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# Sports World

### **NIKAS & BAKIS STRIKE AGAIN!**

The "Nikas & Bakis" combination struck again last weekend- this time putting away Penrith! Panagioti Nikas scored first and Jimmy Bakis added a second as the Sharks overcame a tough Penrith outfit 2-1 at home. It is the second week in succession the dynamic duo have struck. The week before they struck against Sydney Olympic. They are surely striking up a formidable partnership in this year's NSW Premier League competition.

# **LAGOUDAKIS** TO THE RESCUE AGAIN

By far and away, the Berries best player in 2009 so far has been.....

Kosta Lagoudakis. Not only did Kosta come to the rescue when the Berries needed him most in the recent crucial clash against Wollongong, but he yet again found the back of the net for the Berries against Bonnyrigg last weekend in yet another crucial match.

The Berries picked up valuable points against the Eagles and if they do survive relegation in 2009, they can look back at the significant contribution one Kosta Lagoudakis has made towards their cause.

How on earth Sydney Olympic let him go is beyond comprehension. He continues to be one of the best midfielders in the Premier League- and would be one of the first players chosen in my side.

#### **LIONS SIGN GHOSSEN!**

Former Berries' international player Fadi Ghosssen, the man who scored the 'winner' for the club in the Super League Grand Final in 2005, has agreed to terms with Bankstown City and is looking forward to making his debut for the Lions this weekend.

#### S. OLYMPIC vs BERRIES

Sydney Olympic cannot afford any slipups this weekend against their bogey team West Sydney Berries. The Berries will be desperate for more points in order to avoid relegation. A loss for Sydney Olympic could put a severe dent on its "Top 5" chances in 2009. They are already outside the "5" now on goal difference and cannot afford to drop any points this weekend.

# REPORT CARD ON CLUBS AT THE HALF WAY STAGE

We are at the half way stage of this year's Telechoice Premeier League. So it is fitting we look at the progress made by all 12 clubs and give you our predicted finish for them. Here we go...

# SYDNEY UNITED

The BEST team in the League and it's only a question of by how much they win the Minor Premiership.

Predicted Finish: 1ST

#### **MANLY UNITED**

Strong and consistent and proved their class by being the only club to have beaten Sydney United so far.

Predicted Finish: 2ND

# **MARCONI**

Recruited well in the off-season and are definite "Top 5" contenders in 2009.

Predicted Finish: 3RD

#### BANKSTOWN CITY

The Lions I am expecting to become the BIG IMPROVERS in the coming weeks, thanks to key signings Fadi Ghossen, Anthony Severino and Greg

Predicted Finish: 4TH

#### **SUTHERLAND**

The Shardks are a well-organised and balanced football team who can beat anyone (except United) on their day.

Predicted Finish: 5TH

# SYDNEY OLYMPIC

They have still not resolved their defensive problems- and I believe this will in the end be their undoing.

Predicted Finish: 6TH

#### SYDNEY TIGERS

Plagued by injuries to key players for most of the year. Will finish mid-table. Predicted Finish: 7TH

### **BONNYRIGG**

Have found their debut year in the Premier League hard, but will finish strongly and in a repectable position. Look out for them in 2010.

Predicted Finish: 8TH

### **BLACKTOWN CITY**

Considering their shoe-string budget, the Demons would be delighted to finish anywhere near mid-table.

Predicted Finish: 9TH

#### **PENRITH**

After promising so much early on, Penrith has slipped back into the bottom half of the table and this is where they are likely to finish.

Predicted Finish: 10TH

#### **BERRIES**

Wasted their year (and their money) in the Premier League. Embarrassingly became THE FIRST Premier League club to be booted out of the Tiger Turf Cup in 2009.

Predicted Finish: 11TH

#### WOLLONGONG

How the once might have fallen. Deserved wooden spooners and will be lucky not to be relegated!

Predicted Finish: 12TH

#### **FOOTBALL CAREER OVER?**

To my concerned friends who have been worried that you all may have seen the last of me as far as football goes, here's a few heartening words for you all..... Currently I am involved with a Telechoice Premier League club in a consultancy and player recruitment capacity AS WELL has having beeen approached by Football NSW to work on their behalf in a position that also involves liaising with Football Federation Australia (FFA). I have accepted both roles. Thanks anyway for your sentiments but rest assured that I am still very much involved in the

#### **BETEZY BET OF THE WEEK**

Hi Punters,

Last week was disappointing with my best bet Prince Arthur an each way special, a neck 3rd at 16-1. This week there will be alot of scratchings so ti's hard to tip, but I do lean towards Black Piranha, Light Fantastic and Danleigh to beat Apache Cat in the Doomben 10,000. I hope you all followed my cricket tip last week with England beating the West Indies.

This week's sports tips are:

NRL - Parramatta to beat Souths (\$2.90) and also take the line at 7.5pts (\$1.90). Scottish Premier League-Dundee Utd v Rangers, total goals in game more than 2.5 goals (\$1.85).

Cricket - England to beat the West Indies 3-0 in the upcoming one day series (\$4.00).

# **ERREA TIPPING COMPETITION**

	Αλιφέρης Γιώργος	Κονιστής Λάκης	Αυγερινός Δημήτρης	Σταυρουλάκης Μανόλης	Σταυρουλάκης Γιώργος	Νικολάου Παναγιώτης	Το πουλί
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Πένριθ-Μαρκόνι	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Γούλονγκονγκ-Μπανκστάουν	2	2	2	2	2	2	Χ
Σίδνεϊ Τάιγκερς-Μπόνιριγκ	1	1	1	1	1	X	2
Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις-Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	2	2	2	2	2	1	Χ
Σίδνεϊ Γιουνάιτεντ-Μπλακτάουν	1	1	1	1	1	1	Χ
BAOMOI	30	32	32	30	33	26	26



