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GREEK CLUBS REPORT CARD

Well yet another year ends earlier than expected for our two Greek clubs competing in the Telechoice Premier League.

With this in mind, "Sportsworld" has a good look overall at each club's teams and how they went this past season- and in particular which teams (IF ANY), are still involved in season 2009.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

- 1sts: NO- out of contention (8th)
- U/20's: YES- semi finalists (3RD)
- U/18's: NO- out of contention (11th)
- U/16's: YES- semi finalists (5TH)
- U/15's: NO- out of contention (9th)
- U/14's: NO- out of contention (10th)
- U/13's: YES- Minor Premiers (1ST)

As you can see from this table, Sydney Olympic's highlight for 2009 seems to be its U/13's who have won the Minor Premiership and are strong favourites to achieve the "double" in the coming weeks.

The young guns have the weekend off for coming first and will be in action the following weekend.

Congratulations to Olympic's U/20's and U/16's for securing a semi finals place as well. Both teams will be playing this weekend.

WEST SYDNEY BERRIES

- 1sts: NO- out of contention (6th)
- U/20's: NO- out of contention (8th)
- U/18's: NO- out of contention (7th)
- U/16's: NO- out of contention (7th)
- U/15's: NO- out of contention (11th)
- U/14's: NO- out of contention (9th)
- U/13's: YES- semi finalists (2ND)

The West Sydney Berries as a club have had an extremely ordinary year- with the only bright spot being the club's U/13's- THE ONLY BERRIES TEAM to make it to the semi finals. The youngsters have the potential to win the Grand Final and it remains to be seen if we are going to see an Olympic vs Berries final in this division.

FINAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE 2009

Sydney Olympic (236pts) has therefore also beaten the Berries (230pts) in



this year's Club Championship since it has performed better as a club overall.

Final Club Championship placings are as follows:

Sydney United	(325)
Sutherland	(305)
Marconi	(299)
Bankstown City	(286)
Blacktown City	(286)
Manly United	(279)
Sydney Olympic	(236)
West Sydney Berries	(230)
Bonnyrigg	(183)
Penrith Nepean	(181)
Sydney Tigers	(174)
Wollongong	(103)

It remains to be seen if Wollongong FC is relegated from the competition in 2010.

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE ACTION

Hyundai A-League 2009/10 kicked-off last week with 17 goals and two new teams.

Round 2 looks set for even more football action and excitement with the Hyundai A-League preparing for its 1000th goal.

With 990 goals scored to date, Round 2 looks set to see a new milestone in its history with the 1000th A-League goal up for grabs and the first F3 Derby for the season when 2nd placed Central Coast take on close neighbours, 3rd placed Newcastle Jets.

The Mariners will be aiming to avoid creating a new club record for most consecutive losses at home- having lost their last three home matches.

The Newcastle Jets will be aiming to avoid a similar record having lost their previous five matches away- never before have the Jets lost six consecutive matches on the road.

Gold Coast United v North Queensland Fury:

Gold Coast United are aiming to be the first Hyundai A-League club to win their first two matches, whilst North Queensland Fury players Karl Dodd and Paul Kohler are each set to make their 50th Hyundai A-League appear-

ance.

Melbourne Victory v Brisbane Roar:

Melbourne Victory midfielder Grant Brebner is set to celebrate his 300th appearance at national league level making 192 league appearances in Scotland (with Hibernian and Dundee United) and 51 appearances in England (Cambridge, Reading and Stockport). Melbourne Victory's Danny Allsopp turned 31 this week.

Wellington Phoenix v Perth Glory:

Wellington Phoenix defender Jon McKain is due to play his 200th national league match. McKain previously played at Brisbane Strikers in the old NSL before moving to Romania where he played with National Bucharest and Politehnica Timisoara

Sydney FC v Adelaide United:

Adelaide United goalkeeper and reigning Hyundai A-League goalkeeper of the year Eugene Galekovic is set to make his 50th appearance in the Hyundai A-League

LATEST FIFA RANKINGS

Brazil continues to lead the way in

the latest FIFA world rankings. Greece is just outside the "Top 10" and our very own Australia has reached new heights in 16th spot.

1. Brazil
2. Spain
3. Netherlands
4. Germany
5. Italy
6. Russia
7. England
8. Argentina
9. France
10. Croatia
11. Greece
16. Australia

LOCKED IN THE BOOT OF HIS CAR!

And finally today we have this story... Robbers posing as police briefly locked up Lille striker Pierre-Alain Frau in the boot of his Mercedes car in the early hours of Monday, before releasing him in another part of town and stealing the vehicle. Local police said that as Frau was getting into his car, he was approached by hooded men in a car with flashing lights who presented themselves as police. He was on his way home from a late-night dinner after Lille's 2-1 defeat by Lorient on Sunday. The attackers forced the Ligue 1 player to get into the boot of his car, which they then drove across town. They released Frau on the street in a residential area before making off with his vehicle, credit card, mobile phone and hundreds of euros. It is the second time in 10 months that Frau has been targeted by carjackers. Another vehicle was stolen from him in October last year. His club said he was unhurt and had taken part in training with his team mates on Monday morning.

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