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☞ FIFA CANNOT DISREGARD TECHNOLOGY ANY LONGER

FIFA has continued to refuse the use of technology to arbitrate on contentious refereeing decisions- even though the World Cup in 2010 yet again proved refereeing decisions are costing teams fair goals.

But fans and media from all around the world had different ideas- calling for a change in policy.

FIFA's refusal to use video technology to rule on contentious decisions in football has long been criticised with President Sepp Blatter insisting the referee WILL ALWAYS remain the ultimate decision-maker at all levels of the game.

However...

In latest developments, it appears as though the pressure is FINALLY getting to Sepp Blatter.

Especially now that the anger and frustration has fallen on Blatter himself- with calls coming for him to either introduce it or resign immediately.

Blatter to his credit did come out and officially apologise to England and Mexico over refereeing errors during their World Cup last 16 matches and he has pledged to review the case for the introduction of goal-line technology now.

Blatter said that the only technology that would be discussed would be goal-line technology. "The only principle we are going to bring back for discussion is goal-line technology," said Blatter. "Football is a game that never stops and the moment there was a discussion if the ball was in or out, or there was a goal-scoring opportunity, do we give a possibility to a team to call for replays once or twice like in tennis? It's obvious that after what we have experienced so far it would be a nonsense not to reopen the technology topic in July (21st-22nd) in Cardiff."

FIFA consistently rebuffed all demands to resort to video technology to resolve contentious refereeing decisions despite it being successfully implemented in other sports such as tennis, cricket and rugby union claiming that it would disrupt the free-flowing movement of the game.

But international pressure it seems has grown so much following the Henry handball outcry and the glaring incidents which have brought the issue back into the full glare of the spotlight.

☞ WORLD CUP VISITORS UP BY 24 PERCENT

The number of foreign visitors to South Africa since the World Cup started has risen to 24%- with the



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biggest wave of supporters coming from Americans, Britain and Germany according to the South African Government.

A total of 944,535 foreigners arrived in the country in June- up 24% from the 760,201 in the same period last year.

Among the overseas travellers, Americans were the biggest group at 44,512, followed by Britons, Germans, Australians, Brazilians, Mexicans, French and Dutch.

South Africa expects about 300,000 people to visit specifically for the World Cup which ends on July 11th.

☞ OLYMPIC DELIVERS BERRIES BIG "HASTOUKI"!

Has BIG brother Sydney Olympic sealed the West Sydney Berries' fate after beating them 2-1 last weekend in front of an abysmal and embarrassing crowd of "approximately 100"



The winning goal of Sydney Olympic.

people as highlighted on the Football NSW website?

The Olympic victory has left the Berries stranded in last position- with only Manly now the only other possible candidate for relegation.

I cannot believe that such a crucial "Greek Derby" attracted such a low attendance.

Sure, both clubs are languishing at the wrong end of the ladder, but only a 100 people?

Is that how low support for the

clubs has reached?

What a pity so few spectators were present because there were so many Greek background players on display on the day...

The Berries had 5 (Zakilas, Tsiroinis, Lagoudakis, Bariamis and Tsious-tas).

Sydney Olympic on the other hand had 7 (Petratos, Stamatelis, Tsattalios, Petratos, Triantis, Kalouris and Doumanis).

Perhaps this is why Sydney Olympic won?

Nonetheless, from Sydney Olympic's perspective, they can breathe a lot easier now knowing that they WILL be around in 2011.

☞ BYE BYE BERRIES?

He said he wanted to win 4 of the last five games...

Yeah right...

And this after he hasn't even won a single 1st Grade game so far...

Poor Steve Karavatakis, coach of the West Sydney Berries, HAS NOT WON A SINGLE GAME since he took over the reins- and there are only four games left this season for him to at least win ONE GAME for the club.

"Kara" is a great bloke but the facts speak for themselves- and unfortu-

relegated from the NSW Premier League for 2011- subject to the Super League Premiers (currently the Parramatta Eagles), meeting the criteria.

So what's left to be decided?

Only to see whether Steve Karavatakis can actually WIN a game for the Berries before the regular season concludes.

The Berries' opponents in the last four rounds are: Manly United, Apia Leichhardt Tigers, South Coast Wolves and the high-flying Bonnyrigg White Eagles.

Can "Kara" win at least ONE game for the Berries?

Time will tell...

☞ SO WHAT WENT WRONG IN 2010?

I just cannot believe the LOWS that have been reached in 2010.

It truly is a sad and disappointing predicament the Berries find themselves in- especially after having fought tooth-and-nail over the years to get back into the BIG TIME- something they finally achieved in 2008- only to now be on the verge of being booted out of the NSW Premier League just 3 years later!

I have fielded so many phone calls this week to tell me that the club is

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struggling to find even BALL BOYS at the moment!

And if the 1st Grade is relegated, so too will the club's juniors return to the Super Youth League should this happen.

What a tragic loss THAT will be as the club's juniors have performed strongly all year.

So what has gone so wrong?

We'll leave that question for the end of the season- not now.