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NSW Premier League club APIA Leichhardt Tigers have announced the appointment of John Turner as the club's head coach for 2012 season. The former Wollongong Wolves and Bonnyrigg White Eagles coach who took out a number of honours taking out Championships and Premierships with respective clubs as well as coaching honours is hoping to change APIA's fortunes around with the hope of the club securing a finals series finish in 2012.

APIA Leichhardt Tigers President Tony Raciti was delighted to have announced that Turner was set to take charge of the head coaching position in 2012 at Lambert Park.

"After a couple of traumatic weeks at the house of APIA the club

is pleased to welcome John Turner as APIA Leichhardt Tigers' head coach for 2012. "No introduction is needed; his background involvement, history, character and exemplary conduct is well known to all involved in Football across NSW.

"In the current climate that exists within APIA, the club feels that John will bring much needed stability on the park whilst the club's board works feverishly off the park to deliver the \$2.2 million upgrade of the historic boutique Lambert Park.

"John's appointment was unanimously approved by the board but more importantly fully endorsed by the club's highly respected past coaching mentor Billy McColl and warmly received by Grade 20's coach Rod Williams."

KATS CORNER

I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED by FOOTBALL NSW technical director Alex Tobin as the skills coach for the east zone (St George , eastern suburbs, Canterbury Bankstown areas). I'm delighted to be involved in the development of our next generation of Socceroo's and to install in them the characteristics and skills required to be the type of professional footballer that this country needs! Creative skillful players, with football intelligence! I had 240 kids turn up in the ages 11 and 12's to make a squad of 18 players ! What a task? it was a record number for the zone the biggest number of trialists in NSW . the quality was impressive and at end I suggested a formula were I needed to pick another two squads of sap development squads to monitor the quality players that just missed out ! let's hope they go ahead !

Although we all believe that our youngsters are the best , it was refreshing to see many parents come up and admit that their boy needed more work than others and seeked my advice . Educated parents that is the formula and attitude going forward! Not one 10, 11 or 12 year old is perfect they all need development and they require the right coaches to shape their football career! the right development coach will identify weakness early as an individual and make them a better player ! It's very hard for a coach that has a team and driven by results to concentrate on individuals, he concentrates on team performance and the formula to win on the weekend to keep all happy! That is his job! He is not employed as a coach to fix individual problems! When I was a footballer I wish I had someone identify my weakness (that was my running style) so I could work on and gain that extra yard! These days you need all skill, speed and football intelligence. Young players have so many choices of avenues and means to create a really good footballer, the problem is working it out through the number of sugarcoated options offered! That is the puzzle! Everyone has become an expert in football these days and trying to cash in on the "football dream ". Even the people that are the correct path for your child are distorted by the pretenders! Confusion reigns!

The wrong decision now will be reflected later and then it's too late! He comes up at the trials when he is 18 when it matters and they tell him his decision making is no good! Sorry did not make it! what is that they ask? Why he was never taught such? Or his running style or his touch and control! all these coaches telling you your boy is a star? What happened? Did they really know how to evaluate ?

It's too late the dream is gone!!! I hope he did not rely on just football? Let's hope he is still getting some sort of education because he will need! His world is turned upside down! no one wants that scenario after the time and money that has been invested in your young child . In the past few years I have coached privately many young players! Many are playing at the highest level ! The problem I see with many is that they are all need to be refined and touched up!

I have already been there done that with my son Alex that is a 1st year rookie professional golfer on the Australian PGA tour! Similar scenario tournaments all over the place Australia and overseas, coaches, selections dilemmas I have enough life experiences here to write a book! Can't wait for that one I have a few people that will run so far away!

There are many good coaches that genuinely care about the development of players but before you choose the one make sure he is qualified by Football federation Australia and has the characteristics to coach young footballers ! Young footballers need encouragement and direction and demonstration to learn! Good luck in choosing the coaching path! His destiny is in your hands!

See ya Peter Katholos

Blacktown Spartans confirms first signing for 2012

Newly promoted NSW Premier League outfit Blacktown Spartans have announced that former Central Coast Mariners and Sydney FC National Youth League midfielder Tim McGowan has become the club's first signing for 2012.