



It's been an amazing season thus far for 25-year-old star attacker Dimitri Petratos in the Hyundai A-League season.

With the Newcastle Jets flying high, Petratos has been one of the main reasons why Ernie Merrick's side have caught everyone by surprise as they push further for a Premiership and Championship in the 'Steel City'.

O Kosmos caught up with one of the hottest prospects in Australia where he chatted about his life in Newcastle, his time in Korea, a potential Socceroos call-up and his admiration for his Greek heritage.

Profile

- Name: Dimitri Petratos
- Age: 25
- Nickname: Dimi
- Position: Attacking Midfielder
- Previous Clubs: Sydney FC, Kelantan FA, Brisbane Roar, Ulsan Hyundai
- Current Club: Newcastle Jets
- International Caps: Appearances with Australian U17's, Australian U20's in AFF Under 19 Competition and Australian U23's
- Any Honours: 2010 AFC U19's runners up, 2012/13 Hyundai Premiership and Championship with Brisbane Roar, NAB Young Footballer of the Year Nominee 2013/2014 and 2016/2017, 2015/2016 PFA Harry Kewell Medal Nominee and PFA 2017 A-league Player of the Month of November Nominee.

Dimi 'the Jet' Petratos flying high in Newcastle

OK: It's been a fantastic 2017 Hyundai A-League season for you thus far, how have you viewed it all?

DP: The season so far has been very good; the team (Newcastle Jets) has been playing an entertaining and creative brand of football. We have had a good start and hopefully we can keep improving and continue to win games and entertain the crowd.

OK: Change of scenery after moving from Korea to the Newcastle Jets, how's that been for you?

DP: It's great to be back in Australia and closer to Sydney, which is my home.

OK: Your time with Ulsan Hyundai in the K-League, tell us a bit about that

DP: My time in Korea had its ups and downs, I learnt a lot from that experience and feel that I have become a better and more improved footballer as a result of this experience.

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

DP: My main objective as a footballer is to continue to grow, score goals, assist and win games.

OK: How has Ernie Merrick been as a coach?

DP: Ernie is a very experienced coach with over 250 games in the Hyundai A-League, he allows me to be creative and express myself on the field. He tells me to get on the ball, look and play forward and have shots.

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

DP: Winning both the Championship and Premiership with the Brisbane Roar and Scoring against Liverpool FC.

OK: What's the difference between playing in the Hyundai A-League and

the K-League

DP: The Hyundai A-League is a more physical league.

OK: At 25, do you have aspirations of playing abroad once more?

DP: Yes, I do have aspirations to play overseas again. If the right offer comes a long I would definitely consider it.

OK: You've been capped for the Australian U17, U20 and U23 sides, tell us your experiences there

DP: I have represented Australia at U17s, U20s and U23's and it's always great to represent your country at any level and compete against other countries. You learn a lot during these competitions and it allows you to take your game to another level.

OK: Talk is growing about you getting a potential call up to the Socceroos, thoughts on that?

DP: All footballers want to represent