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HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE GOING GREAT GUNS!

It will only take 7 more goals this week and another milestone will be recorded for the Hyundai A-League - the 100 goal mark. With an average just over 2.5 goals per game, Round 8 offers 5 great fixtures including another "Super Sunday" with three games back-to-back including Wellington Phoenix hosting giant killers Central Coast Mariners, Sydney FC's trip to Brisbane Roar and North Queensland Fury welcoming Adelaide United to Dairy Farmers Stadium for the first time in what will be Robbie Fowler's 400th national league level appearance.

Newcastle Jets vs Perth Glory:

Newcastle's Matt Thompson is set to become the first player to appear in 100 Hyundai A-League matches. Thompson has missed just one match for the Jets in the Hyundai A-League, in round 11, 2007/08 (due to suspension).

Gold Coast United vs Melbourne Victory:

Having won their first two home matches, Gold Coast United is aiming to become the first club in Australian national league history to win its first three home matches. In fact, only twice has a team won its first two home matches in a national league competition - Western Suburbs in 1977, and Wollongong City in 1981.

Wellington Phoenix vs Central Coast Mariners:

Wellington Phoenix will be playing its 50th match in the Hyundai A-League - which means coach Ricki Herbert is coaching his 50th Hyundai A-League match. Wellington will also be aiming to remain undefeated for its tenth match in a row, a feat which has only occurred twice before in Hyundai A-League history.

Brisbane Roar vs Sydney FC:

Brisbane's Liam Reddy is set to make his 150th appearance in Australian national league competition while Brisbane Roar coach Frank Farina is set to coach his 150th match at national league level. Before joining the Roar in late 2006, Farina coached at Brisbane Strikers and Marconi in addition to Qantas



Socceroos and Qantas Olyroos head coaching roles and following a stellar playing career in Australia, Belgium, France and Italy.

North Queensland Fury vs Adelaide United:

North Queensland's Robbie Fowler is set to notch up his 400th appearance at national league level in this match. The English international made 392 league appearances in England, including a legend-making 266 English Premier League appearances for Liverpool, before moving to Australia to join North Queensland in 2009.

ALL 12 CLUBS REAPPLY!

I have it from good sources that all 12 current Telechoice Premier League clubs have reapplied for season 2009-2010. That's okay but... Wollongong, who have run last WILL BE RELEGATED... They will only escape the drop to the NSW Super League next year IF the Rockdale City Suns do not meet the stringent criteria. IF they don't, Wollongong WILL be saved. THAT will be THE ONLY possible change to the Telechoice Premier League for 2010 - do not listen to any other nonsense and rumours doing the rounds at present. Other clubs MAY have also applied, but they have NO HOPE of even being considered for the Telechoice Premier League next year.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS REACHES QUARTER FINALS STAGE

The Champion of Champions for 2009 has reached the quarter finals stage. Over 100 matches have been played at venues across the Sydney metropolitan area. Due to the upcoming Worlds Masters Games, the

Over 35, Over 45 and Over 30 Women competitions are at Semi Finals stage. The Over 35s will see Fairfield Colts play All Saints United while Collaroy Cromer Strikers will do battle against Marrickville. The Over 45 Semis will pit St George against Chatswood Rangers with Gladesville Hornsby taking on Balmain. In the Over 30 Women Southern Districts play Gladesville Ravens and Manly-Warringah face Marayong Sports. The finals are set down for the 25th October 2009.

WORLD REMEMBERS FOOTBALL LEGEND

Bobby Robson was described as a "footballing colossus" as some of the sport's greatest names attended a memorial service for the former England manager this week. More than 1,000 people, including Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson and current England manager Fabio Capello, were at the service in Durham's 11th century cathedral to pay tribute to Robson who died in July aged 76 after a long battle with cancer. Former players including Bobby Charlton and Gary Lineker joined representatives from soccer's governing bodies FIFA and UEFA as well as Barcelona, one of the four overseas clubs he coached, inside the cathedral in Robson's native north east. "This is a day to celebrate the life of a remarkable man and all he stood for," said the Bishop of Newcastle, Martin Wharton. The service was beamed live to Newcastle's St James' Park ground, Fulham's Craven Cottage in London, where he played and also managed, and Ipswich Town's Portman Road where he won the FA Cup in 1978 and the UEFA Cup in 1981 before being appointed England manager in 1982.

Qantas Young Socceroos Squad FIFA U-20 World Cup 2009 Egypt 24 September-16 October

1. Andrew Redmayne (gk) (Central Coast)
2. Daniel Mullen (Adelaide United)
3. Luke De Vere (Brisbane Roar)
4. Ryan McGowan (Hearts, Scotland)
5. Matthew Jurman (Sydney FC)
6. James Holland (AZ Alkmaar, Netherlands)
7. Tahj Minniecon (Gold Coast United)
8. Aaron Mooy (Bolton, England)
9. Jason Hoffman (Newcastle Jets)
10. Mitch Nichols (Brisbane Roar)
11. Thomas Oar (Brisbane Roar)
12. Nathan Elasi (Melbourne Victory)
13. Chris Herd (Aston Villa, England)
14. Kofi Danning (Sydney FC)
15. Sam Munro (Sydney FC)
16. Ben Kantarovski (Newcastle Jets)
17. Rhyon Grant (Sydney FC)
18. Dean Bouzanis (gk) (Liverpool, England)
19. Sean Rooney (Newcastle Jets)
20. Sam Gallagher (Sydney FC)
21. Alex Cisak (gk) (Leicester City, England)

Qantas Young Socceroos FIFA U-20 World Cup 2009 Egypt Match Schedule - Group E

- 27 September:** v Czech Republic,
18:45 local (0245 AEST)
30 September: v Costa Rica,
16:00 local (midnight AEST)
3 October: v Brazil,
21:30 local (0630 AEDT*)

* Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) begins at 2:00am on Sunday 4 October for NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2009 Egypt - Groups

- Group A:**
Egypt, Italy,
Trinidad & Tobago, Paraguay
- Group B:**
Nigeria, Venezuela,
Spain, Tahiti
- Group C:**
USA, Germany, Cameroon,
Korea Republic
- Group D:**
Ghana, Uzbekistan,
England, Uruguay
- Group E:**
Brazil, Costa Rica,
Czech Republic, Australia
- Group F:**
Honduras, Hungary,
United Arab Emirates, South Africa