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CHRIS PARASKEVAS FOLLOWS THE AUSSIES IN EUROPE!

Fellow sports journalist and good friend Chris Paraskevas has been following the exploits of our Aussies throughout Europe. Here's what Chris says...

Harry Kewell (Galatasaray, Turkey)

Drove an indirect free-kick into the roof of the net from just inside the area, his side's second goal in a 2-0 home win over Sivasspor, during which Kewell also missed a guild-edged opportunity during the second half.

Tim Cahill, Lucas Neill (Everton, England)

Both Aussies played a full game as Everton could only manage a 1-1 draw at home with Aston Villa, Cahill playing his part in the build-up to Everton's opener before failing to connect with a late cross a few yards out from goal that might have given his side victory.

Mark Schwarzer (Fulham, England)

Another accomplished display in the 3-1 home win over Liverpool and there was little he could do about the goal he conceded.

Brett Emerton, Vince Grella (Blackburn Rovers, England)

Emerton played a full game but didn't make any contributions of note as Allardyce's side lost 2-0 away to Manchester United, while Grella remained an unused substitute.

Mark Bresciano (Palermo, Italy)

Played a full game as his side were held to a scoreless draw at home against Genoa, only having one half-chance where he was smothered by an alert Scarpi in the Genoa goal.

Luke Wilkshire (Dinamo Moscow, Russia)

Played a full game in the 0-0 draw at home to FK Amkar Perm.

Scott McDonald (Celtic, Scotland)

Played 66 minutes of a match that Celtic controlled but his goal-scoring services weren't needed as they ran out 3-0 winners against Kilmarnock.

Richard Garcia (Hull City, England)

An unused substitute as he continues his return from knee injury, this time for the 2-0 loss at Burnley.

Brad Jones, Rhys Williams (Middlesbrough, England)

Both Aussies played full games in the frustrating 1-0 defeat at home to Plymouth Argyle in Gordon Strachan's first game in charge of the club.

Nick Carle (Crystal Palace, England)

An unused substitute for the 1-1 draw away against Preston North End. Adam Federici (Reading, England) Played a full game and made some fairly important saves as his side beat Coventry City 3-1 away from home.



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Shane Lowry (Plymouth Argyle, England)

Played a full game and helped his side to keep a clean sheet in the shock 1-0 win at Middlesbrough.

Ruben Zadkovich (Derby County, England)

Didn't make the bench as Nigel Clough's side were beaten at Ipswich.

Patrick Kisnorbo, Neil Kilkenny (Leeds United, England)

Kisnorbo played a full game as Leeds crushed Yeovil Town 4-0 at Elland Road, Kilkenny a 59th minute substitute.

Michael Theoklitos (Norwich City,



Over 35's winners Armidale United at the recent event held in Armidale.

England)

Wasn't on the bench for the 3-1 win at Stockport County.

Oliver Bozanic (Cheltenham Town, England)

Has returned to light training from the knee injury that has kept him sidelined since August and is set to return possibly within a couple of weeks.

Carl Valeri (Grosseto, Italy)

Missed his side's 2-1 home win over

Ascoli due to a contract dispute, as he looks to renegotiate with the club in his last season.

Brett Holman, James Holland (AZ Alkmaar, Netherlands)

Holman was replaced in the 87th minute of the 1-0 win away at Groningen while Holland didn't make the bench.

Nikita Rukavytsya, David Carney (FC Twente, Netherlands)

Carney was introduced in the 86th minute of the 2-1 away win over Roda JC while Rukavytsya wasn't in the matchday squad.

Dario Vidosic, Matthew Spiranovic (Nurnberg, Germany)

Vidosic was introduced in the 55th minute of the home clash with Werder Bremen, after which his side blew a two-goal lead to end up drawing 2-2. Spiranovic wasn't among the substitutes.

Bruce Djite (Genclerbirligi, Turkey)

Introduced as a 66th minute substitute in the 2-0 home loss to Manisaspor, a welcome change given his non-existence over the past few weeks.

Mile Jedinak (Antalyaspor, Turkey)

Played a full game in the 1-1 draw at home to Bursaspor.

James Troisi (Kayserispor, Turkey)

Didn't feature in the 1-1 home draw with giants Fenerbahce.

Michael Petkovic (Sivasspor, Turkey)

Made some solid stops in the 2-0 loss away to Galatasaray but was beaten by fellow countryman Kewell when he was adjudged to have held onto the ball for more than the allotted six seconds, the former driving home from the resulting indirect free-kick from inside the area.

Scott Chipperfield (FC Basel, Switzerland)

Played a full game in the 3-1 home win over Grasshoppers.

Ante Covic (Elfsborg, Sweden)

Kept a clean sheet as his side drew with Helsingborg at home.

Nathan Burns (Kerkyra, Greece)

Played a full game and helped his side stay second in the Greek second division after a 3-0 home win over relegated OFI Crete. Trent McClenahan, James Wesolowski (Hamilton, Scotland) McClenahan was replaced in the 72nd minute and Wesolowski played a full game as Hamilton recorded a 2-0 win over St Mirren away from home to edge away from the relegation zone.

GREEK BOYS OFF TO BEACH FOOTBALL IN DUBAI!

Qantas Australian Men's Beach Football Team Head Coach Airton Andrioli has selected a squad of 12-players for the upcoming FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2009 Asian Qualifiers to be played in Dubai from the 7th to 11th November 2009. The Qantas Australian Men's Beach Football Team will be captained by Sutherland Sharks' George Souris who, along with Steve Karavatakis, Jim Bakis, Andrew and Stacey Alogdellis, were part of the last Australian team that participated at the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Rio de Janeiro. The remainder of the squad is drawn from the ranks of the South Australian and NSW state league competitions as well as futsal representative teams. Airton Andrioli has high hopes for his team that has only recently taken up the beach version of the sport. "Obviously our goal is to qualify for FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup. We have five players who have experience playing beach football at this level before and we do have a blend of players from the state league and futsal competitions". Beach Football is a very different game to the eleven-a-side and futsal versions. Players need to be extremely fit and technically gifted to excel. There's also a different set of rules for players to adapt to, which have similarities to futsal but also many differences. "Once we arrive in Dubai we will have two friendly matches to test ourselves before the tournament begins. I have confidence in my players that if we play to our strengths and strategy we can go far in the tournament and achieve our goal of qualification," concluded Andrioli.

Although the draw for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2009 Asian Qualifiers has not been released, it is understood that the 8-nation tournament will involve two groups of four teams. The top two teams from the group phase will enter the semi-finals phase, with the winners of the semi-finals progressing to the final and will also qualify for the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2009. The FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup 2009 will be played in Dubai from 16th to 22nd November 2009 and involves 16 nations including: United Arab Emirates, Portugal, Uruguay, Solomon Islands, Spain, Cote d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Russia, Costa Rica, Argentina, Italy, Brazil, Nigeria and Switzerland. The Qantas Australian Men's Beach Football team will depart for Dubai on the 1st November and will have played friendly matches against a UAE representative team on the 3rd November and the Bahrain National Beach Soccer Team on the 4th November with both to be played at Jumeirah Beach.

Player (Club)

Stacy Alogdellis (PCYC Parramatta Eagles)

Jim Bakis (Sutherland Sharks)

Jonathon Cook (South Adelaide Panthers)

Peter Crevani (St George)

Joshua Da Palma (Uncontracted)

Ivo De Jesus (Inter Lions)

Steve Karavatakis (Sutherland Sharks)

Andrew Mailer (Manly United)

Danny Martinez (Sydney Wanderers)

Michael Matriciani (Campbelltown City)

Khalil Popal (Uncontracted) George Souris (Sutherland Sharks)