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⇒ **FOOTBALL NSW "ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR"**

Football NSW was the recent 'Organisation of the Year' at the 2009 NSW Sports Federation Awards held at the Waterview Convention Centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

Beating the likes of highly credible organisations such as Gymnastics NSW, Surf Life Saving NSW, Sailability NSW and Riding for the Disabled Association, it was a massive coup for the sport of football.

Football NSW President Jim Forrest was delighted upon receiving such an accolade for the sporting organisation.

"It is always a great honour to be recognised in this way by our peers. Three main contributing groups which goes hand in hand with all sports; one is our dedicated volunteer base which ranges between 25-30 thousand people. Second is our highly professional management team and thirdly our predecessors who put in place the development of a state headquarters which will fund the move to our \$40 million development at Riverstone. The combination of these three areas is clearly what gave us this award," Forrest ended.

Football NSW CEO Michael Quarmby was elated with the recognition given to the organisation by the NSW Sports Federation and credited the success of Football NSW to its staff.

"This achievement is a credit to the staff and volunteers of Football NSW; it's these people that make this organisation the success it is today. Various initiatives implemented by staff across the organisation have not only lifted our profile commercially but throughout our membership and potential football players."



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In the meantime, participation rates for the sport was again impressive as approximately 206,216 male and female players which also included juniors registered in the sport of football in NSW with a significant increase in female players.

Football NSW also hosted the inaugural 'Football4all' Gala Day giving children and young people with special needs an opportunity to enjoy a day of football.

Season 4 of Football Stars of Tomorrow debuted on Channel 9 and drew and audience of over 1.5 million viewers across 8 episodes. Coincidentally, Football Stars of Tomorrow picked up the 2009 NSW Sports Media award for the second year in a row.

⇒ **THE HON. KEVIN GREENE PRAISES FNSW TOO!**

Minister for Gaming and Racing also Minister for Sport and Recreation the Honourable Kevin Greene further recognised Football NSW and acknowledged the hard work and efforts of the staff and volunteers which has been evident throughout 2009 and now 2010.

"May I take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the staff and volunteers of your organisation who greatly contribute to the success of the sport at both the elite and grass roots level. I look forward to working cooperatively with you to ensure the strong

partnership of football in NSW South Wales is continued."

⇒ **PORTSMOUTH DOOMED!**

Portsmouth have become the first Premier League club to go into administration. A nine-point penalty will be imposed immediately on the South Coast side, who failed to find a buyer, that will leave them on seven points and almost certainly doomed to relegation.

⇒ **SYDNEY OLYMPIC NETS THE SHARKS**

Sydney Olympic has gotten off to a great start in 2010 by beating last year's champions Sutherland by 2-0 at Belmore Sports Ground- thanks to goals to Matthew Mayora and Chris Triantis.

First Grade coach Pat Marando, on the club's website, has thanked the Sydney Olympic supporters for coming out to support the team in the opening game against Sutherland yesterday.

"It was great to see everyone come out and support us on the opening game. It provided the players with a great atmosphere and I know they lifted."

Sydney Olympic take on Sydney United at Belmore Sports Ground this Saturday at 7pm.

The Sutherland Sharks' mood was best summed up by midfielder Nick Stavroulakis who said, "Today was obviously different to our championship winning match last season. We lost our captain in the first 5' minutes or so, which is a major loss, and might have distracted us a bit. What can you do, I mean we had a few chances as well but we just have to bounce back from this one. Next week we have another away game against the West Sydney Berries, so if we can get the maximum three

points there it would be great."

⇒ **YOUNG STALLIONS BEAT BERRIES**

The youth of Marconi accounted for the West Sydney Berries last week leaving their coach Lee Sterrey elated with the win.

"I am happy because a lot of young kids got their chance," he said. "We had four players making their debuts at this level. Marconi has a lot good junior talent and there are some really good kids in this club, so I am elated with the win. The kids have got to step up and that's what they did, and that's what football is all about: opportunity.

Sterrey is hoping the arrival of four Africans, hopefully for this weekend's clash will add another dimension to the Stallions. The four in question were Ousmane Toure and Vamara Diarra who are coming back to the club and then there's Tape Aguy, who is a striker from Cameroon, and Ali Yamgue, who is an attacking midfielder from the Ivory Coast.

"Diarra wasn't originally coming back because of the budgetary constraints but then we lost Nahuel Arrarte at the last minute to Korea. We can't find another Nahuel Arrarte around and Diarra is the closest thing and I'm delighted to have him. South Coast next week away will be a difficult game but with our three imports coming in this week we should be ready to go", said Sterrey.

⇒ **THE BERRIES?**

Well the Berries may not have won their first game in 2010, but they sure did indicate they will be no 'easybeats' either. Having said that though, they are in for a tough game against defending champions Sutherland this weekend!

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Σάουθ Κοστ-Μαρκόνι	2	1	2	2	2	X	2	2	2	1
Σ. Ολύμπικ-Σ. Γιουνάιτεντ	X	1	2	2	X	2	2	2	2	X
Ροκντέιλ-Μπανκστάουν	2	X	2	2	X	2	2	2	2	X
Μένλι-Μπλακτάουν	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	2	X	1
Γουέστ Σίδνεϊ Μπέρις-Σάθερλαντ	X	1	2	1	1	1	1	X	X	X
ΒΑΘΜΟΙ	3	6	3	2	-	3	-	4	3	1

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