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FFA SUPPORTS BUSHFIRE APPEAL

**FOOTBALL
FEDERATION
AUSTRALIA**

Football Federation Australia (FFA) announced a donation of \$100,000 to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal along with other measures to show support for the communities affected by the devastating bushfires in Victoria.

“Everyone in the entire football community shares the disbelief at not only the tragedy in Victoria but the scale of it,” said FFA CEO, Ben Buckley. “Our sympathy and heartfelt wishes go to all those who have suffered.”

In addition to the cash donation, FFA will also provide replacement football equipment to schools and junior football clubs that have lost equipment in the bushfires, when appropriate.

Buckley also said that:

- there will be one minute's silence at both semi-finals to be played at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on Friday and Telstra Dome, Melbourne, on Saturday;

- tickets will be offered to families affected by the fires and the fire fighters and other emergency services workers to the semi-final between Melbourne Victory and Adelaide United at Telstra Dome;

- there will be cash collections at Telstra Dome and at Suncorp Stadium

for fans to make a donation either to the Bushfire Appeal (Melbourne) or the North Queensland Floods Appeal (Brisbane).

Qantas Socceroos playing a 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifier in Japan on Wednesday, and Hyundai A-League players participating in the semi-finals of the A-League this weekend, will wear black armbands as a mark of respect for those who have lost their lives.

“We hope that these gestures, while very small, can help bring some relief to the people who have lost so much and to the courageous men and women who have been working tirelessly to help them. We want to let them know that everyone involved in football is thinking of them,” said Buckley.

FOOTBALL NSW?

I am actually surprised there was nothing from Football NSW.

No further comment necessary.....

A-LEAGUE FINALS SERIES

The intensity of the Hyundai A-League 2009 Finals Series presented by FOXTEL steps up a notch this weekend in the second leg of the Finals Series.

All four teams will be aiming to play the perfect match with only 4 games to go until we know the Hyundai A-League 2009 Champions.

After this weekend's games, we will be down to 3 teams with 2 games to go. The winner of the minor semi-final will go on to meet the loser of the major semi-final who will host the Preliminary Final on 21 February. The winner of the major semi-final will earn the right to host the Hyundai A-League 2009 Grand Final the week after.

And with Valentine's Day falling this weekend, it's the perfect opportunity to introduce your new love to your first love.

FOX Sports will broadcast every Hyundai A-League 2009 Finals Series match live and exclusive.

**Queensland Roar
v Central Coast Mariners
Friday 13 February,
Suncorp Stadium, 7.30pm**

* Queensland Roar are aiming to become only the second Hyundai A-League team to win six home matches in a row this Friday.

* The Central Coast Mariners will be aiming to turn their luck around this weekend after a four match losing streak (all matches).

**Melbourne Victory
v Adelaide United
Saturday 14 February,
Telstra Dome, 7.30pm**

* Melbourne Victory recently created a new Hyundai A-League record of winning six home matches in a row.

* Adelaide United are aiming to halt a four match losing streak against the Melbourne Victory. No current Hyundai A-League club has lost more than five consecutive matches against another club before.

SCOLARI SACKED!

Just as we expected.....

Just as we wrote.....

Chelsea has sacked Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari this week after just seven months in charge of the Premier League club.

Scolari, who led Brazil to victory in the World Cup final in 2002 and led Portugal to the runners-up spot in Euro 2004, replaced Avram Grant as manager last year.

A statement on the club's website said: “Luiz Felipe Scolari has been dismissed as manager of Chelsea Football Club today (Monday) with immediate effect.

competitions in which they are taking part.”

Scolari in fact became the second Premier League manager sacked following the dismissal of Tony Adams from Portsmouth.

BETEZY BET OF THE WEEK

This week there are some great races in Melbourne with Weekend Hussler racing in the Australia Stakes. He is currently priced at \$1.55 which is way under and I don't think it will be winning.

Anyway this week the suggested bets are:

In Sydney- Race 8 no 2: All Ameri-

can (should improve run well).

In Melbourne- Race 3 no 2: Reaan (class horse off the field).

In Melbourne- Race 7 ***LAY Weekend Hussler*** Back Mind Your Head and Time Thief at the value for the extras.

Good punting,
The Scotsman

A-ΛΙΓΚ - τελική φάση

**Κουίνσλαντ Ρόα-
Σέντραλ Κοστ Μάρινερς**
Σήμερα, 19:30, Suncorp Stadium

**Μέλμπουρν Βίκτορι-
Αντελάιντ Γιουνάιτεντ**
Αύριο, 19:30, Telstra Dome

ΓΙΟΥΘ ΛΙΓΚ - 21η αγων.

Κουίνσλαντ-Αντελάιντ Γιουν.
Σήμερα, 16:40, Suncorp Stadium

Περθ Γκλόρι-Νιούκαστλ Τζετς
Αύριο, 17:00, BGC Stadium

Σέντραλ Κοστ-Σίδνεϊ FC
Αύριο, 17:00, Pluim Park

Ρεπό: Μέλμπουρν Βίκτορι

Φιλικόι αγώνες

**Μένλι Γιουνάιτεντ-
Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις**
Κυριακή 15 Φεβρουαρίου,
17:00, Cromer Park

Μπανκστάουν-Πένριθ
Κυριακή 15 Φεβρουαρίου,
19:00, Jensen Park

Σίδνεϊ Τάιγκερς-Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ
Κυριακή 15 Φεβρουαρίου,
19:00, Lambert Park



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