



JAPANESE SUCCESS For Arthur Papas

all to see on match day and the majority of the time it reflects the efficacy of your methodology.

MS: You are of Australian Greek heritage and did manage the Oakleigh Cannons in the NPL Victoria top tier, would you like to experience what the football is like in Greece?

AP - It's something I would dearly love to experience and am sure at some stage it will happen. As you mentioned, my first experience was as Manager of Oakleigh Cannons and there was always an affinity to this because of my Greek heritage, it's a hard feeling to describe but it definitely created an additional sense of pride which I will always cherish.

MS: Talk us through how your current move came about with Australia's best ever coach, Ange Postecoglou with the Championship winning Yokohama F. Marinos?

AP - I was coaching in the Indian Super League when I received a message out of nowhere from Ange asking if I was interested in an opportunity to work as part of his staff at Yokohama F. Marinos. I accepted without hesitation and began planning for my move to Japan. It was a bit surreal and throughout the period prior to signing I regularly got anxious that somehow this opportunity which internally I had craved for years would somehow be taken away from me but that

Fundamentally for me it is always very similar on a football level because I have a very clear vision of how I want my teams to play and therefore wherever I go this the aim is to instil this belief into the players, I'm working with and make a difference.

just proved to me how much I wanted this because it is a coach and person I have looked up to for many years and I felt that all the sacrifices and challenges I had undertaken up until then were all worth it for this one opportunity.