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**HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE ROUND 5 ACTION**

Hyundai A-League Round 5 kicked off on Thursday night when Melbourne Victory took on the in-form Newcastle Jets.

In other games, Wellington Phoenix welcomes Adelaide United to Westpac Stadium tonight, and Canberra gets a chance to show its enthusiasm for the Hyundai A-League when Central Coast Mariners take on the improving Perth Glory at Canberra Stadium.

Saturday night sees a huge top of the table clash when Sydney FC travels to Skilled Park to take on Gold Coast United. Then Brisbane Roar travel north to face fellow Queenslanders North Queensland Fury at Dairy Farmers.

Round 4 saw the passing of the 50 goal mark for the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season with Perth Glory's Branko Jelic hitting the mark with his match-winning 54th minute strike at ME Bank Stadium on Friday night.

Will it be 100 goals before Round 10? Can Sydney FC continue their unbeaten start to the season? Time will tell...

**Melbourne Victory v Newcastle Jets:**

Melbourne goalkeeper Glen Moss is set to make his 50th Australian national league appearance.

**Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide United:**

The Wellington Phoenix are on their way to one of the longest undefeated home streaks in Hyundai A-League history. The Phoenix are aiming for their eighth consecutive undefeated match at home.

This match also marks Adelaide United's 100th Hyundai A-League match- the first club to achieve this milestone.

**Central Coast Mariners v Perth Glory:**

Perth Gory midfielder Mile Sterjovski is set to make his 300th appearance at national league level.

**Gold Coast United v Sydney FC:**

Sydney FC are undefeated in their past five matches and are aiming to go for six matches without defeat for the first time since November/December 2006.

Despite not scoring in their previous match, Gold Coast United are still on the verge of a Hyundai A-League

record for one of the most valuable attacking sprees in Hyundai A-League history. Gold Coast have scored 10 goals in their past four matches- the most number of goals scored in five consecutive matches is 13.

**North Queensland Fury v Brisbane Roar:**

Having conceded 12 goals in their last four matches, North Queensland Fury have avoided the record for most goals conceded in four consecutive matches (13). The Fury will now be aiming to avoid the record for conceding most goals in five consecutive matches (16- set by Perth Glory, between Rounds 3 and 7 in 2008/09)

**MINOR PREMIERS BITE THE DUST!**

What a terrible weekend for nearly all of the Minor Premiers!

Beginning with Sydney United (NSWPL 1st Grade), Blacktown City (NSWPL U/20's), Rockdale City Suns (NSW Super League) and Dulwich Hill (NSW Division One)!

All of them LOST!

Having said that, "Sportsworld" yet again was spot on with its bold predictions that both the Sutherland Sharks (1st Grade) and Sydney Olympic (U/20's) would both be the first teams into their respective Grand Finals for 2009.

**SHARK FRENZY CONTINUES!**

The shark frenzy engulfed Minor Premiers Sydney United last weekend in an entertaining match which saw a final 3-2 scoreline in favour of the 'underdogs'.

Sutherland is therefore the FIRST team into the Telechoice Premier League Grand Final for 2009- and will appreciate the week's break after a tough, but very rewarding August.

As for the Minor Premiers, they must now overcome the Marconi Stallions- something which I believe they can achieve- thus setting up yet another clash against the Sharks in the Grand Final in two week's time.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC LIVES UP TO EXPECTATIONS**

Another club we boldly tipped to make it to their Grand Final was Sydney Olympic's U/20's. We even outlined last week that the youngsters had the 'wood' over Minor Premiers Blacktown City, who have NOT beaten Olympic all season.

The youngsters through their tough 1-0 victory have ensured they too have advanced into their Grand Final FIRST. The Grand Final has been set

down for the 12th September 2009 at Belmore Sports Ground (3pm).

Minor Premiers Blacktown City must now overcome Sydney United.

**OLYMPIC's U/16'?**

Sydney Olympic's U/16's could not rise to the occasion last weekend losing convincingly to Blacktown City 3-0 and are therefore out of calculations now.

**OLYMPIC's U13's?**

Now here's a great little team going places. This super team has not only won the Minor Prmeiership already, not only stormed into the Grand Final FIRST, but is now well primed to beat Wollongong City tomorrow in the Grand Final at Marconi Stadium (8:45am) and raise the Cup on their way to the "double" for 2009.

Let's hope there are plenty of supporters there tomorrow to cheer on this exceptional and highly talented junior side.

**SUPER LEAGUE MINOR PREMIERS STUMBLE TOO!**

Rockdale City Suns may have secured the Super League Minor Premiership, but it is PCYC Parramatta who are the first team through to the Grand Final after their hard fought 1-0 victory last weekend.

The Minor Prmeiers will now have a really tough game against Spirit FC, who you all know I have a lot of respect for- so much so that I am boldly predicting them to end Rockdale's season this weekend.

Don't be too alarmed to see the Suns out and Spirit FC in the Grand Final. Time will tell.

**DIVISION ONE UPSET AS WELL!**

You wouldn't believe it...

Yet another Minor Premier bites the dust! Dulwich Hill has been defeated by Mounties FC 2-1 and therefore it is Mounties into the Grand Final first for 2009. Dulwich Hill must now meet UNSW and I am certain they can overcome them for a second chance at Mounties in two week's time.

**GRAND FINAL DETAILS ANNOUNCED**

Football NSW has this week confirmed the 2009 Football NSW Grand Final Day will be staged at CUA Stadium, Penrith on September 13th, 2009.

All the action will commence at 9:30am with the U11's Metropolitan Representative League Grand Final followed by the U12's Metropolitan Representative League Grand Final at 10:45am.

Senior football commences at 12:30pm with the NSW Super League Grand Final debuting on Football NSW Grand Final Day, followed by the 2009 TeleChoice Championship Series Grand Final at 3pm.

**Details:**

2009 Football NSW Grand Final Day (13th of September, 2009)

CUA Stadium, Mulgoa Road, Penrith

Adults \$10, Concession \$5, Kids U16 Free

U11's Metropolitan Representative League Grand Final (9:30am)

U12's Metropolitan Representative League Grand Final (10:45am)

NSW Super League (12:30pm)

TeleChoice Championship Series Grand Final (3pm)



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