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Sports World

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs **WEST SYDNEY BERRIES SUNDAY!**

The 2009 TeleChoice Premier League season kicks off this Sunday evening- and like last year, we have an appertising "Greek Derby" to look forward to.

Sydney Olympic this time however will host the West Sydney Berries at Belmore Oval- and the home side will be looking forward to correcting the 3-1 loss they had to the Berries in Round One last season.

In other games, newcomers Bonnyrigg White Eagles I am predicting will cause an upset straight away by beating the Sydney Tigers at home.

Blagoja Kuleski's Eagles will rely on the likes of experienced defender David Petrovic, Milorad Simonovic and Tayfun Devrimol to show them the way.

Grand-Finalist Last season's Sutherland Sharks head to Manly in another great clash in the opening round.

Phil Moss' Manly United has English Premier League defender Spencer Prior, former Berries player Josh Sama and Brodie Mooy to help their cause this year.

New Sharks' boss Robbie Stanton has BIG BOOTS to fill and will be relying heavily upon Nick Stavroulakis in midfield, the experience of George Souris in defence and Brad Boardman in attack to sterr the Shrak's fortunes in 2009.

At Gabbie Stadium, Blacktown City Demons will be hoping for a win against Sydney United following a disappointing 2008. Sydney United great Ante Milicic will make his official debut as player/coach for the Reds.

Bankstown City's season kicks-off at Jensen Park when the 'new boys' Wollongong Community FC visit the current Tiger Turf Cup holders. Peter Tsekenis' side I am predicting will have a much better season in 2009, thanks to key signings such as Tallan Martin, Samuel Mort and Salameh Hussein.

Another club also looking for a better year will be the Marconi Stallions. Lee Sterrey has taken the reins again after a 7-year absence. Nahauel Arrarte will need to lead the awy for the Stallions with Italian import Andrea Merenda. Penrith-Nepean United will go into the match as 'underdogs'.

Which leaves us with the 'match-ofthe-round'- Sydney Olympic vs West Sydney Berries. The Blues have the added benefit of an important preseason tournament 'hit out' in Queensland, where Aytek Genc's players experienced competitive fixtures in tournament play. Tolgay Ozbey will be key for the Blues as he seeks to regain his magical goalscoring touch following a slender 2008.

West Sydney Berries performed admirably in their first campaign last season and experienced midfielder Aheleas Kotsopoulos is confident his teammates can improve on their eighth-placed finish in that campaign.

As is the case with any football derby, expect fireworks on the playing surface at Belmore Sports Ground with kick-off set for 6.30pm.

See you all there.....

VERBEEK ANNOUNCES HIS SQUAD FOR KUWAIT

Qantas Socceroos Head Coach Pim Verbeek has selected a squad of 24 players for the upcoming AFC Asian Cup 2011 Qualifier match, presented by FOXTEL, against Kuwait in Canberra on Thursday 5 March (kick-off 8.00pm AEDT).

"SPARTAN WARRIOR" **BACK IN THE RING TONIGHT!**

Boxing fans, you will be glad to know that Bobby the "Spartan Warrior" Antonakos will climb back into the ring tonight.

He will be up against Adrian Campbell for the NSW Welterweight Title.

The venue is the Orion Function Centre, 155 Beamish Street Campsie (doors open 7pm).

VIP ringside tickets are \$100 (which includes a 3 course meal & soft drinks General admission is \$50

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NATIONAL PLAYER QUOTAS

The president of soccer's governing body urged the European Union to support his plan for national quotas for players in European club teams.

Sepp Blatter spoke after meeting with Czech President Vaclav Klaus, whose country currently holds the rotating EU presidency.

Blatter wants to introduce a rule that would oblige each team to have at least six players on the field who are eligible to play for the national team of the country where their club is based. Though only five foreign players could take the field, there would be no limit on the number under contract at a club.

Wealthy clubs in big European leagues use large numbers of foreign players thanks to rules on free movement of labor within the 27-nation

"Let football in peace, let football organise itself," Blatter said, contending that such quotas were good for strengthening the teams' national identity and the growth of local talent. "You cannot compare footballers with normal workers."

Blatter said FIFA will make a presentation in Brussels on Thursday showing the rule-known as 6+5would be compatible with EU legislation. Blatter would like to see the rule in force in 2012.

BETEZY BET-OF-THE-WEEK

Hi Punters.

I hope you followed my horse to follow FRAVISHI. I am still licking my lips with the 3-70 offered last Saturday. This horse will continue to keep winning so follow him.

This week end is a very hard weekend to find winners but I have some extra cash after last week.

Melbourne Race 6, no. 2 Banana

Sydney Race 5 no. 2 Melito (each-

Sydney Race 8 no. 2 Chincilla Rose (eachway)

Good luck punters. The Scotsman

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