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Official: SAP Coaches for 2011/2012

Football NSW has officially announced the SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) Coaches and Coaching Coordinators for 2011-2012.

Football NSW SAP is a Football NSW initiative aimed at laying down the foundations required to give the best youth footballers the highest chance possible to succeed at the elite level between the ages of 9-12.

In order for the identification process to commence, expert coaches and coaching coordinators have been appointed under the watchful eye of former Socceroos skipper and Football NSW Technical Director Alex Tobin.

Former Young Socceroos, Olyroos, NSL greats and Socceroos stars such as Paul Wade, Peter Katholos, Gerry Gomez, Ufuk Talay, Damien Brown and Saso

Petrovski are just some of the many names ready to take charge in their respective regions for the SAP program in the coming year. Tobin was delighted to have secured the services of all his coaches and coaching coordinators whom he believed would develop aspiring youngsters to the elite level.

"It's very exciting to know that so many experienced coaches are working with some of our youngest talented players. Many of our SAP coaches bring a wealth of experience and we are confident that our young NSW players will see the benefits throughout their Skill Acquisition Program. Everyone is looking forward to the challenge."

The SAP Coaching and Coaching Coordinators are as follows:

Metropolitan East SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators
• Peter Katholos • Gerry Gomez

CANTERBURY, EASTERN SUBURBS, ST GEORGE

Metropolitan South SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators
• Devrim Huseyin • Marko Filipovic

BANKSTOWN, SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

Metropolitan West SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators
• Ben Wright • Tim Wilson

BLACKTOWN, GRANVILLE

Metropolitan Illawarra SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators
• Saso Petrovski • Peter Willis • Glenn Fontana

Metropolitan Sutherland SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Steve Karavatakis • Christian Zeleny

Metropolitan Macarthur SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Steven Neligen • Max Groll

Metropolitan Nepean SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Ufuk Talay • James Rankine

Metropolitan Gladesville SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Paul Wade • Tim Thorne

Metropolitan Ku Ring Gai SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Jason Falzon • Gary McGinnis

Metropolitan Manly SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Matt Sim • Richard Paddle • Richie Williams

Metropolitan Central Coast SAP Squad Coaching/Coaching Coordinators

• Damien Brown

Western Branch SAP Coordinator

• Andrew Fearnley



Saso Petrovski



Peter Katholos



Paul Wade



Steve Karavatakis

Football Hall of Fame 2011 nominations are now open

The Football Hall of Fame was established in 1999 to pay tribute to Australia's football greats and to recognise exceptional achievements of players, coaches, referees, administrators and media representatives.

To be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame is a highly prestigious honour. All players have the opportunity to be inducted into the Football Hall of Champions and all non-players into the Football Hall of Honour.

Football Hall of Champions recognises outstanding performance on the playing field in an Australian representative capacity. Football Hall of Honour recognises outstanding and sustained contribution as an official or in another non-playing capacity.

Eligibility Criteria

- Players have to retired;

- Coaches, referees, administrators or media representatives may be recognised for their overall sustained contribution to the game. Recipients of an Australian Football Award may also be considered;
- Nominees must be Australian citizens;
- All nominations must be for individuals; and
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

The 2011 Football Hall of Fame nominations are now open and will close 5.00pm AEDT on Friday 4 November 2011.

The Football Hall of Fame celebrates the legends and the people behind the legends in our game, and the FFA welcome your nominations.

Record numbers set for Futsal State Championships

The 2011 Futsal State Championships are set for kick off on Saturday November 5th with as many as 1,500 players and an incredible 225 teams participating. The Futsal State Championships will run across the weekend, utilising two venues – Penrith Valley Region Sports Stadium at Cambridge Park (Juniors) and Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium at South Windsor (Seniors). Amongst the 225 teams competing which 86 are senior teams, there will also be 10 Athletes with Disabilities teams. Age groups will see junior teams ranging from 9 to 15 while seniors will be from 16 years to All-Age. Football NSW Futsal Manager Damian Briggs is anticipating the big weekend ahead. "It's fantastic for the sport to have such a big event occurring next weekend. Participation will be at an all-time high we so record numbers at both Hawkesbury and Penrith venues." Football NSW wishes all participants the best of luck in what promises to be an exciting Futsal State Championships.



Dunaden continues Cup's French revolution

Dunaden has won the Melbourne Cup (3,200m) in perhaps the closest finish in the race's history. The French-trained Dunaden and English galloper Red Cadeaux settled in for a bitter war of attrition in the final 100 metres and only the bob of the heads gave Dunaden a margin on the line. Lucas Cranach finished just over a length away in third. The 100,000 people at Flemington and millions around the world held their collective breath for what seemed an eternity as the judges pored over the photo finish. An elated Christophe Lemaire could not contain his joy as he saw his number go

into the frame, winning France its second Cup in as many years. Lemaire, one of Europe's finest riders, was handed the ride on Dunaden only late on Monday after Craig Williams failed to win a stay of proceedings pending an appeal against a careless riding ban. A Melbourne Cup win would have made Williams the first jockey to claim the Caulfield Cup, Cox Plate and the Cup in the same year. Connections of Dunaden had held the ride open for him pending Monday's decision but also arranged for Lemaire to fly to Melbourne from Tokyo. Dunaden is trained by Mikel Delzangles, a protege of

master French horseman Alain De Royer Dupre who claimed Cup glory last year with Americain. In an identical path to Americain a year ago, Dunaden scored a dominant win in the Geelong Cup that rocketed him into Melbourne Cup calculations. Americain ran as favourite this year and settled towards the back of the field before producing a colossal run under 58kg to finish a breath out of third place. The first seven horses over the line were either trained overseas or imported by Australian stables looking to European staying blood as a path to Cup success. For the record, Modun finished last.