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Full list of awards:

- Johnny Warren Medal:** Adrian Mierzejewski (Sydney FC)
- Julie Dolan Medal - Sam Kerr & Clare Polkinghorne A-League Coach of the Year:** Graham Arnold (Sydney FC)
- A-League Golden Boot Award:** Bobo (Sydney FC)
- A-League Goal of the Year - Andrew Nabbout v Wanderers**
- A-League Goalkeeper of the Year - Jamie Young** (Brisbane Roar)
- A-League Young Player of the Year - Daniel Arzani** (Melbourne City)
- W-League Goal of the Year - Lisa De Vanna** (Sydney FC)
- W-League Golden Boot - Sam Kerr** (Perth Glory, 13 goals)
- W-League Coach of the Year - Mel Andreatta** (Brisbane Roar)
- W-League Young Player of the Year - Ellie Carpenter** (Canberra United)
- W-League Goalkeeper of the Year - Mackenzie Arnold** (Brisbane Roar)



Victory coaches cop four match ban

Two Melbourne Victory coaches have received four match bans after an incident in Victory's semi-final against Sydney FC.

Jean-Paul De Marigny and Dean Anastasiadis, Victory's assistant coach and goalkeeping coach respectively, have been banned by FFA for four matches following an on-field bust up with Sydney's David Carney. Both coaches were red carded during the match after VAR reviewed an altercation between the Victory staffers and Carney, in which De Marigny slapped the Sky Blues defender.

The incident occurred in the aftermath of Terry Antonis' extra time winner against Sydney in Melbourne's 3-2 victory after extra-time. FFA's match review panel decided to impose a tougher sanction, despite the offence - "Assault on a Player, Team Official, spectator or any person other than a Match Official (including physical or aggressive behavior to such individuals)" - carrying a minimum two match ban. The FFA added: "The MRP proposed a sanction of four (4)

matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus three (3) additional matches. The minimum sanction for the offence is two (2) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus one (1) additional match". The ruling will prevent the two Victory coaches from taking any part in pre-match warmups, in addition to on-field preparation, for the Big V's A-League Grand Final against Newcastle Jets. The pair have until April 30 to appeal the decision.

Merrick: The A-League's sleeping giant has awoken

The A-League's sleeping giants have awoken according to Newcastle Jets coach Ernie Merrick

The Jets will host Saturday's Grand Final against Melbourne Victory in front of a sell-out crowd at McDonald Jones Stadium, which has a capacity of 33,000. Newcastle finished last in the 2016/17 season and hadn't made the finals since 2010, before this season's heroics under Merrick. "I always felt it was a sleeping giant waiting to come out of its reverie," Merrick said. "It's as good as it could've gotten. "I always anticipated it was a team that was going to go places knowing who was in charge, knowing Martin Lee was on board, Lawrie McKinna was the CEO. "Everything has fallen into place beautifully, right from recruiting and pre-season training, coping with injuries and suspensions, all the way through and I expect it to be



the same this weekend." The former Melbourne Victory and Wellington Phoenix mentor says he never expected Newcastle's on-field turn-around to be so rapid. "To be honest I didn't," he said. "I thought we'd make major inroads, moving upwards on the ladder but to be in a Grand Final is a bit of a surprise. "The boys have been so impressive. Now we're here,

we're going to make the most of it, not only this week but we're going to play our best football this weekend." The Jets boss also said he felt a sold-out crowd could play the role of 12th man and roar his side to victory. "Having a full house with Novocastrians and Hunter region fans will be terrific for us and very important for the outcome of the game," he said.