



DIMI PETRATOS'S KIND ACT AT HAMILTON MIGHT HAVE GONE UNNOTICED BUT FOR ONE PASSING FAN

Dimi Petratos went to the World Cup with the Socceroos, is arguably the best Australian player in the A-League and has just signed a lucrative new three-year contract with the Newcastle Jets.

And he also has a heart of gold.

During the week, Petratos was stopped in Beaumont Street in Hamilton by a woman asking him for money.

Rather than hand over a few token coins, the Jets star told the woman he was going into the supermarket and asked what she wanted.

He returned soon after with a bag full of groceries for her.

No one would have been the wiser about his good Samaritan act had it not been for a local Jets fan, who happened to witness their exchange and jumped on Twitter to let Herald colleague Jimmy Gardiner know what had happened.

Jets coach Ernie Merrick wasn't surprised.

"Dimi is so modest. I asked him if the thing on Twitter about him buying a bag of groceries for a lady was true?" Merrick told Gardiner.

"He said: 'yeah, I was just told about it being on Twitter. I didn't realise someone had seen me'.

"That is typical of Dimi. He would do something like that and not expect anyone to notice or expect any accolades.

"He is just straight down the line. A really nice guy. The whole family are like that. For a 26 year old he is a very mature person.

"He was almost embarrassed that someone had noticed him do the good deed.»

Little wonder he is held in such high esteem by the club and the city.

ANTE MILICIC FINALISES YOUNG SOCCEROOS SQUAD FOR AFC U19 CHAMPIONSHIP IN INDONESIA



Young Socceroos Head Coach Ante Milicic today named a 23-player squad ahead of Australia's participation in this month's AFC U19 Championship in Indonesia.

Young Socceroos Head Coach Ante Milicic



The Young Socceroos recently completed a training camp on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and will travel to Singapore on Sunday to continue their build-up to the tournament. The AFC U19 Championship in Indonesia doubles as the qualification process for next year's FIFA U20 World Cup to be held in Poland. To secure a place in Poland, the Young Socceroos must reach the Semi Finals of the competition. Australia last qualified for the FIFA U20 World Cup in 2013 when the tournament was held in Turkey. The Young Socceroos will need to finish either first or second in Group C, which also contains Korea Republic, Vietnam, and Jordan, to advance to the Quarter Finals of the Championship.

"The upcoming AFC U19 Championship in Indonesia represents a great opportunity for this group of players to be exposed to international

football," Milicic said.

"During our camp in Singapore we will look to add to the work that we did while on the Sunshine Coast, and earlier in the year during our camp on the Central Coast.

"Our camp in Singapore will include matches against leading Malaysian club side Johor Darul Ta'zim across the causeway on 11 October and Singapore's U21 National Team four days later, which will help us to prepare for the tournament in Indonesia," he said.

The Young Socceroos' 2018 AFC U19 Championship challenge will commence on Friday, 19 October 2018 against Korea Republic at the Patriot Chandrabhaga Stadium in Bekasi. Three days later Milicic's side will return to the same venue to take on Vietnam, before meeting Jordan at the Pakansari Stadium in Cibinong on Thursday, 25 October 2018.

Young Socceroos 23-player squad for the 2018 AFC U19 Championship in Indonesia (October 18 – November 4)

Name	Current Club, Country
Nathaniel ATKINSON	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Joshua CAVALLO	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Mathieu CORDIER	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
James DELIANOV (Gk)	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Duro DRAGICEVIC (Gk)	Sydney FC, Australia
Gengba Tai (Ben) FOLAMI	Ipswich Town FC, England
Macklin FREKE (Gk)	Brisbane Roar FC, Australia
Kosta GROZOS	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
John IREDALE	SC Heerenveen, Netherlands
Tass MOURDOUKOUTAS	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Moudi NAJJAR	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Ramy NAJJARINE	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Con OUZOUNIDIS	Everton FC, England
Sebastian PASQUALI	AFC Ajax, Netherlands
Dylan PIERIAS	Melbourne City FC, Australia
Oliver PUFLETT	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
John ROBERTS	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Tate RUSSELL	Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Australia
Dylan RYAN	Willem II, Netherlands
Walter SCOTT	Perth Glory FC, Australia
Apostolos STAMATELOPOULOS	Adelaide United, Australia
Christian THEOHAROUS	Borussia Monchengladbach, Germany
Angus THURGATE	Newcastle Jets, Australia

Young Socceroos Match Schedule – 2018 AFC U19 Championship (Group C)

#Korea Republic v Young Socceroos

Date: Friday, 19 October 2018

Venue: Patriot Chandrabhaga Stadium, Bekasi, Indonesia

Kick-off: 7pm (local); 10pm (AEDT)

#Young Socceroos v Vietnam

Date: Monday, 22 October 2018

Venue: Patriot Chandrabhaga Stadium, Bekasi, Indonesia

Kick-off: 4pm (local); 7pm (AEDT)

#Young Socceroos v Jordan

Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018

Venue: Pakansari Stadium, Cibinong, Indonesia

Kick-off: 7pm (local); 10pm (AEDT)