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FOOTBALL NSW RELEASE: NPL NSW WOMEN'S 1 AND MEN'S 2 LIVE STREAMS TO KICK-OFF THIS WEEKEND



Football NSW has announced that it will continue to Live Stream all National Premier Leagues NSW Women's and now National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's matches commencing this weekend exclusive only to NPL.TV.

Announced prior to COVID-19 halting all Football operations, the National Premier Leagues NSW have an exciting destination to catch the action with Football NSW launching a landmark streaming service in partnership with leading sports media and data agency Sportradar via NPL.TV.

The new NPL.TV platform will fully broadcast and have full commentary for each of the rebooted top tier Women's and Men's 2 matches live and on-demand games throughout the 2020 season, with thrilling talent, goals and drama becoming more accessible than ever.

The platform will also stream the top tier NPL NSW Men's and NPL NSW Men's Under 20's competition commencing later this month.

The new OTT service is compatible with Chromecast and Airplay allowing content to be streamed from mobile devices to television screens.

NPL.TV is free to Australian-based fans and will be available through all web browsers.

Subscribers can upgrade to a 'premium' Full HD offering for a small monthly charge.

The move from social media streaming to Sportradar's OTT platform enables Football NSW to control the content, access deeper, data-driven insights into viewer behaviour and to tell more engaging stories to fans.

NPL.TV has been home to the 'Pitch Side With Stav' series that has featured Football NSW Media Manager interviewing some of Australia's finest talent with the likes of Ellie Carpenter, Mark Milligan, Kyah Simon, Brett Holman, Alanna Kennedy, Ante Milicic, Mustafa Amini, Terry Antonis to name a few interviewed. All episodes are available on NPL.TV.

The following matches will be LIVE and EXCLUSIVE to NPL.TV this weekend:

Round 1 NPL NSW Women's

Sunday 19 July

3pm - Blacktown Spartans v North West Sydney Koalas - Blacktown Football Park

3pm - Manly United v FNSW Institute - Cromer Park

3pm - Emerging Jets v Sydney Olympic - Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility

3pm - Sydney University v Macarthur Rams Womens - Sydney University Football Ground

3:30pm - Northern Tigers v Bankstown City - North Turramurra Recreation Area

7:05pm - APIA Leichhardt v Illawarra Stingrays - Lambert Park

Round 1 NPL 2 NSW Men's

Saturday 18 July

7pm - SD Raiders v Hills United - Ernie Smith Reserve

7pm - NWS Spirit FC v Bonnyrigg White Eagles - Christie Park

7pm - Blacktown Spartans v Central Coast Mariners - Blacktown Football Park

7pm - Northern Tigers v Newcastle Jets - North Turramurra Recreation Area No 1

Sunday 19 July

3pm - Hakoah Sydney City East v St George FC - Hensley Athletic Field

BARGAINING BONANZA WILL DODGE DOUBLE TROUBLE

PFA President Alex Wilkinson insists Kate Gill and Beau Busch will be too busy to trip each other up when they take on dual leadership of the player's union ahead of a hectic first 12 months.

Former CEO John Didiluca announced his departure last month to be replaced by his deputy Kate Gill and head of player relations Beau Busch as Co-Chief Executives at the organisation.

But the next 12 months are going to be some of the most difficult the union has faced with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement ending on August 30 on top of complications with player contracts with the next A-League season played out in winter.

Their first steps were taken on Wednesday morning with the release of the 2019/20 W-League report indicating a crossroads for the top tier of the women's game.

Wilkinson says Busch and Gill's dual leadership is only positive and that they will be able to avoid tripping up over each other during negotiations.

"They are both very good at what they do and we're both keen on the dual leadership role," Wilkinson said. "They both looked

after separate parts of the business so there won't be any stepping on toes.

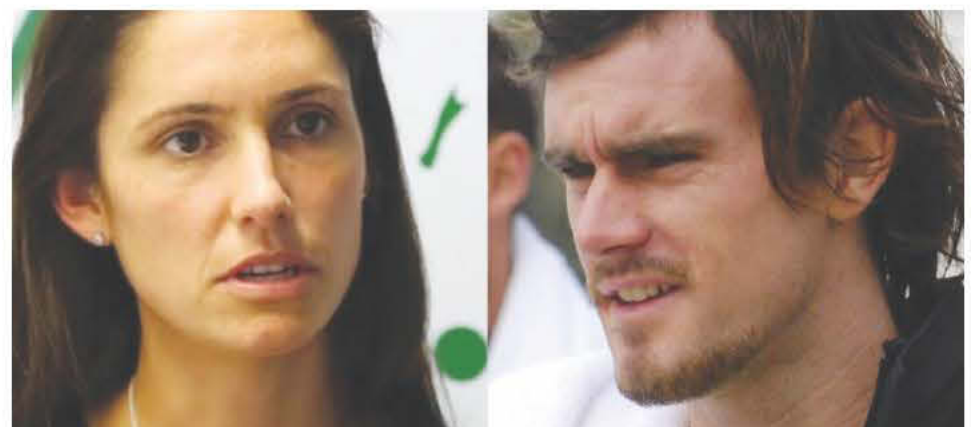
"They were both really keen to work together on this next period of bargaining we are about to go through. It's obviously a crucial time for players and the next three months is going to be challenging.

"They are keen to tackle that together and we don't see it as anything changing dramatically, just a continuation of what's already happening."

Wilkinson expressed concern for players prior to the announcement of the revised broadcast deal with Fox Sports, which allowed the league to go ahead and allayed short-term fears for some players.

But uncertainty remains with the next three months technically still being mapped out and the future beyond the completion of the 2019/20 A-League season is still up in the air.

"I think we are now back to doing our job on a daily basis some of that anxiousness



has lifted, but there is still uncertainty around next year and what's happening there," Wilkinson told FTBL.

Another part of the bargaining backlog to hit Busch and Gill at the PFA will be navigating the rest of the group stage of the Asian Champions League.

Sydney FC and Melbourne Victory have four matches to play while Perth Glory have five. The Asian Football Confederation announced the group stage will be completed in two weeks starting from

October 16 in the East Asian conference.

The possibility of Australian cities hosting Asian Champions League 'hubs' in October is rumoured to be on the cards for some participating clubs. However, the risks associated with international travel are likely to involve the PFA in that decision.

Perth Glory previously refused to travel to China for their match against Shanghai Shenhua earlier this year due to the risk of coronavirus.