

FOOTBALL NSW

Sydney United FC announced the appointment of the coaches for the 2012 Premier Youth League season.

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Head coach and Technical Director, Jean Paul De Marigny, will oversee the coaching and development strategy he has envisioned for the club. "I came to the club with a simple plan, recruit the best young players available and give them the best coaching we can in order to produce players for the club and the country. I believe we have assembled some of the best available football people for this job, ones who are not only talented coaches but know exactly what it takes to become a professional footballer because they have been there."

JP is a former professional player who represented Australia, former "A" league and NSWIS coach and holder

of AFC "A" coaching licence.

Under 13's: Ante Moric is a former Olyroo, NSL player and long time servant of the club.

Ante is looking forward to working with the 13's. "I have been watching this age group for a number of months now and there is a lot of talented players out there. I'm looking forward to a very exciting season."

Under 14's: Davor Bajsic is a former Croatian Youth international who captained his country from the age of 13 to 18. He played at a professional level for 17 years. He was the coach of our 16's team this year, who, it must be said, played an excellent brand of football. Davor's philosophy is simple "I love

to watch technically skilful players and a game where the ball is played on the ground, so, I try and teach my boys to play the same way" Davor is a holder of the UEFA "B" and AFC "B" coaching licence.

Under 15's: Tony Krslovic, former Soccerroo, long time NSL player, took the 14's side mid season and is now looking to re-build. Tony is a dedicated coach who knows what is required to become a professional football player. He is looking forward to a fresh start and a successful 2012 season. Tony is a "Senior" coaching licence holder.

Under 16's: Tony Sekulic. Tony is a former professional player in the NSL and German Bundesliga with the FSV Mainz



Sydney United Head coach and Technical Director, Jean Paul De Marigny

05 club. "My job is to help the club produce players for our senior squad and hopefully selling them on to clubs in a higher league. Ultimately, that is the purpose of our existence, to produce quality players" Tony is a UEFA "B" licenced coach.

Under 18's: Erick Anabalon.

Eric is a former NSL / NSW Premier League player and an up and coming young coach. He will take charge of a good young squad of players and is looking forward to the challenge. We would like to welcome Eric to our club and wish him all success in the coming season.

Under 20's: Anthony Zmire, former professional player in the NSL and HNS (Croatian National league). Anthony is a holder of the AFC "B" coaching licence who is working hard to establish a professional coaching career. His job next year is to prepare his charges for first grade.

Stavroulakis honoured at Sutherland Sharks Presentation

Sutherland Sharks' tenacious midfielder Nick Stavroulakis was crowned the 2011 Sutherland Sharks 'Player of the Year' at their annual presentation held at the Tradies Club in Gympie on Tuesday 20th September.

It was the second time in successive seasons Stavroulakis was honoured with this award as the former Australian youth international had a sterling season in what was a solid year for the Sharks. The 26-year-old was delighted with his award but did state his disappointment at the Sharks missing out on playing a Grand Final after bowing out to Blacktown City FC in the Minor Semi Final 2-1. "It's of course an honour to have been nominated for this award but I have to thank the team and Robbie Stanton who

have all made this year an enjoyable one both on and off the pitch. "It has been a pretty tough season and we gave it a good shot by finishing in the top three but of course I am disappointed that we won't be contesting for that Grand Final trophy this year – that would have been the icing on the cake on what has been a consistent season for us." The club's other major awards on the evening were the 'President's Award' which went to club stalwart and skipper George Souris while 'Rookie of the Year' award was



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taken out by promising young defender Hayden Morton who has a huge future in the game after a remarkable 2011 year. Ace marksman Matt Bailey

ended up as the club's top scorer and was awarded the 'Golden Boot' award.

-Sutherland Sharks Press Release

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE PRELIMINARY FINAL PREVIEW

A date with Premiers
Sydney Olympic on Monday the 3rd of October awaits Sydney United or Blacktown City FC, though both sides will need to work for the invite this Sunday in what promises to be a blockbuster encounter at Jensen Park in Sefton.

Jean Paul De Marigny's Reds will look to use the disappointment of falling against the Blues last weekend as motivation to set-up another shot at Sydney Olympic in early October, meanwhile Blacktown City will be eager to continue

their superb form of the back end of the season with Mark Crittenden's men holding the edge with two wins over the Reds in the regular season.

The Reds were second best against a well-organised Sydney Olympic last weekend, and the side will certainly need to lift against a 'giant killing' Blacktown City FC that has already ended the finals run of both Bonnyrigg White Eagles and Sutherland Sharks.

Sydney United's attacking play has been a highlight this season, and the team's passing game out of midfield has been a feature of their

impressive run. In the attacking third, Luka Glavas, Elsid Barkhousir and Ben Vidaic pose a mammoth task for any defensive line, though the Reds will need the service of Ivo Bosnar and Steve Hayes out of the middle of the park to trouble Blacktown.

The Reds' strikers were well-marshalled by Richard Luksic & Co. last weekend, and more close marking by Patrick Gatt and Zac Cairncross can be expected on Sunday. Should De Marigny's men find good possession in the attacking third, the Reds will rate their chances of a

Grand-Final berth.

Defensively, the side will be disappointed to have conceded two goals via set-pieces last weekend, and more attention to detail will be required against a Blacktown City side that possesses strong aerial ability. Goalkeeper Vedran Janjetovic has continued his fine form in goal, and the shot-stopper will again be expected to marshal his defenders on the weekend.

Blacktown City FC will feel the pressure is on the Reds this weekend, though the reigning champions will be chomping at the bit to go

back-to-back following last season's triumphant finish.

Coach Mark Crittenden has instilled much character in this side, testament of the side's ability arriving over the second part of the season where the champions set their critics straight with a fourth place finish on the ladder after a cagey start to the campaign. The Blacktown City defence will need to be on their game to cope with the Reds' attacking know-how, though the side will be confident in winning the midfield dual against the likes of Hayes and Ufuk

Talay. Milorad Simonovic, Kain Rastall and Mitch Long will be given the role of screening the defence and propelling Blacktown City forward on the counterattack, as danger men Travis Major and Matt Lewis will be expected to get forward on their respective flanks to feed Luke Roodenburg up-front. With two contrasting styles going head-to-head – the Reds' passing game against Blacktown City's direct attacking approach – fireworks are expected in this do or die encounter at Jensen Park.

-By Joseph Carlucci