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## THE 'GENERAL' **ACKNOWLEDGED** AT SILVER MEDAL DINNER

The 2009 Silver Medal Dinner was held Club Marconi last weekend for the Super League, State League Division 1 and State League Division 2

The talk of the evening was who would land this season's 2009 Super League Player of the Year award which was taken out by Northern Tigers goalkeeper Stuart Page in 2008 but prior to that being announced, a flurry of other awards were announced.

Some of the major highlights were:

Dulwich Hill's Neil Philippou winning the 2009 Golden Boot award (18 goals). The 27-year-old played a major role in securing the Premiership for 2009; and Sydney Wanderers' Peter Spinos being awarded the State League 1 Player of the Year.

One of the BIGGEST honours on the night was surely Hurstville City Minotaurs' Peter 'the General' Sarikakis receiving the honourable Charles Valentine Medal for his outstanding services for the game.

Few people can claim to have had such a huge impact on their own club than what Peter has had with the Hurstville City Minotaurs- from humble beginnings right through to where they are today.

Peter thoroughly deserves his award.

## **2009 Silver Medal Awards**

### **State League 2 Awards**

State League 2 Reserve Grade Premiers – Camden Tigers

State League 2 Reserve Grade Champions – Gladesville Ryde Magic State League 2 First Grade Premiers Camden Tigers

State League 2 First Grade Champions - Colo Colo Wanderers

State League 2 Fair Play Award -Springwood

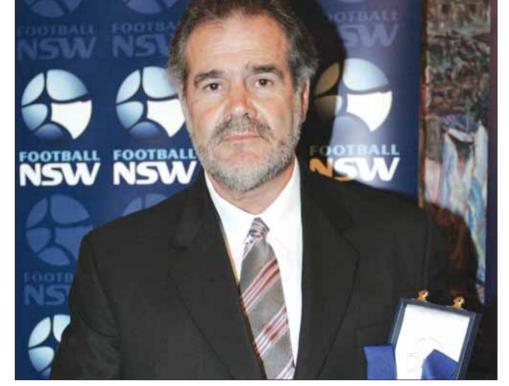
State League 2 Golden Boot – Grant Mackechnie (Camden Tigers) 20 goals State League 2 Player of the Year Award – Benjamin Green (Camden Tigers)

### **State League 1 Awards**

State League 1 Reserve Grade Premiers – Schofields Scorpions

State League 1 Reserve Grade Champions – Sydney Wanderers

State League 1 First Grade Premiers



- Dulwich Hill

State League 1 First Grade Champions - Mounties FC

State League 1 Fair Play Award -**UNSW** 

State League 1 Golden Boot - Neil Philippou (Dulwich Hill) 18 goals

State League 1 Grade 20 Player of the Year Award - Peter Spinos (Sydney Wanderers)

State League 1 Player of the Year Award - Daniel McCann (Mounties

## **Super League Awards**

Super League Reserve Grade Premiers – Northern Tigers

Super League Reserve Grade Champions – Northern Tigers

Super League First Grade Premiers

Rockdale City Suns

Super League First Grade Champions - Spirit FC

Super League Fair Play Award -Central Coast Lightning

Super League Golden Boot - Juan Chavez (St George Saints) 24 goals

Super League Grade 20 Player of the Year Award - Nathan Millgate (Northern Tigers)

Super League Player of the Year Award – Juan Chavez (St George Saints)

Super League Goalkeeper of the Year – James Lowery (Sydney Univer-

Super League Coach of the Year -Mile Todoroski (Rockdale City Suns) Referee of the Year - Kodhr Yaghi Charles Valentine Medal - Peter

Sarikakis (Hurstville City Minotaurs) Media Award - Liverpool Champi-

## **A-LEAGUE ROUND 12 ACTION**

Round 12 could see changes galore

as the top 5 teams all play teams from the bottom half of the table.

It all starts when 9 plays 5, Jets v Mariners in the F3 Derby revisited on Friday night at Hindmarsh Stadium.

On Saturday it's 3 v 6 and 10 v 4 as Melbourne Victory take on Adelaide United and North Queensland Fury host Perth Glory.

And Sunday completes the Round 12 action when Wellington Phoenix in 8th play top of the table Gold Coast United and sees the return of New Zealand hero Shane Smeltz to where his goal scoring spree began.

Finally it's the Sydney FC v Brisbane Roar match that pits 2 v 7 but don't let their positions get in the way of what will be another close-fought match between these two inaugural Hyundai A-League clubs.

#### Newcastle Jets (9) v **Central Coast Mariners (5):**

Having conceded just six goals in their first 11 matches this season, the Central Coast Mariners will be aiming to continue the best defensive start to any Hyundai A-League season - for any team. The previous record lowest number of goals conceded after 12 matches was six goals, set by Melbourne Victory (2006/07)

#### Melbourne Victory (3) v Adelaide United (6):

Adelaide United defender Iain Fyfe is set to make his 100th Hyundai A-League appearance. Fyfe commenced his Hyundai A-League career (for Sydney FC) with a match against the Melbourne Victory.

## North Queensland Fury (10) v Perth Glory (4):

Having yet to secure their maiden home victory, North Queensland Fury will be aiming to break this statistic this week against the travelling Perth

Glory who complete their Queensland adventures until Round 18 when they return to Dairy Farmers once again.

#### Wellington Phoenix (8) v **Gold Coast United (1):**

Wellington Phoenix defender Tony Lochhead is set to make his 50th Hyundai A-League appearance; this will make Lochhead the first player to play 50 Hyundai A-League matches for the Phoenix

Meanwhile, the Wellington Phoenix, who have drawn their six previous matches, could set a new all-time Australian national league record for drawing most consecutive matches. The current Australian record of six consecutive draws is also held by former NSL clubs Brisbane Lions (May-July 1980) and St George (January-February 1991)

#### Sydney FC (2) v **Brisbane Roar** (7):

It's a double header double this week as Sydney FC host both the men and the women in the orange of Brisbane Roar at Sydney Football Stadium

With new coach Ange Postecoglou taking the reins for his first match in charge, Brisbane Roar will be aiming to avoid their fourth loss in a row - a loss against fierce rivals Sydney FC would equal the Roar's record of most consecutive losses in the Hyundai A-League.

## **BLATTER TO RE-STAND FOR TOP SPOT**

By all reports, FIFA president Sepp Blatter says he will run for re-election in 2011 so that he can continue to introduce new initiatives to develop soccer worldwide.

Blatter said "I have not finished my mission in football. I need more time. ... I hope that in 2011 the FIFA Congress once more has faith in me, otherwise I'll go back to my village.'

The 73-year-old Swiss was elected FIFA president in 1998, survived accusations of corruption to win the 2002 election and was elected to a third time in 2007.

## **FUN & GAMES** AT CLUBS' MEETING?

"Sportsworld" has learnt about the shenanigans that went on at a recent NSW Premier League clubs' meeting out west- resulting in somebody getting up and leaving!

Not that it seemed to bother the rest of them as the meeting continued!

What a real pity to see the clubs still fighting amongst themselves at such an important time when they should all be showing solidarity.

When will they ever learn...