us a long time to finalise our squad, but we are comfortable with the players we selected.

We have 5 Premier Youth players and 8 Youth Div 1 players in the squad from last season which gave us 17 new players to fill in the gaps and develop. Our preseason has given us a chance to rotate players so that we create depth in our program and allow every player the opportunity to progress. It has also given us the chance to test the personalities, commitment and attitudes of players. So far we are looking good for 2010.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the players at Rochedale Rovers FC and all other clubs the very best for the 2010 season.

*Brian Hastings*

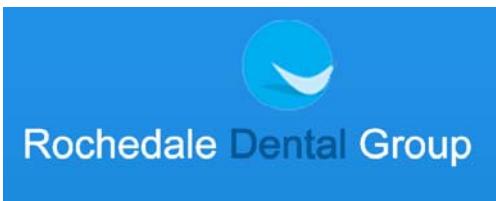


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# TODAY'S SQUADS

## Rochedale Rovers

## Capalaba

GK	Mario Aparicio	1	Luke Muir
2	Kyle Blackadder	2	Sean Curtis
3	Willie Tumusiime	3	Jason Tobin
4	Andrew Butler	4	Matt Byrne
5	Jason Launchbury	5	Jamie Austin
6	Paul Grugan	6	Tim Dunn
7	Carl Tabulo	7	Moses Petelo
8	Steven Carter (Cptn)	8	Scott Sargent
9	Steve Unsworth	9	Josh Sherwood
10	Mark Cruse	10	Greg Thomas
11	Cody Lovell	11	Alistair Quinn
12	Chris Burley	12	Jake Sherwood
13	Darren Gray	13	Geoff Hurford (Cptn)
14	Rhys Hastings	14	Aaron MacAlister
15	Josh Harding	15	Sam Roper
16	Keenan Duimpies	16	Jono Viney
17	John Stirling	17	Dylan Milne
18	Jake McLean	18	Joel Drewek
19	John Thompson	19	Danny Ngaluafe
20	Adnan Jakupovic	20	Andrew Houghton
21	James Donachie		
22	Terry Hughes	Coach	Tim Brown
23	Pablo Aviles	Coach	David Iliff
24	Ryan Love	Manager	Dave Giles
25	Greg Cheshire		
26	Chris Kozionis		
GK	Matt Tubbs		







# “The Clubman”



Kenny Armstrong

This pre season was a short one so I'm told, but to me it seemed just as long as any other.

You train and play "friendlies", but to me, although I realise the importance of a good pre season it is not the real thing and it seems to drag on. The week to week battle for points is what I love and can't wait for. Although all coaches go through stages towards the end of each season when they can't wait for the season to end, as soon as it has ended we all can't wait for it to start again. I personally would like a 48 week season. That's what most of us have in our "real jobs" and personally I think I could put up with 48 weeks of football just as well as driving over the gateway every day.

This year I have been asked to be assistant to Coops in first team matters but it's really like a great lyric from The Who, "*meet the new boss, same as the old boss*".

Coops and I have both been at this club for 20 + years now and have worked closely together for most of those years and it has been great. I assist Coops. He assists me. Nigel, Gerry and Brian are also big contributors as well. Other clubs may operate on similar lines but I doubt very much if they come close to what we have. Coops is undoubtedly in charge and may at times have to pull rank and make an executive decision, but he very rarely does anything without consulting the rest of us and always keeps us in the loop.

As I said before, "*Here we go....., a season that almost everyone has been anticipating with excitement*".

We have a tasty fixture to start with in facing last years' Grand Final runners up Capalaba who deservedly got the better of us in the Silver Boot this year and will come here with no fear. We have no fear of playing them either - and why should we? We have a team of players who when they produce their best are better than most. The question always is will enough of your players produce their best at the same time. This season will not provide the luxury of games where a number of players can have an off day and the team can still pick up the points, therefore, the good players are going to have to be good consistently.

The recent spell of heavy rain was just what the doctor ordered for our pitch and the season opener will be played on an almost perfect surface for good attractive football. The guys looking for excuses for bad execution will not be able to blame the playing surface!

So this is it folks, lets hope that today provides great entertainment and likewise for every other match day.



# Reserve Team Report

As this is the first fixture of the season it is very hard to do a so-called "Reserve Team" report. During the year, Nigel and Gerry will do their best to update you and player performances and matches, but for this week we will concentrate on the squad.



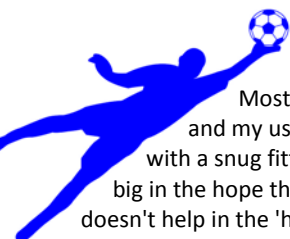
Nigel McClure

At Rochedale, we try and do things a bit differently. When I select a squad, I will usually select around 30 players. This is called my senior squad. All players within this squad get exactly the same treatment. We try to ensure we do not have different levels and the squad will train together. This is not everybody's cup of tea, but for me it is the best way of keeping people on the same level. It also makes it much easier when you have to bring players in to the First Team on any given weekend.

I was around in the days when the First Team was the "Firsts" and the Reserves were sent away, sometimes to another pitch. This is not my way. Of course we will have times when we need to select two squads for the weekend games and at times like these, we will split. This is to prepare the players for the weekends game.

I have heard the arguments from people that we should split because they say some of the players in Reserves can at times bring the standard down. I prefer to look at it the other way. I want the more senior players to use their experience on the younger players to bring the standard up.

All players are just as important as each other as you just never know when you might need to use them.



## KEEPER TIPS   KEEPER TIPS   KEEPER TIPS

Most young keepers I speak to ask me what are the best gloves to use and my usual response is "ones' that fit". Poor handling can be helped in a jiffy with a snug fitting pair of gloves. Most mums and dads buy gloves one or two sizes too big in the hope they will grow into them. Whilst being a good cost saving measure it doesn't help in the 'handling' department. Once the gloves are on there should be a sparing amount of room at the fingertips and this should mean they are the right size. A simple tip I think but one in my opinion that is very effective. Remember to "keep working hard" and I will see you next time.

Regards, Mark Askew

# BRISBANE PremierLeague

## 2010 Season Fixtures

Sat 20th Feb	Capalaba	Home	7.00pm
Sat 27th Feb	Mount Gravatt	Away	7.00pm
Sunday 7th Mar	Pine Rivers	Home	4.00pm
Sat 13th Mar	Redlands United	Away	7.00pm
Sat 20th Mar	Peninsula Power	Home	7.00pm
Sat 27th Mar	Beenleigh	Away	6.30pm
Sat 10th April	Taringa Rovers	Home	7.00pm
Sat 17th April	Brisbane Wolves	Away	5.00pm
Sat 24th April	Souths United	Home	7.00pm
Sat 8th May	Pine Hills	Away	7.00pm
Sat 15th May	Eastern Suburbs	Home	7.00pm
Sat 22nd May	Olympic	Home	7.00pm
Sunday 30th May	Brisbane City	Away	3.00pm
Sat 5th June	Capalaba	Away	5.00pm
Sat 19th June	Mount Gravatt	Home	7.00pm
Sat 26th June	Pine Rivers	Away	7.00pm
Sunday 4th July	Redlands United	Home	3.00pm
Sat 10th July	Peninsula Power	Away	5.00pm
Sat 17th July	Beenleigh	Home	7.00pm
Sat 24th July	Taringa Rovers	Away	7.00pm
Sat 31st July	Brisbane Wolves	Home	7.00pm
Sat 7th Aug	Souths United	Away	6.00pm
Sat 14th Aug	Pine Hills	Home	7.00pm
Sunday 22nd Aug	Eastern Suburbs	Away	3.00pm
Sunday 29th Aug	Olympic	Away	4.00pm
Sat 4th Sept	Brisbane City	Home	7.00pm



Good evening everyone and welcome!

As you would have noticed, one of the changes for this seasons' home games is the introduction of a **Gold Coin Donation** for your match day program.

As loyal supporters and regular readers of the program you would have noticed the increase in quality of the publication last year. This increase was primarily due to the voluntary work and the financial contributions of sponsors to cover the \$4,000 spent on printing costs.

Having to pay for anything that was free is never good - so to offset the cost, below are some **exclusive program offers redeemable from the licensed club.**

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter and keep an eye out for regular vouchers in your "Rovers Review".

Gary Evenden  
Director



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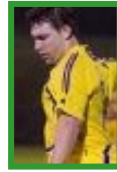
# Player Profile

**Players Name:** Steve Unsworth

**Age:** 29

**Position:** Striker

**Nickname:** Unsy



**Year Joined Rovers:** 2010

**Favourite Food:** Steak & Salad

**Favourite Drink:** Milk

**Favourite Actor/Actress:** Jessica Alba

**Favourite Movie:** Goal

**Favourite TV Show:** Premier League

**Favourite Player:** Gareth Musson

**Favourite Overseas Player:** Gareth Musson when he's on holidays overseas

**Favourite Team:** Aston Villa

**Most Memorable Moment:** FBI Awards Night a few years ago

**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing

**Biggest Influence on Career:** Football Brisbane

**Ambitions in Football:** To Win

**What would you do with your last \$10:** Geez the way the players are here I will probably be using it to pay a fine!

**Squad Number:** 9

# KC's KORNER



Another interesting Off Season!....

- Redlands and Olympic back in the Premier League;
- Debate about the RSJPL clubs and who should and should not have got in;
- Plenty of public interest;
- The decision by Football Brisbane not to allow RSJPL clubs to also have B.J.L. (Second tier team).

What has all this got to do with anything you might ask? Well.... Also during the off season a group of people who were unhappy about decisions put their hands up to change what was happening. Not so much the decisions, but the way decisions were being made. These people (*like most of us*) were sick and tired of not being heard. They needed the support of the clubs to do this, and verbally they got it. But guess what? When it came to the crunch the clubs were not willing to go ahead with it and it fell through. "Big deal you say"! Well, just remember in future when things are not what you want them to be and you would like to be heard. If nobody listens then think back on this time. Think of the time you had a chance to do something for the game and ask yourself the question: "*Did I support change or did I just sit back and watch?*".

Anyway, enough of that. We have what we have. Hopefully out of all this something positive will come. It is time to all move on now and enjoy the football. I know I will.

Some things don't change as it would appear that the critics are out already. Going by the rumblings in the corridors, rumour has it I have never coached the team and everything we achieved had nothing to do with me. Furthermore, it seems the appointment of my Assistant will do nothing for us as a team...Only time will tell of course.

I know one thing, and that is that it will certainly make us more determined to prove our critics wrong! If I have not been part of the team in the past, then I must train harder to get in.

We are a team. We win and we lose together.

All teams have changes from time to time - it's the teams with the character and passion that rise to the occasion and succeed!



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# Club Rochedale



As a new and exciting football season kicks off on the field and Rochedale welcomes new recruits on the park such as Steve Unsworth and Rhys Hastings, I have been asked to contribute to our match day program a perspective from off the park inside our licensed venue, Club Rochedale.

I myself am a new recruit to the club. I was appointed General Manager in January. Having 15 years experience in hospitality, I am really looking forward to putting my skills to good use in this exciting opportunity presented to me.

While Coops & Co have our footballers shooting for the stars, I with the help of our very dedicated management team and staff intend to kick some goals of our own.

Over the coming months you will see many exciting initiatives aimed at improving our Club and making it a place to visit - not only to watch a football match, but as a genuine alternative to come for a catch up with friends, enjoy a great meal, have a flutter on the pokies, host a wedding or function, or just a place to enjoy a cold beer poured by our friendly staff. Our goal is to turn Club Rochedale into the place to be!

A great example of improvements would be our newly named restaurant "Goalposts". We have taken control of our kitchen and our Head Chef Richard Kemp and his team are very committed to ensuring you have a very pleasant dining experience. Richard and his team are confident that you will score a great meal between the "Goalposts"!!

We have also organised some really exciting events such as a Comedy show starring Warwick Capper and Mark "Jacko" Jackson called **Capper for PM** on March 5<sup>th</sup>. For the ladies we have a male review, **Hot Bodies** coming on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, and for guaranteed Music pleasure we have **Mental As Anything** appearing on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are available at reception or by calling 3841 0544 at any time.

The fun won't stop there however, as we have been very busy organising future events and are already currently planning such activities as Christmas in July, Rochedale Rovers Guitar Hero challenge and of course a full list of activities for the FIFA World Cup.

So as you can see it is a very exciting time to be associated with Club Rochedale. If you aren't a current member, please make your way to reception to sign up. Don't forget to provide your email details so we can keep you up to date with "What's On" at Club Rochedale.

I promise that we will leave no stone unturned in making Club Rochedale/Rochedale Rovers #1, both on and off the field. I look forward to meeting you all as time goes by and also to contributing to the match day program with the goings on at Club Rochedale.

Please make sure you check out our new website [www.clubrochedale.com.au](http://www.clubrochedale.com.au) for all Club Rochedale's upcoming events and other information.



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