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WANDERERS COACH AND PLAYER CITED BY FFA

Western Sydney coach Markus Babel and defender Daniel Georgievski have been issued show cause notices under the FFA National Code of Conduct for incidents following the Wanderers' home loss to Melbourne City last Friday.

Babel was cited for comments he made at his post match press conference following the 3-2 A-League defeat.

Full back Georgievski was cited for a social media post.

Both are believed to be related to a contentious penalty awarded to City.

Babel took exception to a couple of questions about the penalty, which was given by referee Chris Beath after Wanderers' midfielder Pirmin Schwegler was ruled to have pushed Denis Genreau in the box in the second half.

Asked if he thought it was a penalty, Babel said: "Is this a serious question? Serious question? F***'s sake. No comment."

Pressed further on whether he thought Genreau dived, Babel said: "You have two eyes. Do you understand the game a bit? F***ing have a look."

Full back Georgievski posted a picture, which may have been taken just after the penalty was awarded, with Beath shown in front of some players with the word "disgraced" superimposed on top.

Both Babel and Georgievski have an opportunity to provide a submission by 5pm (AEDT) on Monday, 2 December 2019.

Among the sanctions applicable for a Code of Conduct breach are a reprimand, a fine and/or suspension from participation in a match or matches.



Men's soccer team finishes as runner-up in national tournament



The Eastern Florida State College men's soccer team wrapped up a record-setting season with a runner-up finish in the NJCAA Division I National Championship Tournament Saturday in Tyler, Texas.

The Titans lost 2-1 to Monroe College in the national tournament final, marking the end of a program record 16-win season for Eastern Florida State College.

Down a goal and a player due to a red card, the Titans continued to battle and freshman Levonte Johnson slipped a shot past the goalkeeper to tie the game 1-1 with 16 minutes remaining.

But with five minutes remaining a penalty was called in the box awarding Monroe College a penalty kick. It would turn out being the difference in the match.

Sophomores Aedon Kyra and Moussa Gueye were named to the All-Tournament Team.

It was the Titans first appearance in the national tournament championship game and second straight season they have made the final four.

COACH DEFENDS SOCCEROO WRIGHT

Bristol City manager Lee Johnson has defended his captain, Socceroo defender Bailey Wright.

Wright made his return for City, only his second start of the season, in the Championship club's 0-0 draw with Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

The Australian played for 65 minutes before being replaced.

Johnson praised Wright's performance after the match.

"It was good: he was nice and solid," he told Bristol Live. "He was aggressive and his communication was good. He was simple but effective on the ball and defended extremely well."

"Obviously Ameobi's a difficult player to play and unorthodox in his style and he comes quite narrow and Bailey Wright had to stand up to the challenge physically and technically.

"Sometimes Bailey Wright gets some unfair criticism from the support base - but let me

tell you, he's one of the best professionals I've worked with and the best captain I've worked with and it's certainly good to see him in mind and body extremely fit."

Wright has only played in two of City's 17 league games this season, and has been on the bench for seven of them.

The 27-year-old, who joined the Robins from Preston North End in 2017, has been unable to get into the starting XI regularly.

"It's Bailey's task to get in the team, to keep his body right for a sustained period and then keep the shirt," Johnson explained.

"He's captain of the football club, so he's got every chance of doing that but we've got to get results and get wins and that's what becomes important."

"And if we need to open it up and attack in a different way from different angles then sometimes it's better to have a different attribute in those types of positions."

