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EARLWOOD WANDERERS
FOOTBALL CLUB

Hundreds of Earlwood Wanderers FC junior footballers and their parents greeted Sydney FC players Dimi Petratos and Rhyan Grant during their visit to Johnny Warren's former Club on Monday 28 2012 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

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Dimi Petratos and Rhyan Grant were involved in two training sessions; including one with the Earlwood Wanderers FC Under 8/5Bs at 5.30pm which was followed by a second session from 6.30pm with all the Club juniors involved.

Young Soccerroo Dimi (Dimitri) and Rhyan participated in a number of activities including training drills, watching some skills sessions around penalty shots and then participating in a small sided game which saw both of them captain each Under 8/5Bs squad in a thrilling encounter which ended in a 2-1 scoreline in favour of the girl members of the Earlwood Wanderers FC Under 8/5Bs (nickname, "the Blackhawks"), a beginner development squad made up of 6 boys and 5 girls playing in the Canterbury District and Soccer Football Association. After the end of the first session, both players signed Sydney FC team posters, photos and giveaways.

In the second session from 6.30pm, Dimi Petratos alongside Rhyan Grant were embraced by the many juniors ranging from



Under 6 to 12s of Earlwood Wanderers FC for a dual a battle of penalty shots against the two Sydney FC players. skills and drills and participating in small-sided games and penalty shoot-outs. Dimi showed a great level of athletic reflex and coordination



which has helped him become a Young Soccerroo whilst Ryan used every part of his body to propel the onslaught of shots by the excited juniors. In a number of moments, the youngest players did their best to beat the Dimi and Ryan. Later, the signed team posters and gave away some Sydney FC Cap and Scarf merchandise kits.

Before they left, Dimi and Rhyan had an opportunity to watch a practice match between the Under 8/5Bs and 9/4s and sign some more posters and merchandise.

"It is a great opportunity for young developing footballers to meet their A-League heroes and learn about what it takes to make it to the top" said Earlwood Under 8/5Bs Team Coach, Theo Fotopoulos

NSW Premier
League Round 11
Review

-By Joseph Carlucci

Bonnyrigg White Eagles finished the first part of the season with a nine-point lead over its closest rivals following a 2-1 win over Blacktown City in Round 11. Whilst the White Eagles enjoy the view from the top, Sutherland Sharks reminded all adversaries of what they are capable of, returning to winning ways and handing South Coast Wolves a hiding in the process. Sunday afternoon's only encounter saw Marconi Stallions immediately bounce back from its midweek trouncing in the Waratah Cup at the hands of APIA-Leichhardt Tigers to hand Sydney United 58 FC another home loss. In the bottom half of the ladder, Blacktown Spartans claimed a huge scalp – that of APIA-Leichhardt – as it continues to show its pedigree in Football NSW's elite competition. The torrential downpour on Sunday resulted in the cancellation of Rockdale City's home clash against Parramatta FC, meanwhile the Manly United FC – Sydney Olympic match has been scheduled for a later day

Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 Blacktown City FC 1

Bonnyrigg White Eagles extended its lead to nine-points at the top of the NSW Premier League ladder after disposing of Blacktown City FC in the top of the table encounter on Saturday. In a match of two halves, where the visiting Blacktown City dominated the opening period, eventually saw the White Eagles prevail with a second-half double Harris Gaitatzis. James Monie had the visitors ahead in the final minute of the first-half, pouncing on a loose ball to send his side in at the break a goal to the good. In the second-half, Gaitatzis drew the White Eagles level just prior to the 70' minute with a neat finish. The striker secured the win for his side in the 85' minute with frenetic scenes following on the field. Gaitatzis' header was adjudged to have crossed the goal line, despite the desperate clearance of the Blacktown City rearguard, ensuring Brian Brown's men carry a nine-point advantage into the second part of the season next weekend.

Sutherland Sharks 4 South Coast Wolves 0

Sutherland Sharks finally overturned its rotten run of results with an emphatic 4-0 defeat of South Coast Wolves at home on Saturday evening. The Sharks put together its best showing of the season to seal the points, and keep track with the top-five in a morale boosting performance. Matt Bailey opened the scoring for the hosts on 14' minutes with a well-taken looping header before Panni Nikas doubled the home side's advantage shortly after the restart with a powerful drive into the back of the net after turning Jacob Timpano. Mark Picciolini's dismissal for the Wolves, along with Cam Littler's injury, came at an awful time with coach Trevor Morgan already having used all three substitutions at his disposal. Matt Bailey claimed his double with an easy finish following Nikas' impressive build-up play, before Nick Stavroulakis rounded out the result with a fine finish from the edge of the penalty-area in injury-time.

Blacktown Spartans 2 APIA-Leichhardt Tigers 1

Blacktown Spartans added APIA-Leichhardt to its list of 2012 scalps with a hard fought victory on Saturday evening. The Spartans secured a 2-1 win, sending Ben De Haan's men further away from the bottom places on the League ladder. Greg Kondak opened the scoring on 23' minutes with a fine header, converting Chris Bedzo's cross. A blunder by Tigers goalkeeper Anthony Costa provided the Spartans with the second goal of the evening. Chris Gomez slotted home with ease moments later to put the Spartans in the box seat. Despite APIA's best efforts in the second-half, a goal to re-open the encounter seemed impossible. Andrew Bevin did however manage to pull one back when he reacted quickest to a loose ball inside the penalty-area before slotting home to reduce the deficit, however it was too little too late for the Tigers who see the Spartans leapfrog them on the League ladder.

Sydney United 58 FC 1 Marconi Stallions 2

Marconi Stallions edged its way closer to the Top-Five on the League ladder with an impressive 2-1 win at Sydney United on Sunday. The Stallions were quick out of the blocks, scoring twice in the opening 10' minutes, on a wet pitch due to the rain that swamped most of Sydney. Sean O'Connell volleyed home a loose ball on 6' minutes following a poorly dealt with clearance by the Reds defensive line. Marconi doubled its tally 4' minutes later via Joey Gibbs. Nathan Elasi orchestrated the move on the right, playing a square ball into the path of Gibbs to finish off for the 2-0 lead. Daniel Barac re-opened the contest for Sydney United when he tapped home from close-range following some fine build-up play between Ante Tomic and Mario Simic. Marconi created a number of chances to extend its lead, however in the end Luke Casserly's men needed to settle for the 2-1 win – a fabulous result for a Marconi team that is starting to show just what it is capable of with some very important results in recent weeks.