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After last weekend's matches Palm Beach and Souths United sit proudly atop the table with a perfect record and another undefeated team with the Brisbane Strikers just behind them. Round 6 promises another intriguing weekend with the following matches scheduled.

Sat 16 April	3.00pm	Jack Speare Park, Indooroopilly	Taringa Rovers	v	Mitchelton
Sat 16 April	5.00pm	Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach	Palm Beach	v	Pine Rivers
Sat 16 April	7.00pm	Perry Park, Mayne	Brisbane Strikers	v	Eastern Suburbs
Sat 16 April	7.00pm	Underwood Park, Rochedale	Rochedale Rovers	v	Toowoomba Raiders
Sun 17 April	3.00pm	Spencer Park, Newmarket	Brisbane City	v	Souths United
Sun 17 April	5.00pm	Carmichael Park, Wynnum	Brisbane Wolves	v	Uni of Qld



On Saturday afternoon, Mitchelton travel to Jack Speare Park after winning three consecutive matches while Taringa Rovers have only picked up one point from the last nine. Mitchelton have been finding the back of the net regularly and their strikers Etienne Mermer, Jason Poggi and Richard Iwai have proved a real handful in recent weeks for defences. With some excellent support from Andrew Balzat and Michael Christiansen, the team is showing some real confidence after a shaky start to the season. Taringa have been the exact opposite and need to improve their performance in all areas if they are to match the Mitchelton side. Coach Alan Waller knows the youngsters in his side have the ability and will look to his experienced players such as Daniel Dreger, Andrew Imrie, Reza Aysen and Alex Davani to help get the impetus going again.

The match of the round is at Palm Beach where the undefeated home side entertains Pine Rivers who lost their unbeaten record last weekend in a titanic struggle with Souths. The Rivers side have met all the top sides over recent week and while playing their part in some exciting games have not got the results to show for their endeavours. Their match-winners Josh Rose and Tim Smits come up against the meanest defence in the Premier League who have conceded only one goal. Palm Beach have even had recent injury concerns but have still etched out some excellent results to take them to the top spot. Daniel Fung and Russell Miner are always dangerous and with the midfield support of Neil Monro and Brad Ditton will be looking to show their class to their home supporters.

Brisbane Strikers will welcome the return to Perry Park after having a tough and close match against Uni of Qld last weekend. They relied on a spectacular strike from Damian Waugh to settle the match and keep their undefeated record intact. They may be without their influential midfielder Jamie Lowndes and will find his absence hard to cover given his excellent form to date. Eastern Suburbs have been very inconsistent so far and will need to show much more composure on the ball to worry sides at this level. Paul Brownlie returns to play against his former side and his battle with Adam Webber will be vital to East's chances of getting points here. Furthermore, the Easts defence have conceded more goals than any other team in the competition and will need to tighten up and be very wary of the abilities of Greg DiLosa and Russell Woodruffe.

Toowoomba Raiders have only played once away from home this year and face a daunting task at Rochedale on Saturday night who will be very confident after putting seven goals past Brisbane City, Alex Panic getting five of them. Rochedale have been in a position to win every game this year despite their record of only two wins and coach Kieran Cooper will be urging his side to keep playing their natural attacking game. Panic has been outstanding for the side to date and will be looking for some more good service from Cameron Watson Kris Dodds and Steven Carter. Nathan Reardon has scored in consecutive games for Toowoomba and with Michael Giallorakous will test the Rochedale defence which hasn't been as solid as they would have liked to be. Rochedale have played well at home for no points this season and will be keen to correct that statistic this weekend.

Brisbane City are currently on the bottom of the table and will have the job of trying to put a dent in Souths United 100% record when they host them on Sunday afternoon. City's proud tradition has taken a battering this season but they can never be counted out. Daniel Corbett showed glimpses of the form that earned him a good reputation over recent years but will need much more support if he is to match it with the midfield strength of Souths. Souths have had a number of different players appearing on the score sheet, which is always an encouraging sign, and they are certainly shaping up as one of the title favourites. Terry Hughes has been a real strength for them in midfield and his understanding with his team-mates has given coach Peter Tokesi a solid base on which to introduce some exciting new talent to the Premier League.

Brisbane Wolves meet league newcomers Uni of Qld in an intriguing match on Sunday afternoon at Wynnum. Uni have not yet been able to open their points account but have been very close on a number of occasions, particularly against Souths and Brisbane Strikers. However their lack of finishing has cost them dearly. They have not lost anything in comparison to any of their rivals and have received many compliments but the team from St Lucia would much rather have some points. Brisbane Wolves have also shown glimpses of promise but have been unable to convert their performances into points. With Coach Anthony Roche pulling the boots back on last weekend, they did look more assured at the back but were still wayward in front of goal. Jack Samani and Injae Won showed some neat skills and pace and with Sam Murdoch now settled up front, the Wolves supporters will be hoping for better results.

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