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Kat's corner 24th feb 2011

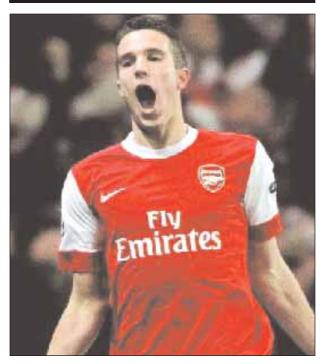
### **Michael Lardis**

Remember Michael Lardis ex western berries player that played in the early 90's? The lively winger back then, is doing it tough these days after being diagnosed with a rare cancer in his nasal and throat passage and battling hard to cure it. Let's hope for good news soon. Last Friday night the football community turned out at the Dalton house in the city for a fundaraiser to help Michael and his family. It was a reunion of football faces Eric Christodoulou, Peter Papaoythis, Peter Tsekenis, Mark Bosnich, Terry Patalis, Tom Pontidas, Manuel Spanoudakis, Con Tsausidis and the very popular Andy Pascalidis! The list goes on and on... I had the pleasure to sit on the Berries table with the current coach Steve Karavatakis and the president Theo Mitrothanasis updating me on many matters and all is good at the Berries with serving the Greek community a priority for the club. Anyway, it was a very succesful evening, we raised plenty of money for a worthy cause and congratulations to all that supported Michael and his family.

#### Chistoforidis day

Did you know that Theo Mitrothanasis and the West Sydney Berries are organising a day of rememberence for the ex Berries player that died recently suffering depression. It will be a special day on the 6th March and a yearly event and all the Greek football teams taking part but the highlight will be the exhibition game between the ex Sydney Olympic legends v ex Berries legends! Come and see the legends in action and live those memories.





Soper, Meier, Kousas, Katholos, Patalis, Kalanzis, Ziras, Tsekenis do battle with Tsausidis, Dounis, Papoythis, Pontidas, Sentas, Zaimi, Hanzis and many more. A great day is organised with the game starting around 6.00pm. By the way, since I played for both clubs, I'm making an appearance for both teams. I hear Chris Paxinos is a candidate as coach for the berries as well as the great John Xipolitas "I luv you boys". I can still hear him say that! For the Olympic team Doug Collins, Mick Hickman "wouska" and Manfred Schaefer are in line for the coaching job. It should be a great day out. Don't forget next Sunday the 6th of March. Support a great cause!

#### Arsenal go the gunners

What a performance the other night when Arshavin scored the winner at the Emirates. For every Arsenal supporter, that game will be etched in their memory bank forever. They beat the greatest club team on the planet Barcelona playing football and not kicking them. The two best footballing teams in the world against each other. I must admit I have not been that excited about a football game since Greece beat Portugal in the final in euro 2004! I must admit, this Barcelona team is amazing and the way the play football is incredible! They will probably beat Arsenal and progress but in football anything can happen. Credit to the Arsenal players and Arsene Wenger, they will try beating them by playing football. Can't wait for the return match!

On the golf news, the Australasia PGA continues with the Queensland PGA on this week starting on Thursday 24th feb. Alex Katholos in his second professional tournament will be looking for a good finish and will be teeing it up with other notables such as Terry Pilkadaris, Peter O'Malley, Craig Parry, Euan Walters etc. I will be on the bag for Alex and give you an update of the tournament in next weeks column.

See ya next week!



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