



## Iraq v Australia Fixture Alteration

The AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Olympic Games – Third Round -fixture between Iraq and Australia, which was originally scheduled to be played Wednesday 23 November 2011, has been rescheduled to be played on Tuesday 22 November 2011 (Kick-Off 5:15pm local, 1:15am AEDT) at Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar.

### MATCH DETAILS

AFC Asian Qualifiers  
for the 2012 London Olympic Games – 3rd Round  
**Iraq v Qantas Australian U23s**  
Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar  
**Tuesday, 22 November 2011**  
**Kick-off: 5:15pm local (1:15 am AEDT)**

AFC Asian Qualifiers  
for the 2012 London Olympic Games – 3rd Round  
**Qantas Australian U23s v Uzbekistan**  
Parramatta Stadium, Parramatta  
**Sunday, 27 November 2011**  
**Kick-off: 7:15pm AEDT**

## Rockdale City Suns are delighted to announce the appointment of Mark Rudan as Club Technical Director for 2012

**M**ark joins the Suns following an illustrious playing career that commenced domestically with former NSL heavyweights Sydney United and Northern Spirit.

Mark went on to enjoy a successful playing career overseas that included stints in Germany with Alemannia Aachen, in Japan with Avispa Fukuoka, and with Swiss Super League outfit FC Vaduz. Mark was an inaugural squad member of Sydney FC where he enjoyed three successful seasons. His leadership qualities were evidenced by the fact that he was also a club captain with the sky blues. On the international side, Mark was a member of the Young Socceroos for a South American tour in 1993, including a youth tournament mostly including club sides. He was made vice-captain to Mark Viduka in Australia's undefeated Youth World Cup qualifying campaign and scored the only goal of the Oceania final against New Zealand. He was a part of the squad for the 1995 World Youth Cup, played three of Australia's four matches including their second round exit in extra time at the hands of Portugal. He progressed his way into the national under-23 team and played most qualifying matches for the Olympics in Atlanta.

Since hanging up the boots, Mark has continued his involvement in the game and is most recognisable nowadays as a commentator on Fox Sports. The appointment of Mark further exemplifies the emphasis being placed at the Club on development of players across all grades. Mark will be an invaluable asset to the Club.



## FFA congratulates SBS Australia on acquiring broadcast rights to FIFA Events from 2015-2022

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today congratulated SBS Australia on acquiring the broadcast rights for FIFA competitions from 2015 to 2022 which includes the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ and the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™, the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™ and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019™, as well as other FIFA events. FFA CEO Ben Buckley commended SBS Managing Director Michael Ebeid for continuing his organisation's significant investment in football for the next 10 years. "SBS has been a pioneer in football broadcasting over the past three decades and can be proud of what it's achieved in bringing major FIFA tournaments to Australian viewers," said Buckley.

"The coverage of the Qantas Socceroos in the past two FIFA World Cups has allowed SBS to reach new audiences and that can only assist in the growth of football in Australia." In particular, we applaud the commitment to broadcast FIFA World Cup tournaments involving the Westfield Matildas, the Qantas Young Socceroos and the Qantas Joys. "On behalf of FFA I say congratulations to SBS. We look forward to working with SBS for all FIFA events that showcase our great Australian national teams."

## Parramatta Partnership

**T**he Granville & Districts Soccer Football Association (GDSFA), owners of the Football NSW Premier League club Parramatta FC, announced this week that a framework had been established to provide multiple levels of men's/boys' representative football under the one umbrella.

Partners Hills Brumbies (Super League First Grade/Under 20s, Division One Youth League), Granville Rage (Super League First Grade/Under 20s and Super Youth League) and Parramatta FC (Premier League and Premier Youth League) will be working co-operatively to ensure that players from within the GDSFA have every opportunity to play at the appropriate level and undergo consistent coaching and playing methods.

GDSFA and Parramatta FC Chairman, Howard Groom, said was

delighted with the partnership. "The Parramatta Partnership will provide an unrivalled and streamlined footballing pathway from local (park) soccer all the way to the highest level within NSW".

Hills Brumbies' Matt Pace was equally as enthusiastic.

"The feedback has been very positive for our club and the GDSFA. We (Hills Brumbies) would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the vision that GDSFA has shown in regards to this program within our Association, along with the continued support and encouragement of our club in its efforts to build the game in our region. Our club looks forward to keeping the momentum moving in the right direction with this program".

Granville Rage administrators have been invited to observe Parramatta FC's trials under the new partnership.