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DOES FREEDOM OF SPEECH EXIST WITHIN THE FFA?

“FFA today advised it had issued a Notice under its Code of Conduct to Clive Palmer, Chairman GCU in relation to s-statements Mr Palmer is reported to have made alleging FFA has some agenda against Gold Coast United.

FFA strongly denies the allegations. FFA re-affirmed that as with prior seasons, FFA determines the location of the Hyundai A-League Grand Final taking into account a range of considerations but added that it was too early to speculate on this before the regular season had ended.

Mr Palmer has until 5pm Monday 8 February to respond to FFA’s notice”.

What on earth is going on? What exactly did Clive Palmer say that was so bad as to cause such a reaction?

Hasn’t Mr. Palmer, the owner of a A-League franchise, the right to express his opinion?

In this wonderful, democratic country we live in, EVERYBODY has the right to have their ‘say’. Without fear of reprisal from those who disagree.

Branko Culina and others have spoken out this current season at certain incidents and they too have been severely and unfairly treated by the FFA.

Is Palmer the next on the list to be ‘taught’ by the FFA who is boss?

Come on FFA, let the people who put their money on the line have their say!

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE ROUND 27

Wellington Phoenix (4th) v Central Coast Mariners (9th)

Wellington Phoenix midfielder Adrian Caceres is set to make his 100th Hyundai A-League appearance. Caceres’ Hyundai A-League career has so far taken him to Perth Glory (18 appear-



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ances), Melbourne Victory (42) and Central Coast Mariners (22), before joining the Phoenix (17 appearances so far) in 2009

Newcastle Jets (6th) v Adelaide United (10th)

The appearance of Argentine import Marcos Flores for Adelaide United in Round 26 took the number of nationalities represented in the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season to 24, which is the equal most number of nationalities represented in any Australian national league season (equalling the number of nationalities that appeared in the 2000/01 NSL season). The 24 nationalities represented in the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season are: Argentinian, Australian, Barbadian, Belgian, Brazilian, Chinese, Costa Rican, Dutch, English, Ghanaian, Iraqi, Italian, Ivory Coast, Japanese, Korean, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealander, Northern Irish, Scottish, Serbian, Slovak, Swiss, Thai and Welsh

Perth Glory (5th) v Brisbane Roar (7th)

Having not lost any of their previous six home matches, Perth Glory are aiming to equal their record for longest undefeated home streak in the Hyundai A-League (seven), initially set in 2007

Brisbane Roar striker Sergio Van Dijk is set to make his 50th Hyundai A-League appearance. Van Dijk joined the Roar in 2008

North Queensland Fury (8th) v Gold Coast United (3rd)

Placed in third position leading into

the final round, new team Gold Coast United are aiming to become the highest-placed debutant team in an Australian national league competition since Carlton finished second on the old NSL in 1997/98 (excluding the first Hyundai A-League season)

Sydney FC (2nd) v Melbourne Victory (1st)

The battle for first position on the final Hyundai A-League 2009/10 ladder is the first time since 1988 that two teams have fought it out against each other for top final ladder placing in an Australian national league competition in the final round. In 1988, Sydney United unsuccessfully tried to defeat Wollongong Wolves in the final round to take over Wollongong’s first placing on the final 1988 NSL ladder

MARADONA REACHES 100!

That is the number of calls-ups to the Argentina team coach Diego Maradona has made so far!

100 in 15 months- after he drew up a squad for the friendly at home to Jamaica.

Maradona’s latest squad for the game in the country’s most popular Atlantic seaside resort of Mar del Plata two days ago included six players never called up before!

He was criticised in the media for initially including four players from South American champions Estudiantes before removing them when it was pointed out to him they have a Libertadores Cup match the following day.

Begs the question doesn’t it- does he know what on earth he is doing?

Maradona’s impressive grand total would have been 101 but after another mistake Juan Pablo Pereyra of Atletico Tucuman was withdrawn because he had surgery!. It will go to 101 if a newcomer is called up to replace Pereyra.

Maradona had called up 94 players for 15 matches, eight World Cup qualifiers and five friendlies, before picking his latest squad made up entirely of players from the domestic championship.

Since the advent in the 1990’s of a mass exodus to European clubs of South America’s top players, Argentinian coaches have occasionally picked B squads to try out locally-based players in friendlies on non-FIFA international dates.

However Maradona, who took charge in November 2008 and was heavily criticised for indecision over players and tactics during Argentina’s poor qualifying campaign, has taken the habit to extremes.

You can forget about Argentina as a serious threat I would suggest.

ROBINHO ON SCORE-SHEET STRAIGHT AWAY!

Robinho wasted no time in his return to Brazil, scoring in his first game back with Santos in a 2-1 victory over archrival Sao Paulo in the Sao Paulo state championship.

Robinho came on the in the 57th minute Sunday and scored in the 85th, leaping into the air for a flashy goal, back-heeling the ball into the net.

“I know many people are talking about the way I kicked the ball, but it was the only way I could have scored,” Robinho said. “I’m happy with the result, but I still need to play more with these young guys and get in better shape.”

Robinho, 26, a regular on the Brazil national team, returned to Santos a week ago on loan from Manchester City where he has been playing little. He’s hoping the playing time in Brazil will put him in form for the World Cup later this year in South Africa.

Santos lead the Sao Paulo championship standings with 16 points.

Οι ΑΕΚτζήδες ετοιμάζονται για τον χορό τους

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*Ο επί των Δημοσίων Σχέσεων
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