



WORLD CUP VISITS HAVE NOW ENDED

The United States was the last country which made its pitch for the World Cup. Now all that is left is to wait for the final decision. FIFA's World Cup inspectors wrapped up their three-day, five-city visit in Houston, as they now begin to weigh up all potential venues for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments. The 24-member executive committee of soccer's governing body will vote on December 2nd. Europe is expected to be awarded the 2018 tournament- with England, Russia, Spain-Portugal and Belgium-Netherlands competing. The USA is facing opposition from Australia, Japan, Qatar and South Korea for 2022.

FREEMAN BACKS AUSSIE BID

Dubbed by officials as the 'best Olympic Games ever', now a decade later, our nation celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games on Wednesday 15 September. This comes as we continue our bid to bring the FIFA World Cup to Australia in 2022. And one of the heroes of Sydney 2000, Olympic 400m champion Cathy Freeman, is a strong supporter of the bid. "Australia is the best choice to host the FIFA World Cup in 2022 be-

cause we have experience that we have grown out of the Sydney Olympics in 2000. We are a sports loving nation and football is our growing passion," Freeman said. "I have experienced the power and passion of an Australian crowd - I only have to draw on my experience from the Sydney Olympics 2000. We are a welcoming country for all those who come here to compete. The 2022 FIFA World Cup held here in Australia will unite Australia- just as the Sydney 2000 Olympics did. We are a fantastic place to visit and as Australians we are friendly," she added. Australia's track record in staging successful major sporting events is well documented.

GREEK GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS WALKOUTS

Greece's Football Association may have "no immediate comment", but the Greek Government has condemned the recent player walkouts. "Participation in the national team is a great honour for a Greek athlete. It is not a club to come and go at will," General Secretary for Sport Sport Bitsaxis said in his statement. "It is contrary to sporting values for a Greek international, who has been honoured by his country, to make statements with particular thoughtlessness and resign from the national team." All this after Greek striker Fanis Gekas became the third player to quit the Greek national team since Fernando Santos was appointed coach. It is the latest headache for Santos following the recent international retirements of Liverpool defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos and Gekas' Eintracht

Frankfurt teammate, striker Ioannis Amanatidis. The team was knocked out in the World Cup group stage under former coach Otto Rehhagel. The 30-year-old Gekas scored 20 goals in 52 matches for Greece since making his debut in 2005. Greece has two points from two games in European Championship qualifying. Georgia, Israel, Croatia, Latvia and Malta are also in Group F.

ST. GEORGE SMASHED BY TIGERS

The Super League Grand Final in the end was a lopsided affair with St George being smashed by the Northern Tigers 4-0 at Lily Homes Stadium, Seven Hills. This was the Northern Tigers' third Grand Final appearance- after having competed in the first division Grand Final in 2003 and the Super League Grand Final in 2007. The Tigers were defeated in both these finals, but the 2010 version was ever so sweet for them. It is the Tigers' first ever Grand Final success. St George on the other hand last played in a Grand Final way back in 1987. The Saints played their worst game of the year in the final and had no answer for the Tigers, who basically wrapped up the matech after just 20 minutes. And just to cap off a terrible weekend for the Saints, their U/20's also lost their Grand Final 3-2 to the Parramatta Eagles!

LIONS SHOCK BRUMBIES!

The Fairfield City Lions were the first team into the Division One Grand Final, blowing away the Blacktown Spartans 4-0 in the first semi final weeks ago, and then accounted for Hills Brumbies 4-3. So the 2010 Premiers Hills Brumbies knew they were in for yet another torrid clash in the Big One. It was the Fairfiled Lions agian whose sparkling form continued in the Grand Final- winning in yet another close encounter by 3-2. The Brumbies can nonetheless look forward to the NSW Super League in 2011 now.

TWO GRAND FINALS FOR THE MINOTAURS

"Sportsworld" would like to wish the Hurstville City Minotaurs 1st Grade and U/20's the very best of luck this weekend as they prepare for their respective Grand Finals, against the same opponent-Fairfield City Bulls. The "General" Peter Sarikakis has once again done a fantastic job with the Minotaurs and we are all looking forward to reporting good news next week!

APIA ENTERTAINS "700"

Conratulations are in order for the Apia Leichhardt Tigers who entertained magnificently the 700 guests at its Annual Gala Dinner at Le Montage last Friday. 6 Mayors attended, a handful of State MP's... Throw in several local councillors including Julie Passas.. Add the likes of Mark Bosnich, World Boxing champion Jeff Fenech and former NRL star Craig Field and you begin to realise the magnitude of this Gala event. And there were plenty more- including referees of yesteryear such as Nick Assargiotis and Con Diomis... You just don't know how wonderful it feels to be with a club that has a 'pulse'!



Αχ, αυτά τα φιλιά με τα αγόρια της Σέλτικ!

Βιντεοκάμερα ασφαλείας «συνέλαβε» δύο πρώην συμπαίκτες στην Σέλτικ να φιλιούνται στο στόμα έξω από καζίνο της Γλασκόβης! Ο Ντάρεν Ο' Ντέι και ο Κρις Κίλεν είχαν βγει για να διασκεδάσουν και το έριξαν στο ποτό: «Όλα οφείλονται στο αλκοόλ» εξήγησε στην σκοτσέζικη «Sun» μία πηγή προσκείμενη στους δύο παίκτες», για να συνεχίσει: «Οι δύο τους είχαν πιει λίγο παραπάνω. Είχαν ξεσπάσει σε γέλια και ξεκίνησαν να αστειεύονται και να αγκαλιάζονται. Ό,τι έκαναν στη συνέχεια ήταν ένα αστείο». Αυτή τη στιγμή ο Ιρλανδός Ο' Ντέι αγωνίζεται ως δανεικός στην ομάδα της Τσάμπιονσιπ, Ίπσουιτς, αλλά αναμένεται να επιστρέψει στους «καθολικούς» τον Ιανουάριο οπότε και λήγει ο δανεισμός του, ενώ ο Νεοζηλανδός, Κίλεν ανήκει πλέον στην κινεζική Σέντσεν Ρούμπι. Το μόνο σίγουρο είναι πάντως πως η ζωή των δύο παικτών θα γίνει «κόλαση» από τα πειράγματα των φιλάθλων και των συμπαικτών τους στα αποδυτήρια.

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2η αγωνιστική		3η αγωνιστική				
Ομόνοια-Εθνικός	1-0	Αλκή-Ομόνοια				
ΕΝΠ-ΑΠΟΕΛ	1-0	ΑΠΟΕΛ-Ανόρθωση				
Απόλλων-ΑΕΚ	1-2	Άχνα-Απόλλων				
Ανόρθωση-Κινύρας	3-0	ΑΕΛ-Ερμής				
Δόξα-ΑΕΛ	0-0	ΑΕΚ-Δόξα				
ΑΕΠ-Αλκή	1-2	Πέγεια-Πάφος				
Ερμής-Ολυμπιακός	2-2	Ολυμπιακός-Παραλίμνι				

ΟΜΑΔΑ	Αγ.	N-I-H	Τέρμ.	B.
1. Ανόρθωση	2	2-0-0	6-2	6
2. Ένωση Ν. Παραλιμνίου	2	2-0-0	3-0	6
3. Ομόνοια	2	2-0-0	3-1	6
4. ΑΕ Λεμεσού	2	1-1-0	2-0	4
5. Απόλλων Λεμ.	2	1-0-1	4-1	3
6. AE Kıtı́ou	2	1-0-1	3-3	3
7. Αλκή	2	1-0-1	4-4	3
8. ΑΠΟΕΛ	2	1-0-1	1-1	3
9. Εθνικός Άχνας	2	1-0-1	2-2	3
10. Ερμής Αραδίππου	2	0-1-1	2-3	1
11. Ολυμπιακός Λευκ.	2	0-1-1	2-4	1
12. Δόξα Κατοκοπιάς	2	0-1-1	0-4	1
13. ΑΕ Πάφου	2	0-0-2	2-4	0
14. АПОП	2	0-0-2	0-5	0