

### Reinaldo In Demand

News and Views can confirm that Brisbane Roars highest paid foreigner, Reinaldo Elias da Costa, has had three A-League clubs making enquiries about his services. First, it was Gold Coast United, Miron Bleiberg, who offered their foreign central defender, Bas van der Brink, as an exchange for the Brazilian striker. That proposal was refused by Roar management.

Late last week, Melbourne Victory and later Sydney FC also put out feelers. Brisbane Roar FC have not seriously entertained of the offers and one of the main reasons is that Reinaldo was last month almost transferred to an Egyptian first division team. The deal looked on the cards but it is believed the players personal terms were extreme.

### Djite available for \$\$\$

We reported last week that Melbourne Victory FC were very keen on signing big, burly striker, Bruce Djite. We can verify that Djite will only return to Australia if the offer exceeds \$300,000. Former young Socceroo, Sydney Olympic and Marconi FC midfielder, Brad Maloney, is currently representing the players rights in Australia. You can't blame Djite as there is absolutely no worthy strikers available.

Melbourne Victory FC management are actively trying to massage the deal.

### Coveny to be sacked by South

Over the past month, News And Views has broken many exclusive stories such as North To Phoenix, Gold Coast United FC's interest in marquee men Raul and Pires, Cahill's acquisition in Western Sydney Franchise, amongst others.

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**Paras Teaches Bajevic**

Sydney Olympic Under 13's Coach and Assistant Technical Director, Harry Paras, spent Friday afternoon with his coach idol and AEK Athens Coach, Dusan Bajevic. Bajevic was most interested in Paras' video analysis methods of each of his Under 13's games.

Paras, an IT expert has mastered the video analysis program and was showing Bajevic how a program like that, can assist coaches analysing individual players and team performances. It helps coaches identify player technical weakness' and other such information. So impressed Bajevic was, that he has facilitated a teleconference with AEK's technical director, Arnar Gretarsson, and Paras.

Well done to Paras and Sydney Olympic FC who this year were able to facilitate many off field successful foundations.

We'll take it as read, South Melbourne FC will sack coach, Vaughan Coveny. Coveny will not be coaching the club in the Singapore Cup. South Melbourne FC will be

participating in the Singapore Cup for the first time.

The Singapore Cup is a 15 team competition that includes clubs outside of the Singaporean com-

petition.

### Defensive Concerns Out West

Perth Glory FC brain trust are anxiously awaiting the return at last season's player of the year, Andy Todd. The uncompromising 35 year old was last season a corner stone for the Perth Glory defence but as yet has not been able to fulfil his preseason commitments due to injury. Adding to Glory's concern is that there other experienced central defender, Chris Coyne, will not be returning from his Chinese loan deal until the end of November leaving Glory's central defensive stocks low on options. It is anticipated that Todd will miss the first three to four games of the season proper.

### McKain Meets And Beats Bresciano

Al Nassr FC has finally completed their preseason tour of Italy. The Saudi Arabian outfit that is now home to former Wellington Phoenix defender, Jon McKain, has played matches against Italian giants such as Juventus were they loss 5-0, Bari were they won 1-0 and Lazio were they won 2-1.

Wins against Bari and in particular Lazio has pleased Al Nassr Coach and former Italian International, Walter Zenga. Zenga, who this year agreed to a two year deal to coach Al Nassr FC has formed a formidable squad which includes Jon McKain and two Romanian Internationals.

In the last month against Lazio, McKain playing in a defensive midfield role was marking another Australian in no other than Marco Bresciano. Bresciano, who was initially joining Al Nassr FC for a two year \$ 5 million US package was well contained by his Australia replacement, Jon McKain.

### AEK's Financial Bonanza - Using Cotton Australia Sponsorship

AEK Athens football festival of Sydney experience ended last Sunday with success both on and off the field. On the field, this great club showed how football should be played often toying with Premier League Club Blackburn Rovers and Sydney FC in particular. AEK was also very successful off the field with their appearance fee for the tournament exceeding \$400,000 and merchandise sales exceeding \$70,000. Apart from the appearance fee, AEK Athens former player and current football PR man, Vasilis Dimitriadis, secured a local sponsorship.

King Cotton Australia CEO, Alexander Dimou, offered his support to his beloved AEK Athens, by joining their exclusive 25 band of businessman group. Dimou and King Cotton Australia, a recycle clothing operation, are the only entity of this exclusive 25 club not to be based in Athens.

