

# Minotaurs rep sides might be forced to go far and wide

A LACK of available sporting grounds has been blamed for leaving a football club without a home ground leading into next season.

Hurstville City Minotaurs may be forced to play all their representative home fixtures away, including travelling to South Nowra and Emerton several times if they are unable to use their Beverly Hills Park base.

The Minotaurs have played matches at the park since their inception in 1985 and upgraded the amenities recently.

They play in two competitions, a representative season hosted by Football NSW and other teams playing under St George Soccer Football Association.

Non-representative Minotaurs teams have been given permission from the association to continue to play and train at Beverly Hills Park but the representative teams in the under-13 to 16 and under-18 age group have been left without a ground.

The club's open and under-20s sides will shift home games to Belmore Oval but in the junior age groups Football NSW has said they must find a suitable venue within the St George district.

Football NSW general manager Ian Holmes said that if a



Standing tall: Peter Sarikakis (centre) wants players such as Nick Musgrave (left) and Marko Tzavellas to continue to use Beverly Hills Park as a home base. Picture: Jane Dyson

club fails to provide a home venue that meets criteria, then home matches will be played at the venue of the opposition.

"St George Association has very broad responsibilities in respect to the allocation of venues," Holmes said.

"We understand their priority would be to the clubs which are members of the association and participate in the domestic leagues. We respect that situation and would not seek to interfere."

Minotaurs football operations manager Peter Sarikakis said the club was still hopeful

of using Beverly Hills Park for its representative teams.

"We want to be allocated to the ground that we've maintained for more than 20 years," Sarikakis said.

"This year we spent \$20,000 at the park. Ideally for us we want to be allowed to use Beverly Hills Park but in saying that we're open to any other suggestions to allow these teams to play home games in St George."

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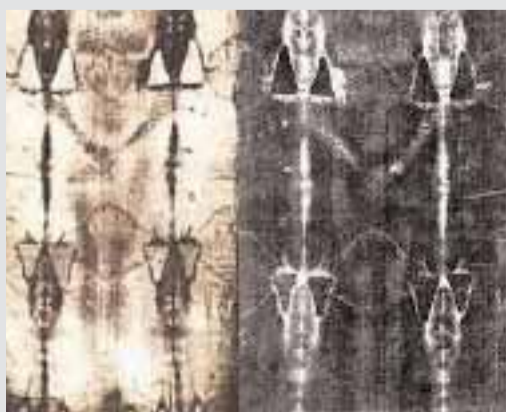
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## Vatican Researcher Finds Writings On The Shroud of Turin

Vatican scholar, Barbara Frale, has come up with the information that the 'Shroud of Turin', debated as the burial cloth of Jesus, has several writings on it that could prove its viability. According to Frale, the text includes the words "(J)esu(s) Nazarene" which translates into Greek as Jesus of Nazareth. The claim has been made in her book, *La Sindone di Gesu nazareno* or 'The Shroud of Jesus of Nazareth'. The discovery was made by Frale with the help of the computer analysis of the shroud's photos which are not accessible very frequently. Frale further believes that the words were written on a document so as to identify the body (Jesus's), but the ink seeped into the shroud.



The piece of cloth bears the images of a man who has been crucified, and its validity as the cloth used to cover Jesus during his burial, has been debated for ages. The experts dismiss Frale's claims saying that the shroud has been concluded to be a medieval forgery established through carbon-dating. To this, Frale said, that during the medieval times, no one except a heretic could have omitted to use these particular words of divinity, and even a forger "would have had all the reasons to put up the words on the object". She also says that the shroud could have been seen as a hoax if the words 'Christ' or 'Son of God', were found instead of 'Jesus of Nazareth'. Gian Marco Rinaldi, an expert on the matter, said that the signs are brought out by computer enhancements and that the letters are a figment of imagination.



**Sgouros  
to give  
benefit  
concert  
in Athens**

Internationally renowned Greek pianist Dimitris Sgouros - a wunderkind that began his career aged 12 at New York's Carnegie Hall in 1982 - is to give a benefit concert at the Athens Concert Hall next Wednesday evening, with the Athens Municipal Symphony Orchestra conducted by Loukas Karytinis. The money raised by the concert will be donated to the Athens municipality's Reception Centre for the Homeless while it will also mark the start of Chopin Year for the Athens Concert Hall. The year 2010 has been declared global Chopin year and marks the 200 anniversary since the Polish composer's birth.