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## Cycling pair up for awards

**Goldstars official Stan Brims is nominated for coach of the year at the Cycling Queensland awards**



**CYCLING:** Gold Coast Cycling Goldstars officials Tim Francis and Stan Brims have both been nominated for awards at this Saturday's Cycling Queensland gala awards ceremony in Brisbane.

More than 200 guests will turn out at the Novotel to celebrate a top year for Queensland cycling.

Locals Francis and Brims have been nominated for official, and coach of the year respectively.

Cyclist of the year award nominees include up-and-comers Jordan Kerby, Jay McCarthy and Michael Hepburn.

Ashley Hutchinson and the Gold Coast's Athens gold medalist Sara Carrigan are guest speakers.

## Golfers master world event

**GOLF:** Four Gold Coasters were among the winners at the Mitsubishi Masters World Golf Championships at the weekend.

The event, which was held at premium Gold Coast courses the Colonial, Robina Glades and Royal Pines, hosted more than 1000 amateur golfers over the age of 35.

Go Golfing managing director Peter McCarthy said the week-long tournament was the best in its 15-year history.

Among the winners were the Grand Golf Club's Narelle Norris (ladies 50-59 A grade stableford), Coolangatta's Maurice James (men 50-59 A grade stableford), the Grand's William Clark (men 35-49 B grade stableford) and Colonial's John Rattray (men 35-49 C grade stableford). Gainsborough Greens golfer Matthew Brown (men 35-49 B grade stableford) and Colonial golfers John Turnbull (men 35-49 C grade stableford) and Brad Power (men 50-59 C grade stableford) finished runners up.

## Gold Coast boast too much sting for Cougars as play-offs loom

**GRIDIRON:** The Gold Coast Stingrays have retained a top-two spot on the Queensland Gridiron ladder after defeating the Cougars 28-12 at the weekend.

Stingrays president Geoff Hay said his side was starting to show more consistency and were in good form leading up to the playoffs.

"It was a great win, they scored the first touchdown and last touchdown of the game and we put on 28 unanswered points in between," he said.

"Our two wide receivers Damien Molloy and Ryan Pedley were brilliant for us on the day.

"We had a few missing from our

offensive line but the guys who played were really quite good in their place."

The Stingrays play their last regular season home game this week against the Bears and Hay is confident of staying at the top of the ladder.

"We accounted for the Bears

quite easily last time so we're expecting to win this week's match," he said.

"The Bears had a draw with the Rhinos last week and we've had a draw with the Rhinos also, so the Bears will probably think they can match it with us but we're pretty confident."

# Men with the golden guns



Tim Barwick, left, and Damien Boyce aim up at the Gold Coast Pistol Club, Ashmore, after winning gold for Australia

Photo: MIKE BATTERHAM

**SHOOTING:** After only five years of competing, Gold Coast Pistol Club duo Tim Barwick and Damien Boyce last week returned home from the Australasian championships as gold medallists.

Barwick and Boyce made their debuts for Australia at the four-day tournament in Malaysia and they did not disappoint in their first outing in the green and gold.

Barwick, 26, won gold for the standard shooting team while Boyce, 31, helped the production team to victory.

Barwick and Boyce have been training together since they started five years ago and their quick rise to the top has them looking forward to the future.

"I was very proud. It was the first teams event I've done for Australia

and it's a pretty cool feeling knowing you've won a gold medal for your country," Barwick said.

"I don't know how I managed to get here so quickly.

"I did do quite a bit of practice in the early years but making the Queensland team last year and winning the New Zealand national titles as a solo shooter helped.

"The only thing left to do now is

the world shooting championships next year in Greece but that's a massive tournament and it will cost a fair bit."

Boyce said Malaysia's severe 37C heat and 97 per cent humidity made things tougher.

"But it was great and it was the first time I've ever represented my country in anything, so I was rapt," he said.

## Every squad member plays a role in today's fast-paced game

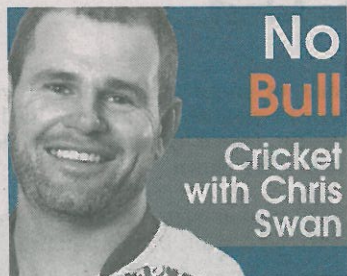
**T**HE frantic start to this summer has highlighted more than ever how cricket has changed.

Not so long ago, you picked the best 12 or 13 in your squad and that's who you went with - game in, game out. Certainly, when I first started playing grade cricket, that's the way it was, as it had been for more than a hundred years.

This season, the Queensland Bulls have 20 contracted players, five rookies and Twenty20 "consultant" Andrew Symonds.

Every member of that squad is an integral part of the team because every one is being called on at some stage and most, regularly.

We are not yet a month into the season and 17 of our 20 contracted



players have been in action in the Ryobi Cup or Sheffield Shield. And one rookie - Cameron Gannon - has had a taste of both.

Ryan Harris and Ben Cutting are two who haven't played but are in action today with the Queensland Academy of Sport Futures League

team in Canberra, and you can bet the selectors are itching to get them back.

The selectors are becoming more flexible in their way of thinking and will pick certain spinners for some wickets and different seamers for others.

That flexibility has to apply to every player's mindset and accept the "horses for courses" policy.

The margin for error has become so small as a result of the competitiveness of all the players and state teams in Australia. I don't believe there's much of a gap between the top level of international cricket and the best level of domestic cricket in Australia.

That's why Mike Hussey and Mar-

cus North found it tough going back to bat for WA against SA this week, and the pressure on their positions in the national team has only intensified.

There is pressure on every time they go to bat - and that would be no different to the pressure they place on themselves - but it is good to have pressure coming from underneath.

As the great man Bart Cummings says, "if you stop looking for tomorrow's hero, you will be yesterday's man in no time".

I don't think he can win the Melbourne Cup today with the red-hot favourite So You Think - the horse is too much of a risk over the distance.

I'm putting my hard-earned on Monaco Consul, with Shocking in there for the quinella.

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