

⇒ SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The world's football stars are all in South Africa- the country under the spotlight.

South Africa- with all its problems, and of coursae all of its wonders is playing host to the World Cup.

And hasn't the nation seized the opportunity thus far. Sure crime is rampant, there are shanty towns everywhere. And the HIV-AIDS epidemic continues to rage. Yet the welcome for the world- from Cape Town to Soweto, couldn't have been any better.

Blaring "vuvuzelas", (plastic trumpets), and displaying their multicolored flag on cars, homes and themselves, the South Africans have truly embraced this historic moment. It's by far their boldest foray onto the world stage since Nelson Mandela formally ended the apartheid era by winning the presidency in 1994.

"It has unified all of South Africa," said Irvin Khoza, chairman of the local organising committee. "It doesn't matter if you're black or white, or if you're close to the sport or not. Everybody in this country is wearing the flag.'

The four-week, 32-team tournament opened last Friday with South Africa's national squad taking on Mexico at soccer City in front of 94,000 spectators.

This is the first time the world's most-watched sporting event has been held anywhere in Africa. Estimates vary as to how many foreign visitors will come- perhaps 350,000 or 400,000.

There are 10 stadiums in nine cities across South Africa, with two of them-Soccer City and the long-established 62,500-seat Ellis Park - in Johannesburg.

⇒ BIG MONEY!

How about this?



FIFA made a profit of \$196 million last year and has equity well over \$1 billion- thanks to the massive (and still growing) sale of TV rights.

Television (\$650 million) and marketing (\$277 million) rights sales brought revenue of \$1,022 million in 2009, FIFA's financial report showed.

FIFA said successful risk management in recent years had helped it avoid the worst effects of the global financial crisis.

The governing body also highlighted that revenue for the period 2007-10 was actually 12 times greater than for the period 1995-98: up from \$257 million to \$3,200 million!

Forever the world game it seems...

→ GERMAN COACH WAS SPOT ON!

In the leadup to the Aussies first World Cup game, German coach Joachim Low stated: "Australia can be expected to offer anything but a great spectacle."

How prophetically RIGHT he was!

Though NONE of us expected Socceroo coach Pim Verbeek to give him a helping hand by putting on the park the most bizarre "11" ever imagineable!

⇒ WE TOLD YOU SO!

We told you the FFA had very little hope of winning the rights to host the 2018 World Cup...

After several months of dialogue

with FIFA, the FFA eventually issued a joint statement announcing its intention to only focus on 2022 now.

And with good reason...

As we also indiacted to you all, FFA has a GREAT CHANCE of nabbing the world Cup in 2022!

Mr Lowy confirmed FFA's decision to withdraw from the 2018 bid and concentrate on 2022. "We have been in discussion with FIFA for months and it is that trusting relationship with the leadership of the governing body that has caused us to focus on 2022 and decide to leave the field for 2018 to European contenders."

⇒ OLYMPIC LOOK SAFE, BERRIES REMAIN ROCK BOTTOM!

Congratulations Sydney Olympic on a "perfect" weekend against Manly United last weekend.

It is GREAT to see the club surge clear of the bottom and look safer than it has been for a long while.

And more wins could be in store for them in the coming weeks. Let's all hope so.

As for the Berries, not only is their new coach Steve Karavatakis starting to wonder if he is EVER going to win a game for them, he must also be starting to wonder IF he will last the season!

For the record, the Berries remain well and truly shackled to the bottom of the NSW Premier League ladder and also the Club Championship for yet another week.

What more can we possibly say? They still look GONE!

Parramatta Eagles who continue to lead the NSW Super League, will be licking their lips at the prospect of gaining back their spot in next year's Premier League- at the expense of the Berries who seem destined for the Super League in 2010.

→ NSW PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES LEFT?

Let's have a closer look at the games left for both Sydney Olympic and the Berries...

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (11 pts)

Rockdale (a)

Apia (h) Berries (a)

Sth Coast (a)

Bonnyrigg (a)

Marconi (a)

THE BERRIES (11 pts)

Manly (a)

Rockdale (h)

Syd Olympic (h) Apia (h)

Sth Coast (a)

Bonnyrigg (a)

⇒ "THE KING **OF TEASAPES!"**

Last week we highlighted to you all "Teascapes"- a cafe in the Randwick area that is constantly filled with soccer personalities and gossip.

Well for those of you unaware, owner Peter Papoythis disappeared for over a month recent to be a part of the "Wog" movie-"Kings new Mykonos".

Peter who is better known for his cocoaching role with the Bankstown City Lions in the NSW Premier League, can be easily spotted on several occasions throughout the movie.

Take a pen and paper with you when you go to "Teascapes"- Pete's autograph COULD be worth something one day- perhaps you may even get to enjoy a FREE cappuccino! (sorry Pete).





















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ΑΠΙΑ-Σάθερλαντ	2	1	2	2	X	2	2	2	2	Χ
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