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# MATILDAS GOALKEEPER ON THE COVID FRONT LINES

The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the often-overlooked importance of nurses to our society. One of these is Matildas' and Melbourne Victory goalkeeper Casey Dumont.



**Casey Dumont** is best known for her shot-stopping abilities. She has won two W-League championships, two premierships and is also an active Matilda, having appeared on the roster for a decade.

**However, the** 28-year-old W-League and Matilda veteran has currently traded in her goalkeeping gloves for a nurses gown.

**After her** summer with the Melbourne Victory, she returned to her native Queensland to visit family. When the borders closed and the pandemic amplified Dumont returned to

her other profession, working as a Registered Nurse.

**Dumont received** her bachelor's degree in nursing from Griffith University on the Gold Coast in 2013.

**The two** time W-League champion is currently assigned to several facilities including a hospice, a nursing home and a retirement village. Often working several days in a row on shifts where nurses are short staff, Dumont can be responsible for over 150 patients.

**While Dumont** does express her love for nursing, the joy

the profession brings her and the fact that she is lucky to have to passions she loves, she admits that at present she does miss football.

**While she** does look forward to return to training to best prepare for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, she is currently focussed on her patients.

**To commemorate** this year's International Nurses Day we celebrate all those working in the health care system, including nurse Dumont.

# JETS APPOINT FORMER WATFORD DEFENDER

Newcastle Jets have hired former Watford fullback and New Zealand Under-20s coach Darren Bazeley as an assistant coach.

**Bazeley, who** made nearly 300 appearances for Watford in the 1990s, has spent most of his coaching career across the Tasman.

**The Englishman** played alongside current Newcastle boss Carl Robinson at Wolves from 1999 to 2002. The 47-year-old relocated to New Zealand in 2005 and played two seasons with the Knights in the A-League.

**After retiring,** the defender moved into coaching and had spells with the Kiwi Under-17 and Under-20 national teams, and with Waitakere United in the New Zealand Football Championship.

**He then** served as an assistant with the All Whites for two

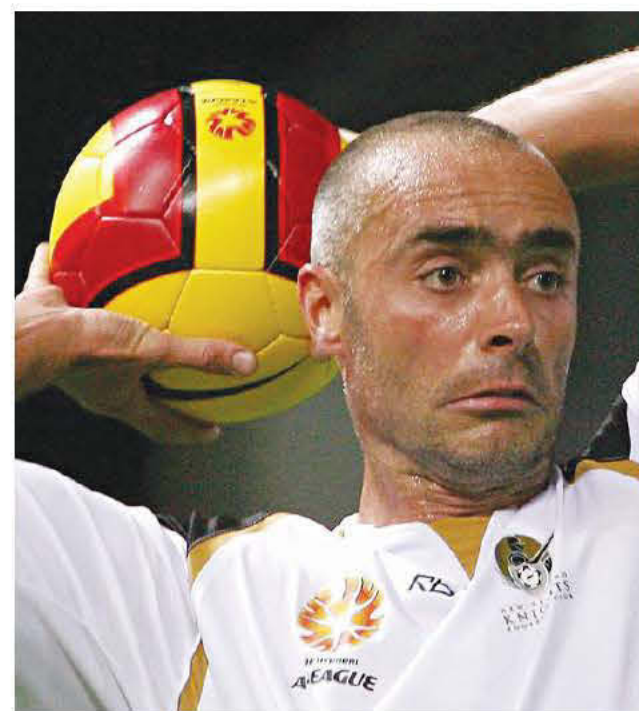
years before he joined Major League Soccer club Colorado Rapids as an assistant in 2018.

**Robinson described** Bazeley as an "excellent coach".

**"He has** great knowledge of the Aussie and Kiwi market through his national team experiences," he told FTBL.

**"He's a** strong and positive character. I am going to try and build a young core of Australian-based players in my first-team and he will help that."

**Bazeley led** Waitakere United to several titles in New Zealand and the country's Under-20s to make history by reaching the knockout stage at both the 2015 and 2017 Under-20 World Cups.



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