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A-LEAGUE TO KICK OFF EARLIER

The 2009-10 Hyundai A-League season will kick-off earlier than ever before to accommodate the increased number of games arising from the two new teams in the competition, Gold Coast United and North Queensland Fury.

Releasing the draw in Sydney this week, Football Federation Australia CEO Ben Buckley said that there would be 51 more games in the regular season in 2009/10 compared with the previous four seasons of the Hyundai A-League.

“There will be 10 teams this season playing 6 more rounds of football and resulting in 51 more games than previous seasons played in 13 cities. This draw is good news for players, fans, clubs and the media,” Buckley said.

The Finals Series will involve a Top 6, with more chances for the two teams who finish in the Top 2, and with seven matches in total.

The 2009-10 season will start on Thursday 6th of August 2009.

FFA has continued with a Saturday evening Grand Final again- on 20 March 2010.

The first round of the Hyundai A-League 2009-10 season will kick off on Thursday 6th August featuring champions Melbourne Victory against AFC Champions League participants, Central Coast Mariners.

The round continues on Friday 7th August when Adelaide United host



Sydney United- the best attack (17 goals), the best defence (4 goals), and still undefeated after Round 7. Like I said before, the “team-to-beat” in 2009.

Perth Glory, while Saturday 8th August sees the beginning of what Buckley describes as a “beautiful rivalry” between Brisbane-based Roar and Gold Coast United, as well as North Queensland Fury and Sydney FC. The first round concludes with Newcastle Jets v Wellington Phoenix on Sunday 9th August.

SPIRIT FC FOR PREMIER LEAGUE IN 2010?

In last week's column I sang the praises of Spirit FC- and in particular how well the newly promoted club was going in this year's NSW Super League.

Well I can tell you all right here and now that SHOULD they be successful in winning the Minor Premiership in 2009 they WILL be in the Telechoice Premier League in 2010!

Football NSW would dearly love to have another region represented in its premier competition- one with a strong

link to its local football community which Spirit has, eyes closed.

MINOTAURS OUT OF CUP IN ROUND ONE!

The Hurstville City Minotaurs are out of the Tiger Turf Cup in Round One after being beaten by Kellyville 1-0.

Tiger Turf Cup Round 1 Results:

Collaroy Cr. Strikers 4 v Colo Colo 0
 Kenthurst 2 v Camden Tigers 3
 Eastwood St. Andrews 7 v Dee Why 1
 Fairfield Hotspurs 4 v Penang FC 1
 Kellyville 1 v Hurstville City Minotaurs 0
 Prospect United 1 v Sans Souci 0
 Riverstone Schofields 1 v Bathurst 4
 Roosters 5 v Bankstown Sports 1
 Seaforth FC 0 v Gymea United 2
 Lokomotiv 3 v Al. Park Wh. Eagles 0
 Hakoah 4 v STFA Strikers 5
 White City 0 v Kogarah Waratahs 4
 Yagoona Lions 1 v Port Kembla 2

BERRIES SPIRALLING DOWNWARDS

In the Telechoice Premier League, the West Sydney Berries continue to spiral downwards towards relegation. The Berries were easily beaten by Sutherland 3-0 last weekend and it is looking like another heavy loss is on the way tomorrow night at the hands of Marconi.

Seven rounds into the 2009 competition and the Berries can already forget about the prospect of seeing finals football I would suggest. Why?

The 2009 squad is not good enough- it's as simple as that.

Some knew that this would be the case BEFORE a ball was kicked in 2009. Unfortunately, some just wouldn't listen. Let's hope those responsible for this decline are at least good enough now to get the club out of the serious predicament they currently find themselves in- otherwise it's back to the Super League for them in 2010.

The Berries remain in LAST position on the Club Championship table for the second week in succession- with the gap beginning to widen to 4pts now from second-last placed Bonnyrigg.

OLYMPIC REMEMBERS HOW TO WIN

Sydney Olympic on the other hand finally worked out how to win again- beating Blacktown City 2-1 last weekend.

But they are in for a torrid clash against arch rivals Banstown City at Belmore on Sunday in a game they must again pick up vital points if they are to remain in touch with the “Top 5”.

Both clubs are on 9 points and the Lions will be just as desperate to walk away from Belmore with something as well. What a game...



ERREA TIPPING COMPETITION

	Αλιφέρης Γιώργος	Κονιστής Λάκης	Αυγερινός Δημήτρης	Σταυρουλάκης Μανόλης	Σταυρουλάκης Γιώργος	Νικολάου Παναγιώτης	Το πουλί
Μένλι Γούλονγκονγκ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις-Μαρκόνι	2	2	2	2	2	X	2
Μπόνιριγκ-Σίδνεϊ Γιουνάιτεντ	2	2	X	2	2	1	X
Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ-Μπανκστάουν	1	X	1	X	X	1	2
Πένριθ-Μπλακτάουν	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Σίδνεϊ Τάιγκερς-Σάθερλαντ	X	2	1	X	2	1	2
ΒΑΘΜΟΙ	18	19	20	18	19	16	17



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