

**objectives for this season?**

JA: The main objective for me this season as a team was to be challenging for honours at the end of the season, because that's what the club was built on, a winning mentality. Individually, my goals at the start of the season were simple, every day be the best I can be at training and constantly look to improve my game. Playing games as a young player is obviously important, but for me, the game at the end of the week is just a consequence of the work that's done during the week. So playing games is an added bonus to my development during the week.

**OK: What have been your main highlights thus far in your Hyundai A-League career?**

JA: Making my debut at 18 in 2014 against Melbourne City was my greatest highlight to date. Alongside that, being able to play in a Finals Series for the first time as a 20-year-old was a huge highlight of mine and something that was a fantastic experience. Also, being nominated for Young Player of the Year in 2016/17 was a huge honour and a nice reward for the hard work that has been put in.

**OK: What's the difference between playing in the Hyundai A-League and the AFC Asian Champions League?**

JA: I think the main difference



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between playing in the A-League and the Asian Champions League is purely the clinical edge that the Asian clubs have of punishing you for every mistake. There is such little margin for error and a lack in tactical concentration or a bad pass can lead to a goal for the opposition and this can decide the game. I don't feel the game in Australia is very far off the standard in Asia that is shown in some really positive results in recent seasons. With the quality of players such as Hulk, Oscar and Tevez, these clubs have a level of player, which can rarely be stopped since they are of such high quality.

**OK: At 21, you still have the world at your feet, do you have aspirations of playing abroad?**

JA: I do. From when I was younger, watching European football, playing in Europe has always been an ambition of mine and to play at the highest level is something that I crave. I'm very conscious of not going overseas too early, so I need to be constantly improving my game on the training field and playing regularly in the A-League.

**I have been lucky enough to go to Greece a few times and every time I go back, I appreciate my heritage more and more**



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