



*Autographs*  
*Queensland vs Solomon Islands*



# *Official Programme*



## **Queensland VS Solomon Islands**

**Saturday 19th May 2001  
Perry Park, Brisbane**

**Price \$2.00**

## Chairman Queensland Soccer Federation Tony Petty



*I extend a warm welcome to the delegation from the Solomon Islands on their visit to Queensland. This match tonight only further enhances the strong relationship that Queensland has built with the Solomon Islands over the past two years. We do trust that they enjoy their stay in Queensland and wish them every success in their upcoming World Cup Qualifiers. I also take this opportunity to extend my thanks for the support of tonight's representative match. The Queensland Team that takes to the park tonight is just, yet again, another example of the talent being produced by this State and my very best wishes go to them and their Coaching Team led by Miron Bleiberg.*

*My very best wishes to both teams.*

**Tony Petty**

Chairman - Queensland Soccer Federation.

## General Manager Queensland Soccer Federation – Steve Wilson



*It is with much delight and anticipation that I welcome the Solomon Islands National Team to Queensland for this evenings match.*

*This match promises to be a true spectacle with the fast playing style of the Solomon Islands up against the best our State has to offer. The Queensland Soccer Federation are pleased to be able to stage this fixture and in doing so assist the Solomon Islands preparation for the World Cup Qualifiers next week. There are further initiatives planned by this Federation in taking this State's talent both on the technical and playing front to the Pacific Island Nations to assist in their further development. We have a World Class Development Program in place in*

*Queensland and we intend to share the successes that have been achieved to date.*

*I take this opportunity to wish both teams the very best on behalf of all Queenslanders and I look forward to a very enjoyable match.*

**Steve Wilson**

General Manager - Queensland Soccer Federation

## QUEENSLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAM



Brisbane City players provide the bulk of the Queensland side against the Solomon Islands tonight.

City are clear five-point leaders over Brisbane Lions in the XXXX League and have been rewarded with seven players in the squad.

Head coach Miron Bleiberg and his assistants Kieran Cooper and Frank Mengotti believe they have the right blend to tackle a pacey Solomon Islands side, who are using their Queensland tour as a warm-up to World Cup qualifying matches in New Zealand.

"Brisbane City are the main contributors because they are the best team in the competition," Bleiberg says. "Just like Barcelona provide the bulk of the Spanish side, or Manchester United in England.

"But we've also picked players who we believe are the upcoming talent. I'm not

interested in selecting players who have played NSL and are now relaxing in the XXXX League. The state side has just been resurrected in the past couple of seasons and we are looking to the future with the squad."

Wayne Strange (Brisbane City) and Chris Day (Brisbane Lions) provide the backbone of defence with former youth international Brad Ditton (Wynnum) the engine room in the midfield.

Queensland's attacking options will rest with wide players Des Hughes (Brisbane Lions) and Vedran Becirbegovic (Brisbane City), who both have the speed and skill to worry the Islanders' defence.

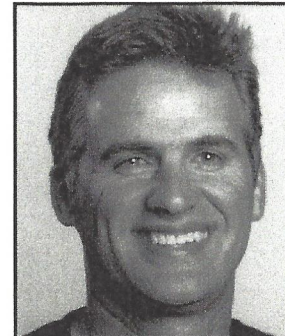
"The way I see it there'll be two very evenly matched sides out there," Bleiberg says. "I rate the quality of the Queensland side somewhere between the XXXX League and the NSL, while Solomon Islands are probably a lower NSL side."

Queensland have had two trial matches this season which Bleiberg has used to fine tune several areas.

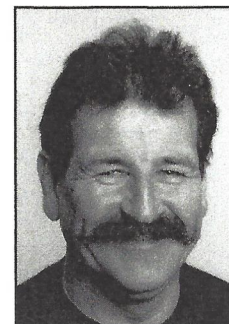
The state side were found wanting in fitness during a 4-1 loss to Brisbane Strikers, after it was 1-1 after 60 minutes.

In their second trials Queensland beat a combined QAS/Strikers side 3-1.

"Those games gave us the opportunity to get to know each other better and this combined with better fitness has us fairly well-prepared for the Solomon Islands," Bleiberg says.



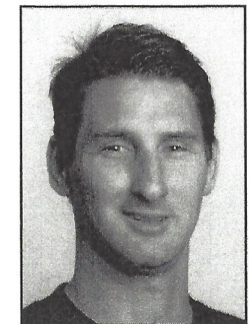
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Queensland  
State  
Coach



Ian Dalzell  
Team Manager



Kieran Cooper  
Assistant Coach



Frank Mengotti  
Assistant Coach

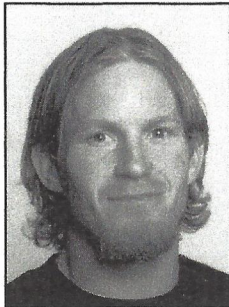
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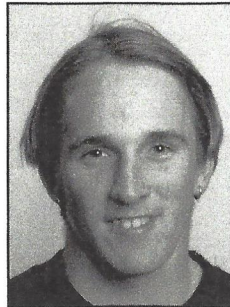
Defenders: Steve Foreshaw (Wynnum), Jamie Lowndes (Brisbane Lions), Wayne Strange (Brisbane City), Scott Elliott (Brisbane City), Demitiri Theochari (Brisbane City), Chris Day (Brisbane Lions).

Midfielders: Des Hughes (Brisbane Lions), Brad Ditton (Wynnum), Peter Hinks (Ipswich Knights), Roy Huth (Rochedale Rovers), Jarrod Brown (Eastern Suburbs), Damian Waugh (Brisbane City), Pablo Aviles (Brisbane City), Nathan Carloss (Brisbane City).

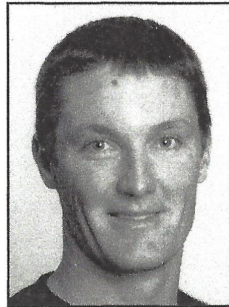
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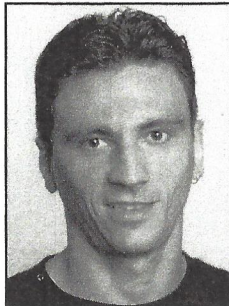
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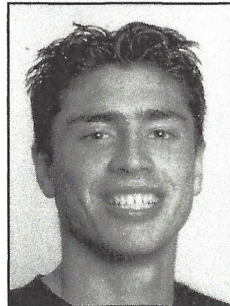
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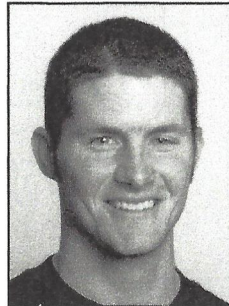
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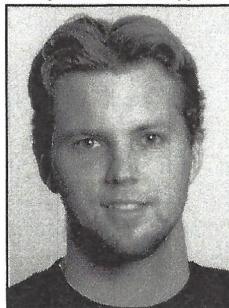
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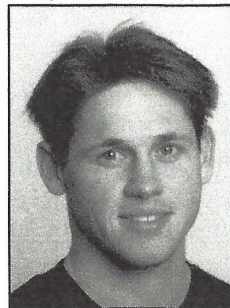
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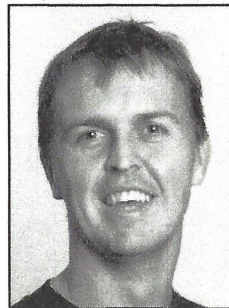
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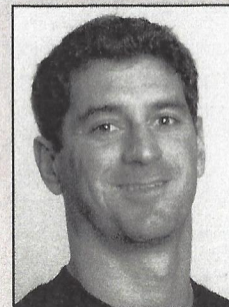
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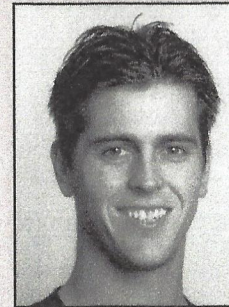
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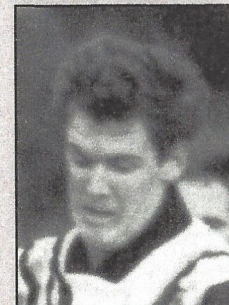
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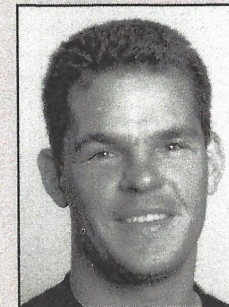
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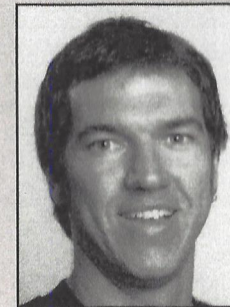
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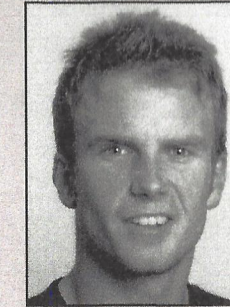
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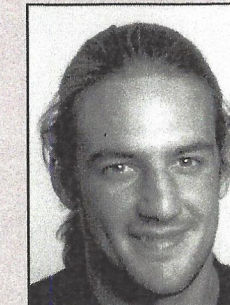
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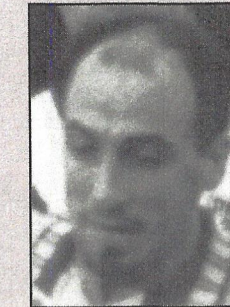
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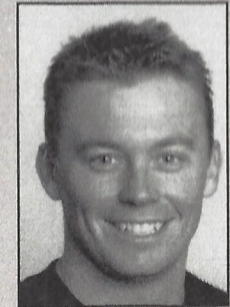
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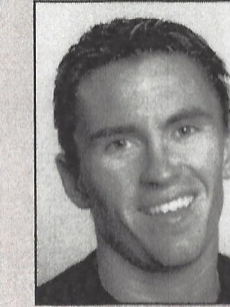
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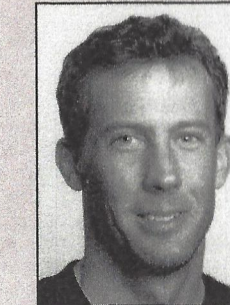
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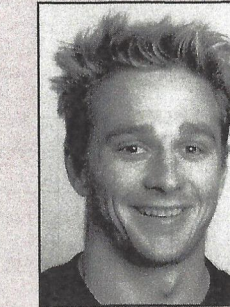
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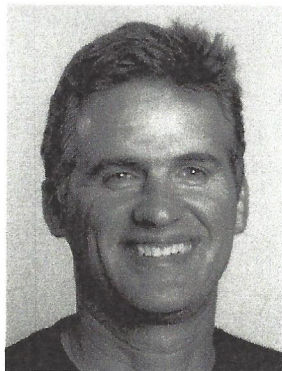
**Steve Fitzsimmons**  
(Gold Coast)



**Trevor Gilliland**  
(Toowoomba)



**Nathan Carloss**  
(Brisbane City)



## MIRON BLEIBERG (Queensland Coach)

Miron Bleiberg is hoping to celebrate 10 years of coaching in Brisbane with a win over Solomon Islands tonight.

Bleiberg was appointed coach of Brisbane United in the National Soccer League in May, 1991, arriving from Melbourne Croatia.

He coached United from '91 to '93 before taking on the coaching job at North Star for the 1994 season where he enjoyed a successful year winning the minor premiership and grand final double.

He then took the reins of Brisbane Lions from '95 to '99, in that time winning two minor premierships and two grand finals.

He is enjoying his stint at the helm of the Queensland state side, which was resurrected last year after three inactive seasons.

"There is a lot of young talent playing in the XXXX League and it's a great opportunity to bring these players together in a state

side," Bleiberg says.

"I feel I have a lot of experience to pass on and hopefully I can help young players achieve their potential."

Bleiberg hasn't ruled out coaching an NSL side again, but admits it would take a lot for him to leave Brisbane.

"I've had offers from Sydney and Melbourne but so far I've been willing to sacrifice a coaching career for the love of Brisbane.

"Life as a fulltime coach is not secure even though I believe I have the ability.

"Obviously if an opportunity came up in Brisbane I would like it, but who knows what the future holds.

"My immediate goal is to win every game with the Queensland side, starting against the Solomon Islands."

## BRAD DITTON (Queensland Captain)

Queensland will be in experienced and capable hands on the field tonight when Brad Ditton captains his state for the first time.

The Wynnum midfielder was handed the role by coach Miron Bleiberg, who says Ditton has outstanding leadership ability.

"It's certainly an honour to lead your state," Ditton says. "I'm looking forward to the challenge but I don't think it will change the way I play. I just hope we win to get my state captaincy career off to a good start"

Ditton, 28, who recently transferred to Wynnum from Rochedale Rovers, takes vast experience into the game.

At 14 he attended the Institute of Sport in Canberra and was a member of the Australian youth squad. He played under Bleiberg at Brisbane United with six years experience in the National Soccer League.

Queensland assistant coach Kieren Cooper says he has no doubt Ditton will rise to the occasion.

"I know Brad very well from his time at Rochedale and I can say he is a player of the highest level with a lot of experience. He's got utmost respect from his team-mates.

"He's very strong on the ball, uses both feet and can go both ways. If there's one thing that he could work on it's scoring more goals."

Ditton agrees he could be finding the net more regularly.

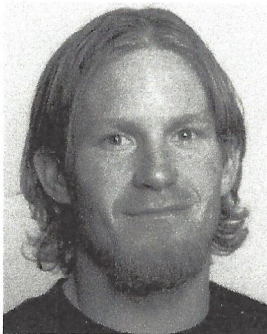
"Yeah, I'd like to improve my scoring rate. A goal or two against the Solomon Islands would be nice."

Ditton, a single father to six-year-old Jordan, says he models his game on former XXXX League legend Frank Pimblett.

"Frank was my idol when I was coming through the Brisbane United ranks," Ditton says.

"He never lost the ball, he set up goals and was all over the park. He was a big influence on me."

Ditton says he hasn't given up hope of playing at NSL level again and would like to link with the Strikers next season.



## CURTAIN RAISER Sunshine Coast v Gold Coast

Sunshine Coast coach Greg Brown will be relying on his Buderim connection Matt Lowe and Stuart Collins to provide the impetus in the curtain-raiser clash against Gold Coast.

Lowe and Collins play wide and have plenty of pace to cause problem for the Gold Coast defence.

"Matty plays wide on the left and Stuart wide on the right. They are good engines for our team - exciting, very skilful and quick," Brown says.

"We'll be aiming to bring them into the game as much as possible."

Brown is approaching the game with an air of experimentation as it is the first time the Sunshine Coast have played this season.

"We haven't had a long time together but I'm happy with the side," Brown says. "We're young but we've got plenty of pace. After this game we play the Solomon Islands so the Gold Coast game will be a good guide."

Sunshine Coast will also be looking for a big game from Wynnum attacking midfielder Scott McLean.

Gold Coast coach Keith Garland is approaching the game in a similar fashion, with limited preparation.

"We've only had a few training sessions and it's our first rep game of the year," he says. "But we're a fairly pacey side who can create plenty of chances so hopefully we can capitalise on those chances."

Garland will be looking for a big game from captain Stu Hodges (Carrara Knights) in central midfield.

Michael Richardson (Southport) will marshal the defence, while the attack will be led by James Odenbreit (Runaway Bay) and Lee Vernon (Broadbeach).

**SUNSHINE COAST SQUAD:**  
Rodney Allen, 28 (Maroochydore) Centre Mid Field, Stuart Collins, 25 (Buderim) Right Mid Field, Jai Cross, 19 (Kawana) Striker, Nathan Gee, 24 (Brisbane Lions) Goal Keeper, Louis Harris, 23 (Pine Rivers) Mid Field, Greg Holman, 21 (Buderim) Defender, Nathan Kunst, 20 (Kawana) Striker, Matthew Low, 19 (Buderim) Left Mid Field, Scott McLean, 23 (Wynnum) Mid Field/Striker, Shane Mills, 24 (Nambour-Yandina) Defender, Joel Morrison, 22 (Buderim) Goal Keeper, Ian Murphy, 20 (Kawana) Mid Field/Striker, Dustin Slypen, 19 (Nambour-Yandina) Mid Field, Ryan Smith, 19 (Kawana) Mid Field/Defender, Liam Tucker, 19 (Kawana) Defender, Michael Williams, 30 (Noosa) Mid Field.

Coach: GREG BROWN

Trainer: DAVID SIMPSON

**GOLD COAST SQUAD:** Kevin Farrar, 39 (Southport) Goalkeeper, Des Gallagher, 19 (Surfers Paradise) Goalkeeper, Michael Richardson, 26 (Southport) Defender, Hamish Edwards, 19 (Burleigh Heads) Defender, David Meli, 21, (Runaway Bay) Defender, Stu Hodges, 25 (Carrara Knights) Mid Field, Tim Dart, 20 (Burleigh Heads) Mid Field, Ryan Black, 19, (Burleigh Heads) Defender, Darren Marsh, 24 (Southport) Defender, Luke Fiebig, 20 (Palm Beach), James Odenbreit, 19 (Runaway Bay) Striker, Lee Vernon, 23 (Broadbeach) Striker, Gary Stone, 31 (Nerang) Striker, Chris Broadfoot, 20 (Broadbeach), Wade Russell, 19 (Palm Beach) Mid Field.

Director of Coach: DAVID BRAND

Team Coach: KEITH GARLAND

Trainer: TONY CRANDON



# QUEENSLAND VS SOLOMON ISLANDS



**Saturday 19th May  
Perry Park, Brisbane  
Kick Off 7 p.m.**

Assistant Referees  
PAUL ELDRIDGE, JOHN PEACOCK

Referee  
PETER GREEN

4th Off  
CAMERON MARSHALL

*Player of Match: Dinner for Two value \$80 - Sponsor Alexanders Bar and Restaurant, Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill*

# GOLD COAST SELECTION VS SUNSHINE COAST SELECTION

**Saturday 19th May  
Perry Park, Brisbane  
Kick Off 5 p.m.**

Assistant Referees  
ALAN BELLAMY, DAVID TILBURY

Referee  
CALVIN DAUNT

4th Off  
ADRIAN WITTE



## SOLOMON ISLANDS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

The Solomon Islands' quest to climb the ladder of respect in Oceania soccer circles continues tonight against Queensland.

George Cowie's men are using several matches in Brisbane to prepare for their round of World Cup qualifiers in Auckland, New Zealand, where they hope to make an impact.

Cowie believes the Solomon Islanders greatest quality is their love of the game and their enthusiasm to produce skilful, flowing football.

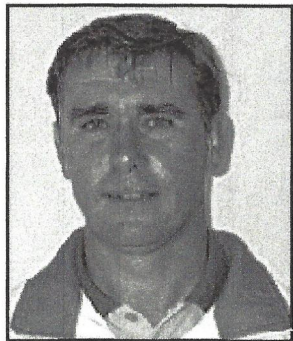
"Football is by far the most popular sport played in the Solomon Islands," Cowie says. "It is hard to believe that a country made up of over 900 islands could have such a passion for the game but everywhere you see young children kicking a football."

The Solomon Islands are an improving side under the guidance of Cowie, who has been at the helm for just over a year.

"The Solomon boys have very good close control and are very comfortable on the ball. The players are encouraged to play the ball to feet and keep possession," he says.

Key players for his side, according to Cowie, are No.17 Gideon Omokirio, who wears the captain's armband, No.9 Commins Menapi, who has just had his first season in the NSL with Sydney United and No.6 Saeni Daudau, an experienced defender.

Commins Menapi's career has gone from playing in the Province of Temotu to the NSL and the Solomon Islands national team in a two-year period.



George  
Cowie  
National  
Coach and  
Technical  
Director  
Solomon  
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He spent last season playing for Nelson in New Zealand and signed for Sydney United last August after the Oceania Nations Cup.

He ended the season as a regular member of the Sydney United side and was the top scorer with nine goals.

"He is a very good player who has a fantastic attitude and has his feet firmly on the ground," Cowie says.

Daudau is one of the Solomon Islands' defensive rocks and Cowie has a lot of faith in his ability.

"He is one of the senior players in the squad. He wins the ball, reads the game well and is a two-footed player who always keeps cool under pressure," Cowie says.

Another top player is Batram Suri, who was the Solomon Islands' first professional player last season with Auckland Kingz, but he will miss the Queensland match through injury.

Solomon Islands: Goalkeepers: 1 Steve Aefi (Las United), 20 Fred Hale (Koloale).

Defenders: 2 Eddie Edwin (Mars), 3 Selson Molea (Naha), 4 Jimmy Manewai (Kossa), 5 Timothy Paoka (Naha), 6 Saeni Daudau (Koloale), Gideon Omokirio (Kossa).

Midfielders: 7 Jack Samani (Koloale), 8 Francis Wasi (Laugu), 10 Stanley Waita (Naha), 13 David Firisua (Central Utd, Auckland), Moses Toata (Kossa), Jerry Allen (Naha), Henry Koto (Koloale), Joel Konofilia (Lae Unitech PNG).

Strikers: 9 Commins Menapi (Sydney United), 11 Batram Suri (Koloale), 12 Henry Faarodo (Nelson College), Pateson Daudau (Koloale).

National coach and technical director: George Cowie

Assistant coach: Matai Vave  
Head of delegation: Phillip Ohoto'ono  
Doctor: Dr Andrew Kori  
Physiotherapist: Chris Laore  
Team manager: Wilson Nae

## GEORGE COWIE (Solomon Islands Coach)

When Scottish-born George Cowie signed with West Ham United in 1977, little did he know that 24 years later he would be coaching a Pacific island nation.

Soccer is an unpredictable sport and it has taken Cowie on a long and adventurous journey with many ups and downs.

Now an Australian citizen living on the Sunshine Coast, Cowie's playing career included stints with West Ham (1977-1983), Hearts (1983-1987) and Dunfermline (1987-1989) where his career was ended prematurely by injury.

He has a long list of playing achievements including captaining the Scottish youth side at the 1978 European Championships in Austria, being involved in the European Cup Winners Cup and the Charity Shield with West Ham United and the UEFA Cup and Scottish Cup final with Hearts.

His standing in the game was reflected in a testimonial dinner attended by 500 people, with the main guest speaker being Sir Alex Ferguson.

Cowie began a coaching career immediately on his playing retirement, coaching the Dunfermline reserve and youth teams in 1989.

He moved on to become first team coach at Forres, a club in the Scottish Highland League. Held this position for five years before emigrating to Australia in 1996.

His first coaching role in Australia was at Wynnum where he won the Queensland Cup and Charity Shield in 1997 and 1998.

He then joined the Queensland Soccer Federation as the Coaching and Development Manager for the Sunshine Coast and was technical adviser to the Queensland Under 15 State Team in 1999.

A new year and a new century brought along a new opportunity which Cowie grasped with both hands.

In March 2000 he joined the Solomon Island Football Federation as National Coach and Technical Director, responsible for coaching the national teams at Senior, U23, U20 and U17 age groups.

During the past year the national team finished second in the Melanesian Cup in Fiji and third in the Oceania Nations Cup in Tahiti.

## GIDEON OMOKIRIO (Solomon Islands Captain)

Gideon Omokirio, or "Gigs", as he is known to his team-mates, is a very athletic player who prides himself on being able to play any position.

He is the rock of the Solomon Islands defence and in turn has the huge respect of his players as the skipper of the side.

Omokirio, 25, who plays for club side Kossa, has come through the ranks of Solomon Islands representative teams, playing for the national side at U17, U20, U23 and senior level. Solomon Islands coach George Cowie says Omokirio is the ideal choice as captain.

"Gigs is a superb athlete who can play virtually anywhere. He has an excellent attitude and is a great example to the rest of the players."

Omokirio spent a season in New Zealand a few years ago and last year trialled with Melbourne Knights and Sydney United in a bid to break into the NSL.

He works for the National Bank in Honiara and is hoping to keep the Solomon Islands defence as secure as a bank vault tonight.

He is a role model in the Solomon Islands with many young aspiring soccer players looking up to him.

Players like Omokirio are often involved in promoting the game which is helping coach Cowie's objectives for the Solomon Islands.

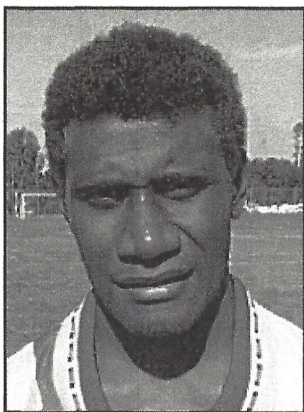
"There are several aims and objectives for the next few years but top of the list must be to continue to improve facilities, not just in Honiara but throughout the whole country," Cowie says.

"A very important priority is to implement the new Oceania Coaching Structure throughout the islands. This will take time but we must do it properly and ensure that we have many qualified coaches as possible to produce players like Gideon.

"It is also important to keep improving at international level to mount a serious challenge to Australia and New Zealand at all age groups.

"This will also make professional clubs sit up and take notice of the exceptional talent that Solomon Island players have."

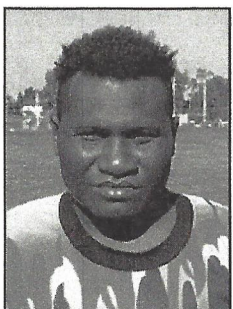
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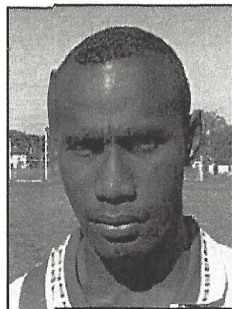
GIDEON OMOKIRIO  
(CAPTAIN)



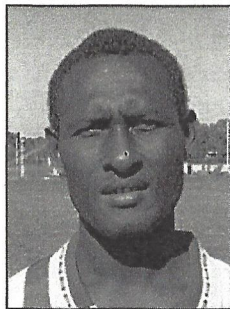
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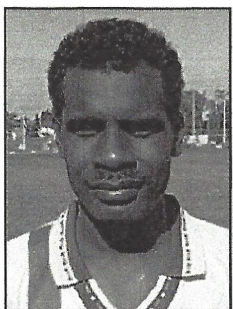
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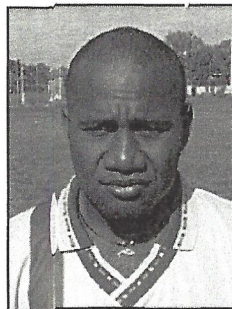
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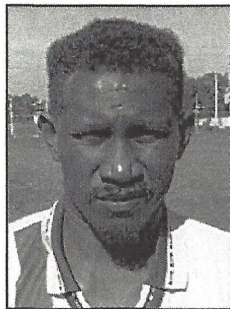
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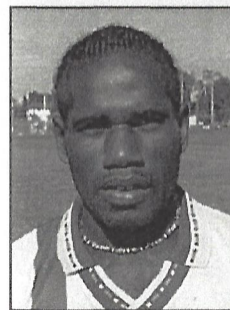
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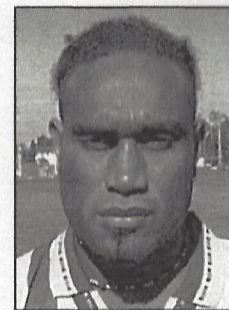
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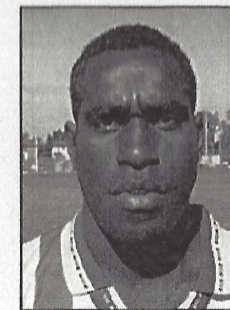
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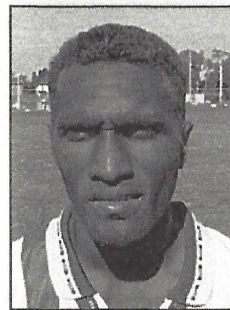
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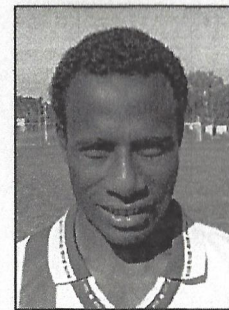
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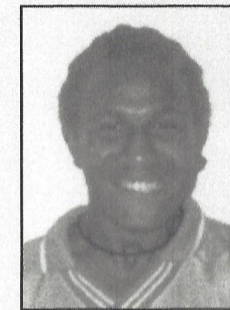
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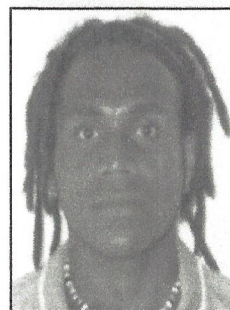
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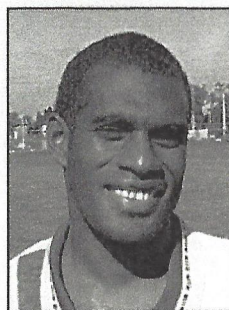
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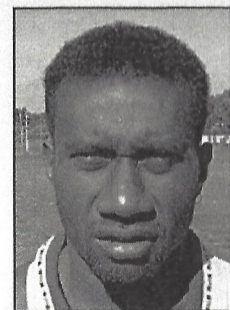
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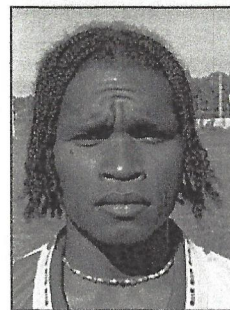
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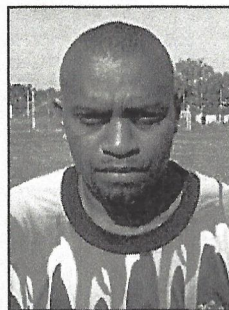
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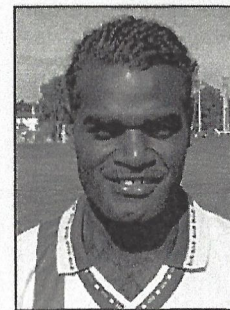
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JERRY ALLEN



FRED HALE



HENRY KOTO

# WORLD CUP PLAYER PROFILES

## 1 SEVE AEFI, GOALKEEPER AGE 32 - CLUB: LAS UTD

Seve has held the number one goalkeeping position for nearly ten years. He has played in World Cup Qualifiers, Nations Cups and Melanesian Cups. The local crowds love him for his flamboyant antics; mazy runs to the half way line being a common thing at club level but definitely discouraged by the National Coach. Very agile keeper.

## 2 EDDIE EDWIN, DEFENDER AGE 21 - CLUB: MARS

Eddie is new to the international scene but has been selected because of outstanding performances for his club. He is very consistent, strong in the tackle and in the air and uses the ball well from the back. Has a bright future ahead of him

## 3 SELSON MOLEA, DEFENDER AGE 24 - CLUB: NAHA

Selson also played in the U23 Olympic team. He is yet to play in the senior team but has forced his way into the squad with a series of consistent displays at club level. A strong no nonsense defender who is strong in the air.

## 4 JIMMY MANEWAI, DEFENDER AGE 26 - CLUB: KOSSA

Jimmy has been a model of consistency both at club and international level during the last year. He was a member of the squad in both the Melanesian Cup in Fiji and the Oceania Nations Cup in Tahiti. A very reliable player who has been under rated at times.

## 5 TIMOTHY PAOKA, MIDFIELD AGE 21 - CLUB: NAHA

Timothy is another member of the Olympic team who also played at U20 level. He is a very skilful midfield player with a tremendous work rate. Can play anywhere in mid-field.

## 6 SAENI DAUDAU, DEFENDER AGE 29 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Saeni is one of the senior players in the squad. He made a significant improvement to the defence when he came into the team in the Nations Cup after missing the Melanesian Cup. He wins the ball, reads the game well and is a two-footed player who always keeps cool under pressure.

## 7 JACK SAMANI, MIDFIELD AGE 22 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Jack is a very exciting wide player. He has tremendous close skills, beats people easily and scores goals. Is two footed and can play on the right or left flank. One of a dying breed he is an old fashioned "winger". Was a member of the U23 Olympic side in New Zealand two years ago.

## 8 FRANCIS WASI, MIDFIELD, AGE 24 - CLUB: LAUGU

Francis played in the recent Oceania club championship in Port Moresby. Had a spell at Nelson in New Zealand. Then after good performances in the Nations Cup was signed by Alan Hunter for Sydney United but a pre-season injury prevented him playing and he returned home to Honiara to recover. Has now regained full fitness and will be wanting to make up for lost time.

## 9 COMMINS MENAPI, STRIKER AGE 22 - CLUB: SYDNEY UTD

Commings career has gone from playing in the Province of Temotu to the Australian National league and the National team in a two-year period. Spent last season playing for Nelson in New Zealand and signed for Sydney United last August after the Oceania Nations Cup. Ended the season as a regular member of the Sydney side and was the top scorer with nine goals. A very good player who has a fantastic attitude and has his feet firmly on the ground.

## 10 STANLEY WAITA, MIDFIELD AGE 2 - CLUB: NAHA

Stanley is a very hard working midfield player. Good all round skills and fitness required to play midfield. Has played for Solomon Islands at all age groups and is still only 21 years old. Still studying at college.

## 11 BATRAM SURI, STRIKER AGE 29 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Batram is Solomon Islands most experienced player. He has played in Tahiti and had three clubs in New Zealand, Nelson, Manawatu and the Auckland Kingz. He has been part of the international set up for a number of years. A very strong character who has been a role model for young Solomon footballers.

## 12 HENRY FAARODO, STRIKER AGE 18 - CLUB: NELSON COLLEGE

Henry played in the Under 17 National team and recently the U20 team that won the Formosa Cup in Taipei, Taiwan, in January, then went on to finish runners up to New Zealand in the U20 group in New Caledonia in February. Was voted player of the tournament in Taiwan and scored 15 goals in 14 games during the tour. A very exciting prospect who fully deserves his promotion to the senior ranks.

## 13 DAVID FIRISUA, MIDFIELD AGE 19 - CLUB: CENTRAL UTD, AUCKLAND

Captain of the U20 in Taiwan and New Caledonia, David did very well with the U20 team and also deserves the opportunity to move up to the senior ranks. He is playing for Central United and going to study at university in Auckland. Another player who has progressed well after spending two seasons under the guidance of Kevin Fallon at Mount Albert Grammar.

## 14 MOSES TOATA, MIDFIELD AGE 25 - CLUB: KOSSA

Great pace, plays wide left. Has a great left foot and is a good crosser of the ball. Can also play as a striker. Has played in the U23 and senior National teams. Recalled to the National side after missing the Nations Cup in Tahiti.

## 15 PATTESON DAUDAU, STRIKER AGE 23 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Another member of the U23 Olympic team. Patteson progressed to the National team and was the top scorer in the Melanesian Cup last year. He then had a short spell in New Zealand with Nelson. Very mobile and has the potential to be a top striker.

## 16 JERRY ALLEN, MIDFIELD AGE 22 - CLUB: NAHA

Jerry is equally effective on the right or left flank. Beats players very easily and is a good crosser of the ball. He has a terrific work rate and a good understanding of the game. He has obviously benefited from spending two years in New Zealand with Kevin Fallon at Mount Albert Grammar in Auckland.

## 17 GIDEON OMOKIRIO, DEFENDER AGE 25 - CLUB: KOSSA (CAPTAIN)

"Gigs" as his team mates call him has been appointed captain of the team. He has played for the national team at U17, U20, U23 and Senior level for the last eight years. Great athlete who can play anywhere. He has an excellent attitude and is a great example to the rest of the players. Spent a season in New Zealand a few years ago and last year went to Melbourne Knights and Sydney United for trials. Works for the National Bank in Honiara.

## 18 HENRY KOTO, MIDFIELD AGE 24 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Probably the most improved player in Solomon Islands during the last year. Henry played in both the Melanesian Cup and Nations Cup last year and has outstanding skill and vision and is now playing with the confidence to use it.

## 19 JOEL KONOFILIA, AGE 25 MIDFIELD - CLUB: LAE UNITECH PNG

Joel was captain of the under 17 team several years ago. Can play equally well in midfield and as a striker. Has been recalled to international duty after several outstanding displays in PNG. Played in the Oceania club championship in Port Moresby.

## 20 FRED HALE, GOALKEEPER AGE 21 - CLUB: KOLOALE

Fred played in the U23 Olympic team two years ago. Losing out to New Zealand in the Oceania final. He broke into the national team last June playing against Cook Islands, Australia and New Zealand in the Oceania Nations Cup in Tahiti. Will push Seve very hard for the number one spot.

## OTHER QUEENSLAND GAMES FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

WYNNUM WOLVES

at Wynnum Tuesday 22nd May 7.00 p.m.

BRISBANE LIONS

at Lions Thursday 24th May 7.30 p.m.



## QUEENSLAND STATE TEAM

1. Trevor Gilliland
2. Not Allocated
3. Jamie Lowndes
4. Des Hughes
5. Wayne Strange
6. Scott Elliot
7. Not Allocated
8. Demitri Theochari
9. Vedran Becirbegovic
10. Brad Ditton
11. Peter Hinks
12. Roy Huth
13. Gerard Brown
14. Anthony Roche
15. Not Allocated
16. Matt Olley
17. Pablo Aviles
18. Chris Day
19. Colin Hackwood
20. Not Allocated
21. Nathan Carlodd

R/GK Jason Lucas

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

1. Seve Aefi
2. Eddie Edwin
3. Selson Molea
4. Jimmy Manewai
5. Timothy Paoka
6. Saeni Daudau
7. Jack Samani
8. Francis Wasi
9. Commins Menapi
10. Stanley Waita
11. Batram Suri
12. Henry Faarodo
13. David Firisua
14. Moses Toara
15. Patteson Daudau
16. Jerry Allen
17. Gideon Omokirio
18. Henry Koto
19. Joel Konofilia
20. Fred Hale

## GOLD COAST SELECTION

1. Kevin Farrar (GK)
2. Michael Richardson
3. Hamish Edwards
4. David Meli
5. Luke Fiebig
6. Stuart Hodges
7. Tim Dart
8. Ryan Black
9. James Odenbreit
10. Lee Vernon
11. Darren Marsh
12. Gary Stone
13. Wade Russell
16. Des Gallagher (GK)

## SUNSHINE COAST SELECTION

1. Nathan Gee
  2. Greg Holman
  3. Liam Tucker
  4. Ryan Smith
  5. Rodney Allen
  6. Shane Mills
  7. Stuart Collins
  8. Scott McLean
  9. Jai Cross
  10. Nathan Kunst
  11. Beau Hodge
  12. Ian Murphy
  13. Not Allocated
  14. Dustin Slypen
- R/GK Joel Morrison