

**Wins for Both Olympic and the Berries**

Sydney Olympic defeated Liverpool Bossy 4-3 at Ernie Smith Reserve, new signings Nick Tsattalios and ex-Apia youngster Massimo Loungo taking the field by storm. Besides the bad match conditions (no referee and terrible playing surface) Olympic still battled away. Four key players were also missing from the friendly game Gumprecht, Mayora, Zuninio and Bosnich. After all Pat Marando will have a good headache this season trying to fit everyone into the starting XI.

Sunday's other friendly was between West Sydney Berries and Fraser Park at Lidcombe Oval. Berries striker Liam Austin scoring the only goal of the match. On the other hand energetic attacking midfielder Dimitri Zakilas has put a halt to his 2010 season as he sustained a knee injury which could force him to the sidelines for a minimum 3 to 4 weeks. Mav's Corner wishes him a speedy recovery.

**Hellas Becomes Oceania Team of the Century**

Fellow Greek - Australian club South Melbourne FC have been named Oceania team of the century. Organised by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS), South beat 2nd place by over 5000 points. The award will be accepted by South Melbourne's president Leo Athanasakis at the 2010 World Football Gala in London on February 1.

The clubs of the century in their respective Confederations are:

- Europe - Real Madrid CF (Spain)
- South America - CA Penarol Montevideo (Uruguay)
- Africa- Asante Kotoko FC Kumasi (Ghana)
- Asia - Al-Hilal FC Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)
- Central and North America - CD Saprissa San

**MAV'S CORNER**

by John Mavridis

Juan de Tibas San Jose (Costa Rica)  
Oceania - South Melbourne FC (Australia)

**Odisseas DEAN Gardikiotis**

Leading Greek newspaper O Kosmos had the chance to catch up with one of Australia's brightest young stars Dean Gardikiotis currently making headlines in England with Championship side Middlesbrough FC playing for their youth side. Dean has been earmarked and headhunted to represent the Greek U17 National side but Australia has also thrown its hat to capture the Australian born custodian. Read on for the full interview with Dean Gardikiotis.

\*\*\* «I was honoured and it was a valuable experience. I hope I will have further opportunities to play at international level.

Yes I would definitely accept to play for Australia if given the opportunity, as I was born and raised in Australia.

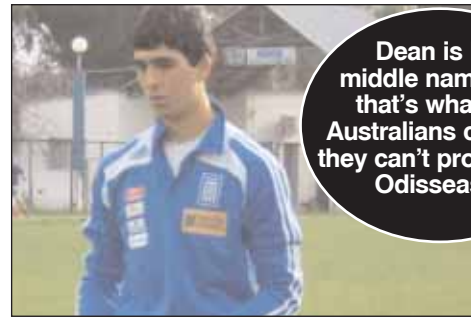
At this stage of my career the more international games I can play the more experience I will gain»

\*\*\* «As I don't speak Greek, yes it was a little bit difficult because I could not give instructions to my team mates during the game apart from the basics.

This could be considered as an obstacle»

\*\*\* «First of all football in England is the number one sport and all week it's the talking point for the majority of the population.

The training facilities at Middlesbrough FC and at the majority of clubs are first



Dean is his middle name and that's what the Australians call him they can't pronounce Odisseas...

class. We have 9 immaculate training pitches at our training complex including an indoor facility.

The standard of football is higher and the players are more serious and committed.

The philosophy of the majority of clubs is that they treat their Academies very seriously and invest and spend millions of pounds per year»

\*\*\* «I think living and playing in England is a positive move because it gives me the opportunity to develop and improve in a total professional environment.

Also it is a great challenge and buzz to play against other Premier League Academies. eg I have played against teams such as Manchester United and Chelsea»

\*\*\* «Middlesbrough FC has been



good to me and have given me the foundations to become a professional player in the future.

Obviously I can not predict the future, however if it was evident that by going to another club it would enhance my chances of fulfilling my dream of becoming a professional footballer than the decision is obvious»

\*\*\* «At this stage of my career No, I would not leave England to come and play in the A-League. Everybody is aspiring to play in Europe and particular England»

\*\*\* « Even though Panathinaikos FC showed interest before I signed for Middlesbrough FC and even though Greek football is of respectable level in Europe, it is the ultimate for every player to play in countries such as England and Spain»

\*\*\* « What I miss the most is the weather, the beaches, the out door life style and aussie barbeques. But it is worth sacrificing all the above to achieve my ultimate dream & goal of playing professionally in England»

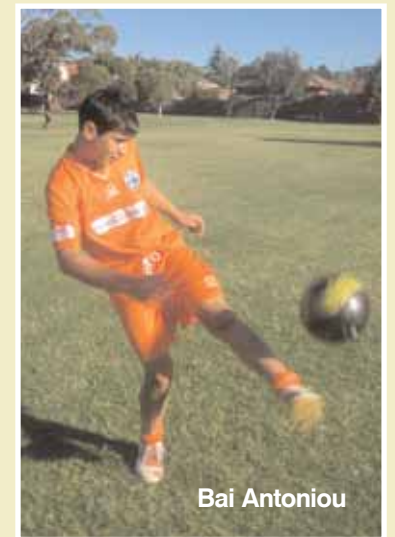
**Bai Antoniou joined the AESFA Academy at the age of 9 and has come along way in his football carrier since then.**

**Bai is an extraordinary young man as he has the character that never says die. He is always willing to work hard and is always enthusiastic both at training and game days. Bai is a natural left footed player but also uses his right foot as well and that is an asset for any player.**

**Bai has some fantastic achievements in his honour and they stand from,**

- 2005= Futsal golden boot winner.
- 2006 = futsal State Champion, and golden boot winner,
- 2007= Futsal State champion, Golden boot winner, represented NSW in Futsal championships.
- 2008= Futsal Golden boot winner.
- 2009= represented Canterbury reps u12', Represented metropolitan med east and competed in the state championships.
- 2010= Playing for the west Sydney Berries u13's in the NSW Premier League, Is in the last 20 players of the NSW U13'S State squad.

Bai is a pure product of the AESFA academy as he has learnt most of his football during his junior years and we are very excited about his future as he continues to work with the Academy senior section.



Bai Antoniou

**BELMORE HERCULES FOOTBALL CLINICS**



- Coaches:** Tom Alexakis (UEFA A and B Accredited), Nick Gratsounis
- Guest Coaches:** Peter Katholos, Marshall Soper, Jim Ziras
- Venue:** Beaman Park
- Date:** Start Date 19th January
- Time:** 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
- Cost:** \$25 per session

The Clinics is geared to develop players all year round with professional coaches. Players have path to progress to Peter Katholos, Technik Football Academy for Elite Kids. All players welcome! (boys and girls)

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SUN 31<sup>ST</sup> JAN, 9 - 11 AM

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