

AP - It all stems
from our belief of how we
wanted to play, when you
combine this belief with a relentless work ethic every single day
and not detouring from the plan the momentum just became something I have
never seen and we became deserved
champions based on our belief that we
could be successful playing aggressive,
attacking football no matter what the
circumstance we encountered.

MS: How have you settled in with Ange in Japan?

AP-Every day the expectations are to work to world class standards, this is something I've always embraced no matter what environment I've been part of so the main part for me was to come in and bring a high work ethic, an open mind, passion and initiative. I knew that if I did this I would thrive and more importantly

would be able to add to the environment. I know though that there will never be a period to not work like

this no matter how long down the line I have this privilege and that suits me just fine because I want to be challenged every day and grow on all levels.

MS: How did you celebrate the J-League title?

AP-I had the perfect celebration sharing this moment on the field with people that I've worked with all year, it's something that no matter where we end up in the future we will always share. I was also luckily enough to have my family fly over for the match and I couldn't have visualised it any other way. We moved on to my favourite Greek restaurant in Tokyo for dinner and just being around the people who have supported my journey was really all I needed. To see how happy

they were was very fulfilling and makes it all the more special.

MS: Do you miss home?

AP-I miss being around my family and friends but I don't necessarily miss the idea of home. I feel my home is in Yokohama now and I've never viewed my life as needing to be based out of one place. I will have many more experiences in different countries and each one of them I will feel like I'm home because I'll be waking up everyday doing what I love and sharing memorable moments with people I meet along the way all trying to pursue the one thing the grew up in love with, football!

MS: Who are your coaching inspirations and mentors?

AP-I'm working with my inspiration and luckily he is mentoring me every day.

