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Chris Nikou nominated for AFC Executive Committee

Ahead of the Asian Football Confederation's (AFC) Extraordinary Congress to be held in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, 6 April 2019, Football Federation Australia (FFA) has confirmed its nomination of FFA President (Chairman), Mr Chris Nikou, who will run for a position on the AFC Executive Committee.



FFA Chairman Chris Nikou

Nikou, who was elected as FFA President in November 2018, will seek one of the six ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) zone seats on the AFC Executive Committee. If elected he would serve a four-year term.

Speaking following the confirmation of his nomination, Nikou said he would be honoured to serve on the AFC Executive Committee. "Australia is committed to continuing to play its part in the development of football in Asia," Nikou said. "Since joining the AFC in 2006, FFA has sought to learn from as well as engage with our fellow Member Associations in Asia. We have also shared knowledge and expertise through serving on various AFC committees, added to the commercial growth of Asian football and delivered a range of development programs across the Confederation. Australia's hosting of the AFC Asian Cup in 2015 also set a new benchmark for Asia's flagship event, and I was privileged to have served on the Board of its Local Organising Committee." "During my time as FFA President I am determined to place a stronger emphasis on our engagement in Asia, and I believe I can play a meaningful role in helping AFC achieve its vision to be the world's leading confederation, to ensure Asian teams succeed on the world stage, and to make football the number one sport throughout the continent." "While having a seat on the AFC Executive Committee comes with significant responsibility, it is one that I embrace with a spirit of optimism for Asian football, and with a commitment to working hard for the interests AFC."



Perth Glory's star attacker Chris Ikonomidis

Ikonomidis buzzing at Glory

Perth Glory's Australian Greek sensation Chris Ikonomidis continues to go from strength to strength with current A-League high flyers Perth Glory.

In a somewhat rarity for modern A-League clubs, Melbourne City took to the field with an almost-entirely local based team, experienced centreback Bart Schenkeveld the only foreigner in the entire squad. There were a plethora of youngsters as well, and this eagerness almost paid off as City dominated large periods of the opening half. This bravado failed to capitalise, but Glory's hottest prospect this season - Chris Ikonomidis - made no mistake on the edge of halftime. «Very, very, very, very pleasing,» Ikonomidis said. «Our football brought us the result. It was really physical, I copped eight or nine fouls myself. «But that's football. The win moves Perth back into top spot, two points ahead of a rampaging Melbourne Victory outfit.

A-League Results ROUND 7

- Western Sydney Wanderers 2 v Central Coast Mariners 0
- Sydney FC 1 v Wellington Phoenix 3
- Melbourne Victory 2 v Adelaide United 0
- Perth Glory 1 v Melbourne City 0
- Newcastle Jets 2 v Brisbane Roar 0



A - League table ROUND 6

	Team	GP	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-
1	Perth Glory	7	17	5	2	0	13	7	6
2	Melbourne Victory	7	15	5	0	2	16	7	9
3	Sydney FC	7	11	3	2	2	11	8	3
4	Adelaide United	7	11	3	2	2	10	8	2
5	Melbourne City	7	10	3	1	3	8	8	0
6	Newcastle Jets	7	8	2	2	3	7	8	-1
7	WS Wanderers	7	8	2	2	3	8	11	-3
8	Wellington Phoenix	7	8	2	2	3	7	11	-4
9	Brisbane Roar	7	6	1	3	3	7	9	-2
10	Central Coast Mariners	7	2	0	2	5	6	16	-10

Round 8 FIXTURES

- Friday 14th December**
- Brisbane Roar v Melbourne Victory – Suncorp Stadium – 7:50pm
- Saturday 15th December**
- Wellington Phoenix v Central Coast Mariners – Westpac Stadium – 5:35pm
- Western Sydney Wanderers v Sydney FC – ANZ Stadium – 7:50pm
- Sunday 16th December**
- Newcastle Jets v Perth Glory – McDonald Jones Stadium – 5pm