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# **Sports** World

#### **11 OFFICIAL WORLD CUP BIDS**

FIFA has announced that 11 bidders are officially in the race to host the World Cup in 2018 or 2022.

The candidates are: Australia, England, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Qatar, Russia, South Korea and United States, plus joint bids from Belgium-Netherlands and Spain-Portugal.

Qatar and South Korea have applied only for the 2022 tournament. The other nine candidates are in both races.

FIFA's 24-man executive committee will choose the two winning bids in December 2010.

"We are very pleased about the fantastic level of interest in our flagship competition, with all initial bidders confirming their candidature," FIFA President Sepp Blatter said in a statement. "The diversity and quality of the contenders will make this a very interesting selection process. This shows the importance of the FIFA World Cup as a truly universal event."

The World Cup, featuring 32 teams playing over four weeks, generates billions of dollars through television, tourism and marketing deals.

Hosts must also commit billions of dollars of investment to stage the event, by building and upgrading stadiums and adding infrastructure of roads, airports and hotels.

Candidates are supposed to provide about 12 stadiums holding at least 40,000 fans for group matches, with one stadium of at least 80,000 capacity

to stage the opening match and final.

Five of the bids come from FIFA's Asian confederation, two from the CONCACAF region of the Americas and four from Europe.

Europe, which currently provides 13 of the 32 teams, is a strong favorite to host in 2018 after the 2010 edition was awarded to South Africa and the 2014 tournament to Brazil.

Five of the bidders have previously staged a World Cup: England in 1966; Mexico in 1970 and 1986; the United States in 1994; and South Korea and Japan as co-hosts in 2002.

Blatter has said that joint bids will likely lose out in favor of a strong proposal from a solo host.

The two co-host candidacies from Europe can be converted to a singlenation option up to the May 2010 deadline for candidates to submit their bid book.

#### **OLYMPIC IMPRESSIVE, BERRIES LOSE**

Sydney Olympic was the most impressive team last weekend- smacking last year's champions Wollongong 5-2! Aytek Genc's pairing of Tolgay Ozbey and Matthew Mayora up front for the Blues is beginning to pay dividends. To the critics who thought Tolgay Ozbey would not be high up on the Top-Goalscorer's list in 2009, they better have a rethink- and quick!

The West Sydney Berries on the other hand put in an ordinary effort against Blacktown City at home and came off second-best losing 2-1. Although the Berries had several good chances to draw the game, it was not the usual performance from them and they will need to improve this weekend if they are to take any points away from the Bankstown City Lions on Sunday.

For the record, the Berries have an excellent record at Jensen Park- and in 2008 defeated the Lions on both occa-



sions!

The Telechoice Premier League will kick off Saturday night with Penrith hosting Sydney Olympic. It would be a brave man who predicts anything but a victory for the Blues in their current frame of mind.

#### **BETEZY** -BETS-OF-THE-WEEK

Hi Punters,

We were slightly off the mark last week with Sharkbite in Melbourne running second, and Gallant Tess running a great race in the Coolmore and finishing an unlucky third.

This week I am extremely confident that we can get back to our winning ways.

Suggested bets are-

Brisbane Race 7 no. 6 Simplest (knocking on the door for a win).

Sydney Race 4 no. 3 Prima Nova (ready to see big improvement).

Sydney race 8 no. 1 Bhutane Dane (very promising horse).

This week I have some football bets as well with the internationals on this week there is some great value in the English Blue Square Premier league.

Suggested English soccer bets-**Kidderminster to beat York** (7/4) Norwich to beat Rushden & Diamonds (4/1)

> Happy punting, The Scotsman from Betezy

## **ERREA TIPPING COMPETITION**

W G I G a	Αλιφέρης Γιώργος	Κονιστής Λάκης	Αυγερινός Δημήτρης	Σταυρουλάκης Μανόλης	Σταυρουλάκης Γιώργος	Νικολάου Παναγιώτης	Το πουλί
Πένριθ-Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	2	2	2	Х	Х	Х	1
Μένλι-Μπόνιριγκ	1	1	1	X	2	1	Χ
Μπλακτάουν-Σίδνεϊ Τάιγκερς	2	2	X	2	2	1	1
Μπανκστάουν-Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις	1	X	1	1	1	1	1
Γούλονγκονγκ-Σάθερλαντ	X	1	X	X	1	X	2
Σίδνεϊ Γιουνάιτεντ-Μαρκόνι	X	X	X	2	2	1	Χ
BAOMOI	9	11	12	10	11	9	8



