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Sports World

With **LAKIS KONISTIS**

TSEKENIS RE-SIGNS, LIONS WIN CUP

How ironic.....

Peter Tsekenis signs on with the Bankstown City Lions for 2009 and the Lions go out and win the Tiger Turf Cup!

Congratulations to "Tsek" and Peter Papoythis on their 3-1 victory over Sydney Olympic who are also to be congratulated for making the Final in 2008.

What was just as pleasing was the announcement that Phillip Makrys was deemed to be the "Man of the Match".

Although shocked at hearing the news a humble Makrys said, "It could have really gone to anyone with the likes of George Nohra, Robbie Mileski and Peter Tsekenis who all played fantastically. But I am honoured to have received the award but more importantly, winning the Cup was what my main focus was."

What does the future hold for this talented 22 year old?

"As long as 'Tseka' (Peter Tsekenis) and 'Flea' (Peter Papoythis) are at the club I would like to stay on. I will sit down and talk to Bankstown in the next few weeks about next year for sure but I hope that if I can get a good season under my belt then hopefully I can get into an A-League squad."

"SPORTSWORLD GOT IT WRONG!"

You've got to hand it to Peter Tsekenis.

Only a day after lifting the Tiger Turf Cup trophy courtesy of Bankstown City's 3-1 victory over Sydney Olympic, "Tsek" still had some unfinished business to attend to.

Which is why he sent me the following sms message:

"Laki, sorry to say you got one wrong. You said that Olympic would definitely win the Tiger Turf Cup. You forgot they were up against a Dully High (Dulwich High School) boy. Cheers, Tseka".

After contacting Peter Tsekenis personally after this sms, he also wanted to thank me for the article I wrote, which he used as added incentive for his Lions team mates.

"Tsek", that's okay, the Berries too would like to thank you for their two victories in the NSW Premier League in 2008 which ensured they remained in the

League for 2009!

"Touche", as they say.....

Whilst on the Bankstown City Lions, Tsekenis added that the club was off to Melbourne this weekend for their annual club trip away and when the boys return, they will be looking closely at mapping out their plans for season 2009.

Congratulations to the Lions once again for their deserved Tiger Turf Cup success..

LEE STERREY TO COACH MARCONI?

The biggest rumour at present is that former NSL coach Lee Sterrey has tentatively agreed to terms to coach the Marconi Stallion in the NSW Premier League for season 2009.

Sterrey has apparently beaten a few other coaching names to what many consider to be the hottest coaching seat in the league with expectations high at Fairfield.

BERRIES COACH?

All I can reveal is that the West Sydney Berries are also in secret negotiations at present with several individuals interested in taking over the reins as head coach of the Berries in 2009.

In the meantime good luck to the Berries U/14's, the club's only team to be involved in finals football this year.

The young Berries beat Penrith 1-0 in last weekend's elimination semi and must now attempt to do the same against Blacktown City tomorrow morning.

EURO 2008 SWELLS UEFA COFFERS BY \$394 MILLION!

UEFA has earned a record \$250 million (US\$394 million) from the 2008 European Championship.

European football's governing body said that is an increase of \$27 million (US\$42 million) from Euro 2004, and would be enough to pay for its youth and women's competitions until 2012 as well as refereeing and coaching programs.

The rest of the proceeds will be distributed amongst UEFA's 53 members.

UEFA reported that actual turnover during three-week tournament in Austria and Switzerland was a staggering US\$2.04 billion (\$1.3 billion), with more than half the money coming from the sale of broadcasting rights.

At least 155 million people watched each of the 31 matches live on television, UEFA said.

The cost of staging the event grew from \$313 million in 2004 to \$600 million (US\$943 million).

GALAXY'S GULLIT RESIGNS, LALAS OUT

Los Angeles Galaxy, who are captained by England midfielder David Beckham, were dealt a blow when the team's head coach Ruud Gullit resigned for 'personal reasons'.

Ruud Gullit has been replaced by first-year assistant coach Cobi Jones.

In a related move, Galaxy President Alexi Lalas, instrumental in luring Beckham to the Major League Soccer (MLS) club in July last year, has also been fired from his job.



Bankstown City Lions midfielder Philip Makrys (left) shown receiving his award from Football NSW Director Howard Bradley (photo-courtesy of Football NSW)

A-ΛΙΓΚ - 1η αγωνιστική

Νιούκαστλ Τζετς-Σέντραλ Κοστ Μάρινερς
Σήμερα, 20:00, EnergyAustralia Stadium

Σίδνεϊ FC-Μέλμπουρν Βίκτορι
Αύριο, 19:00, Sydney Football Stadium

Αντελάιτ Γιουνάιτεντ-Περθ Γκλόρι
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 16:30, Hindmarsh Stadium

Ουέλινγκτον Φοίνιξ-Κούνσλαντ Ρόαθ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Westpac Stadium

PREMIER ΛΙΓΚ NNO - Τελική φάση

Γούλονγκονγκ-Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ
Σήμερα, 19:30, WIN Stadium

Μένλι-Σίδνεϊ Γιουνάιτεντ
Σήμερα, 19:45, Cromer Park

ΣΟΥΠΕΡ ΛΙΓΚ NNO - 21η αγωνιστική

Σαιντ Τζορτζ-Μάουντ Ντρούιτ
Αύριο, 19:30, Belmore Sports Ground

Γκράνβιλ-Σέντραλ Κοστ Λάιτνινγκ
Αύριο, 19:30, Garside Park

Μπόσι Λίβερπουλ-Μπόνιριγκ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Ernie Smith Reserve

Μελίτα-Φρέιζερ Παρκ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Melita Stadium

Νόρθερν Τάιγκερς-Ροκντέιλ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Mills Park

Πανεπιστήμιο Σίδνεϊ-Φέρφιλντ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Sydney University Oval No1

1η ΚΑΤΗΓΟΡΙΑ NNO - 21η αγωνιστική

Ντάλιτς Χιλ-Στάνμορ Χοκς
Αύριο, 19:30, Arlington Oval

Μάουντις-Σκόφιλντς Σκόρπιονς
Αύριο, 19:30, Cook Park (Mounties)

Σίδνεϊ Γουόντερερς-Πανεπιστήμιο NNO
Αύριο, 19:30, Hajduk Stadium

Ίντερ Λάιονς-Χιλς Μπράμπις
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Concord Oval

Μπλακτάουν Σπάρτανς-Χέροτβιλ
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Francis Park No2

Μινώταυροι-Σπίριτ FC
Κυριακή 17 Αυγούστου, 15:00, Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre