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2 LIVERPOOL CHAMPIONS SIGN UP FOR #FOOTBALLFORFIRES 23 MAY 2020

Former Liverpool stars Patrik Berger and Vladimir Smicer will be joining the many international footballers already confirmed in Sydney to play in the #footballforfires game at ANZ Stadium on 23 May 2020.

Berger and Smicer were mainstays of the Czech National Team playing nearly 200 games between them from the mid 90's as well as becoming fan favourites at Liverpool.

CONFIRMED PLAYERS AND COACHES FOR #FootballForFires GAME AT ANZ STADIUM 23 MAY 2020

Coach – Guus Hiddink – Australia 2005 -2006, South Korea, Russia, Turkey, Netherlands, Real Madrid, Chelsea, PSV Eindhoven
Coach – Graham Arnold – Australia (current), Sydney FC, Central Coast Mariners

Didier Drogba – IVORY COAST 105 Caps - Chelsea, Galatasaray, Montreal Impact

David Trezeguet – FRANCE 71 Caps - Monaco, Juventus, Riverplate

Dwight Yorke – TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 74 Caps - Manchester United, Aston Villa, Sydney FC

Claudio Marchisio – ITALY 55 Caps - Juventus

Dario Simic – CROATIA 100 Caps

- Inter Milan, AC Milan, Dinamo Zagreb, Monaco

John Aloisi – AUSTRALIA 55 Caps - Coventry City, Cremonese, Osasuna, Sydney FC

Dwayne De Rosario – CANADA 81 Caps - Toronto, San Jose, New York Red Bull

Ji-Sung Park – SOUTH KOREA 100 Caps - Manchester United, PSV Eindhoven

Simon Colosimo – AUSTRALIA 26 Caps - Carlton, Manchester City, Perth Glory, Sydney FC

Tore Andre Flo – NORWAY 76 Caps - Chelsea, Rangers, Sunderland, Leeds United

Alecko Eskandarian – USA 1 Cap - DC United, Toronto FC, Real Salt Lake, Chivas

Mark Bosnich – AUSTRALIA 17 Caps - Aston Villa, Manchester United, Chelsea

Con Boutsianis – AUSTRALIA 4 Caps - South Melbourne, Heidelberg, Perth Glory

Pedro Mendes – PORTUGAL 11 Caps - Porto, Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, Rangers

Le Cong Vinh – VIETNAM – 83 Caps - Song Lam Nghe An, Consadole Sapporo



Emile Heskey – ENGLAND 62 Caps - Leicester City, Liverpool, Aston Villa

Michael Bridges – ENGLAND - Sunderland, Leeds United, Newcastle Jets

Geremi – CAMEROON 118 Caps - Real Madrid, Chelsea, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United

Stephen Appiah – GHANA 67 Caps - Fenerbahce, Udinese, Juventus, Vojvodina

Rustu Recber – TURKEY 120 Caps - Fenerbahce, Barcelona, Besiktas, Antalyaspor

Mark Milligan – AUSTRALIA 80 Caps - Sydney FC, JEF United Chiba, Melbourne Victory

Thomas Sorensen – DENMARK

101 Caps - Sunderland, Aston Villa, Melbourne City

Vladimir Smicer – CZECH REPUBLIC 80 Caps - Liverpool, Slavia Prague, Bordeaux, Lens

Patrik Berger – CZECH REPUBLIC 42 Caps - Liverpool, Slavia Prague, Borussia Dortmund, Portsmouth, Aston Villa

FFA Statement in relation to the AFC Champions League 2020 - Match

Following yesterday's announcement by the Australian Federal Government in relation to travel restrictions for foreign nationals entering Australia from Mainland China Football Federation Australia (FFA) officially advised the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) of the situation and in particular how this announcement directly impacts Match

Day 1 (MD 1) of the AFC Champions League 2020 and it will now not be possible to play MD 1 in Australia as originally scheduled.

The AFC Champions League 2020 MD 1 fixtures impacted are the Perth Glory v Shanghai Shenhua (Tuesday 11 February) and Sydney FC v Shanghai SIPG (Wednesday 12 February).

As a result, the AFC has called an urgent meeting on Tuesday 4 February at AFC house in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to discuss the situation with all relevant stakeholders.

FFA Head of Leagues, Greg O'Rourke, will attend this meeting on behalf of FFA and the Australian clubs participating in the AFC Champions League 2020.

Women's Olympic Football Tournament Qualifiers Updates – Ticketing Information, Media Accreditation, Match Schedule

Football Federation Australia (FFA) today confirmed that the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Qualifiers to be held in Sydney will go ahead, with matchday one to take place tomorrow, Monday, 3 February 2020, with a meeting between Thailand and Chinese Taipei in Campbelltown.

Changes have been made to matchdays two, three, and four, with games now to be held on February 7, 10, and 12*. Matchday four, currently scheduled for February 12, may yet be moved to February 13 to ensure additional rest time between matches for the participating nations. FFA will advise if this change will be

implemented as soon as possible, should agreement be reached among all stakeholders.

Ticketing Information

Ticketing information will be released via www.matildas.com.au and associated social media channels on Monday, 3 February 2020.

Match Schedule – Women's Olympic Football Tournament Qualifiers – Group B

Matchday 1 – Monday, 3 February 2020

Thailand v Chinese Taipei – 7.30pm (AEDT)

Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah

Matchday 2 – Friday, 7 February 2020

China PR v Thailand – 4.30pm (AEDT)

Australia v Chinese Taipei – 7.30pm (AEDT)

Campbelltown Stadium,

Leumeah

Matchday 3 – Monday, 10 February 2020

Chinese Taipei v China PR – 4.30pm (AEDT)

Thailand v Australia – 7.30pm (AEDT)

Campbelltown Stadium, Leumeah

Matchday 4 – Wednesday, 12 February 2020*

Australia v China PR – 7.30pm (AEDT)

Western Sydney Stadium, Parramatta