**ANATOMY OF A CHAMPION**

**Name:** Liam Cosgrove  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Position:** Full forward  
**Age:** 12

It's been a big soccer year for Liam Cosgrove, who has been selected to play for Lytton District team, captain the Metropolitan East schoolboys' team and to represent Queensland at the National Football Championships. He has also been accepted into the Football Federation Australia Skills Acquisition program.

**How long have you played soccer for?**  
Since I can remember, but my first club I played for was Bromley Cross Aces in England and I was four.

**Which club do you play for, what division do you play and in what position?**  
Centre mid for Redlands United U12 rebel league.

**What do you enjoy about soccer?**  
I love being part of a team. Soccer excites me - it is skillful and fast and it is brilliant as you have mates to share experiences with.

**Do you play or like other sports?**  
Yes, I love most sports. I have played touch football, competed in a triathlon and been to district selection for 100m and 200m sprinting and the shot put.

**Who are your role models?**  
Steven Gerrard from Liverpool FC

**How did you react when you heard you would captain Metropolitan East?**  
I am very much a team player and I get enjoyment in encouraging and support- ing my team mates. I felt very privileged to captain Met East. It was fantastic that I captained the winning team at the State Championships in July.

**What are your goals for next year?**  
I am hoping to be retained on the Skills Acquisition Program as this leads to the Skillaros pathway next year. I want to continue to develop and learn at the highest level possible and to make the U13 State.

**Where do you hope you’ll go with your soccer playing in the long term?**  
My dream is to become a professional footballer. During the season I can play and train up to seven days a week. Hopefully the pathway that I am fortunate to find myself on will give me the chance to fulfill my dream.

**Sports extra**

**Stumble after good start**  
**CRICKET:** Wynnum Manly won their first game of the season, defeating Sandgate Redcliffe with a score of 8 for 335 and 1 for 239 after Will Prowse (113) and Ryan Broad (120) put on a record partnership of 238 in reply to Sandgate’s 172.

Following the win, Queensland were keen to repeat that success when they met Sunshine Coast at Bill Alley Oval on Saturday. After losing the toss they were asked to bat and were in early trouble losing the wickets of Will Prowse and Jason Floros. But they recovered to be 3 for 128 after a 94 run partnership by Ryan Broad and Nathan Rabott, making 5 for 220 at tea. However they lost their last 5 wickets for 8 runs to be dismissed for 249.

Ryan Broad scored 56, Chris Simpson 56 off 50 balls and Nathan Rabott, making 5 for 220 at tea. Coaster bowler Matthew Gate took 5 for 34.

Wynnum bowled without success as Sun- shine Coast finished on 53 at stumps. The chase for first innings points resumes next Saturday.

**Table shows class**  
**TABLE TENNIS:** More than 30 players nominated for Wynnum Table Tennis’s annual Monday night Division 1 closed singles tournament last week.

Group winners were James Robertson, Barry Driver, John Christensen, Phil Naghdi, Brad Beeutel and Rich O’Neil.

In the seeded section, Australian over 40 champion Lionel Hurst defeated Beutel and Rod Clark 11-8, 11-6. Beutel and Naghdi defeated Driver, John Christensen, Phil Naghdi, Brad Beeutel and Rich O’Neil.

In the knockout finals, Cumming defeated Driver, 11-6, 11-7, 11-6. In the third place play-off, Coorparoo lost their last 10 wickets for just 89 runs and struck back to roll the Muddies for 187 but it was not enough to take first inning’s points.

**Maroons lead Aussies**  
**RUGBY LEAGUE:** Queensland have taken an international championship lead over Australia with their 35-26 victory over the New Zealanders last month.

Queensland was represented by David Jones (Wynnum-Redland), Bruce McAlister (Ipswich), K eth McLeod (Broadbeach), Greg Featherston (Rockhampton), and David Hughes and Ian Clayton (Mt Tamborine).

The match in the national capital on October 24 was won by the 2010 champions from China who also took out this year’s title – from Australia and Asia. In the preliminary matches, Queensland de- feated Canberra 10-9 and Victoria’s “Wom- bats” 12-9.

Their only loss was to China’s Youth Team of Hongqiao Town (Shanghai) 15-10.

After finishing second in their pool, Queens- land fought back in the qualifying final to draw 9-all with Japan, only to lose the deciding first gate shootout 5-4.

Subsequently, Japan lost their semi-final on a countback after drawing 14-14 with the eventual championship winners “Chongqing Dazu County” gateball team from China.

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**Muddies claw back**  
**CRICKET:** Bayside Muddies skittled sub-district cricket’s top side for 117 in round two of the A1 competition last week.

Coorparoo lost their last 10 wickets for just 89 runs and struck back to roll the Muddies for 187 but it was not enough to take first inning’s points.

**Seagulls sign youngster**  
**RUGBY LEAGUE:** Wynnum Manly Sea- gulls has signed up outgoing Cowboys under-20s player John Koko for 2012.

The second-rower impressed during the weekend’s National Youth Cup final when he scored on the game’s second tackle, although the North Queenslanders lost in a heart- breaking golden-point defeat to the New Zea- land Warriors.

**Saunders in fine form**  
**BOXING:** Bradley Saunders had his third straight win for the year at the Global Boxing Association tournament at Kingaroy last weekend.

The 16-year-old defeated Rockhampton’s Gary Thomp- son’s bantamweight division and will defend his title in a rematch against Darcy Limback at Caloundra on October 30.

Meanwhile Jimmy Saunders (no relation) lost on points to Steve Simpson in the super heavyweight division.

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