



with losses to touring English Premier League clubs Fulham FC and Wolverhampton Wanderers as well as Adelaide United. Head Coach David Mitchell isn't too worried at the moment and knows that pre-season results mean very little once the competition starts.

Sydney FC has enjoyed somewhat of a quiet revolution under new Head Coach Vitezslav Lavicka. The recent signing of Korean defender Byun Sung-Hwan from K-League club Jeju United on a 2 year deal goes a long way toward filling the space left after former Qantas Soccer Tony Popovic retired midway through last season to take up a coaching position within the club.

From their 12 pre-season matches Sydney FC are undefeated, have scored an impressive 25 goals and conceded just 1 goal in 1080 minutes of football! Lavicka is not getting carried away with this early success and has been very careful with the amount of game time that he has given individual players to ensure that they will be ready for the start of the season.

Wellington Phoenix have had a somewhat interrupted pre-season with

seven players and head coach Ricki Herbert joining the New Zealand national team, the All Whites, to compete at the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup in South Africa during June. Herbert has also been busy in the transfer market recently signing goalkeeper Reece Crowther from Queens Park Rangers, striker Paul Ifill from Crystal Palace and Kiwi teenager Marco Rojas from Hamilton Wanderers.

The Phoenix pre-season schedule included matches against Melbourne Victory in Queenstown and a Mainland Select XI in Christchurch before heading to China for fixtures against Tianjin Teda and Guangzhou Pharmaceutical. Wellington's final pre-season match will be against the Central Coast Mariners in Dubbo this Saturday.

With the so much pre-season activity going on, the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season is shaping to be bigger than ever.

“TOP 5” SPOTS UP FOR GRABS

The Telechoice Premier League heads into Round 21 this weekend and with just this weekend and the next

left to be played, the “Top 5” is by no means yet decided.

“Sportsworld” has a look at the clubs' prospects of finals football in 2009 today- even though it STILL believes that the “Top 5” could already have been decided.

SYDNEY UNITED (40pts)

Left to play: Penrith (h), Manly (a)
Expected Finish: 1ST
Deserved Minor Premiers if they succeed and the ‘team-to-beat’.

BANKSTOWN CITY (38pts)

Left to play: Manly (h), Blacktown (a)
Expected Finish: 2ND
Lived up to “Sportsworld’s” prediction as being the BIG IMPROVERS and coach Peter Tsekennis has done a great job once again.

MANLY UNITED (34pts)

Left to play: Bankstown (a), Sydney United (h)
Expected Finish: 5TH
Not as strong this year and will struggle come the finals series.

MARCONI (33pts)

Left to play: Bonnyrigg (h), Sydney Olympic (a)
Expected Finish: 3RD
Enigmatic- can beat anyone on their day, but can also disappoint just as quickly.

SUTHERLAND (32pts)

Left to play: Sydney Olympic (h), Penrith (a)
Expected Finish: 4TH
Capable of really causing huge upsets. Unpredictable, but very capable.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (28pts)

Left to play: Sutherland (a), Marconi (h)
Expected Finish: 6TH
Defence has let them down all year and they will pay the ultimate price for it.

WEST SYDNEY BERRIES (26pts)

Left to play: Sydney Tigers (h), Bonnyrigg (h)
Expected Finish: 7TH
Good recent results, and have achieved their mission of avoiding relegation in 2009.

BONNYRIGG (25pts)

Left to play: Marconi (a), Berries (a)
Expected Finish: 8TH
A fair effort from the Egales in their first year back in the Premier League.

PENRITH NEPEAN UNITED (23pts)

Left to play: Sydney United (a), Sutherland (h)
Expected Finish: 10TH
Should've and could've done a lot better. Fell away during Round Two.

BLACKTOWN CITY (22pts)

Left to play: Wollongong (a), Bankstown (h)
Expected Finish: 9TH
Financial woes have had a drastic effect on their performances this year.

SYDNEY TIGERS (19pts)

Left to play: Berries (a), Wollongong (h)
Expected Finish: 11TH
A huge disappointment from a proud club many expected better from in 2009.

WOLLONGONG CITY (5pts)

Left to play: Blacktown (h), Sydney Tigers (a)
Expected Finish: 12TH
No money, no honey. An embarrassment in 2009.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES LOOKING GOOD

In the NSW Super League, it's looking like the Parramatta Eagles will be putting themselves in line for promotion to the Premier League in 2010 if they can retain top spot- which they currently hold.

Only St. George, Sydney University and last-placed Mt. Druiitt stand in their way in their remaining games for 2009.

DULWICH HILL TO WIN DIVISION ONE

We are also expecting current leaders Dulwich Hill to win the Division One Premiership in the coming weeks and return to the NSW Super League once again in 2010- ironically it could be at the expense of their arch rivals Fraser Park- who are currently involved in a serious relegation battle with the Mt. Druiitt Rangers.



ERREA TIPPING COMPETITION

	Αλιφέρης Γιώργος	Κονιστής Λάκης	Αυγερινός Δημήτρης	Σταυρουλάκης Μανώλης	Σταυρουλάκης Γιώργος	Νικολάου Παναγιώτης	Το πουλί
Σάθερλαντ-Σίδνεϊ Ολύμπικ	2	X	2	1	1	1	1
Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις-Σίδνεϊ Τάιγκερς	1	2	X	X	1	1	1
Μαρκόνι-Μπόνιριγκ	1	1	X	X	1	1	1
Γούλονγκονγκ-Μπλακτάουν	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
Σίδνεϊ Γιουνάιτεντ-Πένριθ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Μπανκστάουν-Μένλι	X	1	X	1	1	1	1
ΒΑΘΜΟΙ	54	52	51	57	56	48	42



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