



DB: Tim and I are very very close mates. He is a role model of the game and someone who many people look up to. It's a testament to himself in how professional he is and how well he looks after himself in order for him to be at his peak at all times. I definitely learnt of him and it was fantastic to be able to share the same field as him.

OK: Personally, being a professional footballer, what are your main objectives for this season?

DB: Being at such a big club, it's about winning and having that winning mentality. We brought the first silverware to the club last year and want to build on that. Hopefully we can qualify for the Asian Champions League this year and win the league.

OK: How has Warren Joyce been as a coach?

DB: Warren has got the team well drilled and very fit. We are focused on defending and being hard to beat which has shown how solid we have been this year.

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

DB: Winning trophies is always special. So taking out the Asian Champions League with the Western Sydney Wanderers as well as winning last year's Westfield FFA Cup are definitely the two main highlights in my Hyundai A-League career so far.

OK: At 27, do you have aspirations of playing abroad once more?

DB: Of course, I'm at a good age being a goalkeeper and I definitely have aspirations to play at the highest level. Going to Europe or abroad is something that I have my sights on.

OK: On the topic of the NPL, your brother Anthony, had a great year with Hakoah Sydney City East, you had the chance to play against him also in the Westfield FFA Cup, do you get a chance to follow his journey?

DB: It was very special for myself and my family when we were drawn against Anthony in the Westfield FFA Cup. It was an awesome experience to be able to take part in a competitive game against my brother and one we will remember for the rest of our lives. He has huge potential and I'm always there looking out for him and guiding him to make

sure he progresses as best as he can.

OK: Away from football, you run a successful clothing label called 'TheLIFEofA', tell us a bit about that (happy for you to plug where people can purchase your gear)

DB: My label 'TheLIFEofA' initially started as a sports blog where we intertwined sports fashion with sports stars and wanted to give an insight into the fashion industry of the greatest sportsman around the world. We then branched out and created our own label which we are slowly growing. It's an online store and you can get all our latest gear at www.thelifeofa.com/shop

OK: Finally, you are of Greek heritage, how important is that to you

DB: I'm definitely a proud Greek which means the absolute world to me!

OK: Thanks again for taking the time out Dean with the interview, all the best with the rest of the Hyundai A-League season with Melbourne City.

DB: Thank you and Merry Christmas to everyone



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