ΣΠΟΡ Ο Κόσμος



"It's not an easy group," said Qantas Young Socceroos Head Coach, Jan Versleijen. "But you can expect at a World Cup that all matches will be challenging as you have the top countries participating". The Qantas Young Socceroos qualified for the FIFA U-20 World Cup having made the semi-finals of the AFC U-19 Youth Championships in Saudi Arabia last year.

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2009 groups:

Group A Egypt Trinidad & Tobago Paraguay Italy

> **Group B** Nigeria Venezuela

Spain Tahiti

Group C USA Germany **Group D** Ghana Uzbekistan

Cameroon

Korea Republic

England Uruguay

Group E Brazil Costa Rica Czech Republic Australia

Group F United Arab Emirates South Africa Honduras Hungary

SYDNEY OLYMPIC ENJOYS MUCH NEEDED BREAK!

Very clever Sydney Olympic... Last weekend's break and this one



due to Easter will have the club well prepared for their next game against Blacktown City away on April 19th. New coach Nick Theodorakopoulos will have had valuable preparation time to get the Blues better prepared and I am expecting the boys to respond very well under his direction. Expect to see a new and revitalised Sydney Olympic in two week's time.

BERRIES SLIDE TOWARDS RELEGATION

The other Greek club of ours has slid into the relegation zone for the first time in 2009 and needs to also take advantage of the Easter break and address the serious issues prevalent at the club at present. Another loss, this time to Sydney United (2-0) has placed the Berries in last place on the Club Championship.

Nick Poniris has resigned as coach of the U/20's and rumours exist that John Calleja will also be replaced shortly as well. Equal second last in 1st Grade (Bonnyrigg who is last has a game in hand), and last in the U/20's... The bells should be ringing loud and clear already. The scary part about this current situation is that the Parramatta Eagles are currently in 1st spot on the NSW Super League ladder and are licking their lips at the prospect of climbing back into the NSW Premier League in 2010.

URUKALO 2 FIAKOS 0!

My good mate Tass Fiakos, coach of the Stanmore Hawks was beaten again for the second time this year by Mr. Michael Urukalo's Inter Lions. Never mind Tass, you will get another chance later in the year.

BETEZY-BET-OF-THE-WEEK

Hi Punters,

We got our fingers burnt last week so it's time to pull the head in only one horse bet this weekend in the PJ Bell Handicap. SERENISSIMA to win. In the English Premier soccer the wheels have come off Manchetser United and I really think they will struggle this week against Sunderland. Back Sunderland and the draw as Man Utd have a burst leak in their defence and are leaking goals big time.

Happy punting, The scotsman

