

Hi all. What a week in football!

Queensland fury dumped out of the league? What a shock! Surely FFA must realize that it would take some-time for a team to establish itself in a football development area . It takes years to establish a market for sponsors, fans, attracting the right players, these things don't happen over night. I can't understand the decision! Did they not take this into account when they were admitted into the league?

Fury board member Peter Brine says "They told us for the first time that they want to use the funds. That they were projecting for Fury to go elsewhere and prop the league up, which to me is a bad investment and to the detriment of the growth of the game."

"There needs to be a completely independent review of the decision they made yesterday," he said.

"If there is no independent review on the FFA and what they have done to the Fury, then they can just do that to any club."

I feel for all the players, officials and sponsors of the club. Also, our very own Pani Nikas has established himself in the team. I hope some other club will give him a gig in the A league and he does not go backwards as he has a most promising career. It would certainly be a backward step in the growth of the game!

Olympiakos v Panathinaikos

I watched this game with disbelief at the way the match officials handled the game. Shocking! I take an interest in Greek football as I played for Larissa as a professional but the level of refereeing has reached an all time low. The goal that Panathinaikos scored by Katsouranis was ruled no goal ? That was a clear goal as he was not offside. The ball did not touch his hand and he did not foul anyone to score. Nor did any of the other Panathinaikos players at the moment of the goal. So what happens? The referee says no goal ! Wow ! But it's a goal! It was not just any goal, it was the goal that determined the championship. From the continuing play, Olympiakos scored the winner to take a 7 point lead and win the championship! Players, officials and fans rebelled and rightly so. The French national team striker who plays for panathinaikos " Sise " has vowed to quit Greek football as he can't cope with the Greek refereeing decisions! Why cant these officials get it right? Is the corruption in Greek football that bad, that authorities can't clean up the game? With the betting on football so crazy in Greece, does that rule the results and decisions? For me it was clear that Greek football is sinking and credibility is questioned when decisions like that are made and the authorities let them get away with it! By the way, I'm a member of Olympiakos. I see things the way they should be. What is happening is bullshit!

Steve Christofidis Gala Day

This Sunday the Steve Chisoforidis Gala Day is on. Let me tell you, I'm looking forward to lacing the boots a-

Kat's Corner

by Peter Katholos

"Australian International, former Australian player of the year"



gain to play in the legends game that is going to be on at 6pm at Lidcombe Oval . Sydney Olympic v's Berries old boys. Other past players such as Zlatko Nastevski, Pablo Cartozo,

Marshall Soper, Terry Patalis, Jim Ziras, David Barrett, Spiro Hatzis, Peter Tsekenis, Peter Lahanas, Norme Tome, Zlatko Arambasic and Ante Juric will make an appearance for

such a great cause and that is to raise money for mental awareness and be distributed to charities. Most of the players that were asked to participate were very excited.

The ones that can't make it because of one reason or another, I can understand but please the players that asked for appearance money?

You heard right! Unbelievable and inhumane!

Anyway, can't wait to see all the boys and mingle about the past memories. See you all there!



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