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## TeleChoice The People's Choice

### NSW Premier League

Manly United FC 0  
Sutherland Sharks 1

### United's performance built on shaky ground

THE first question asked after Sunday's 1-0 loss to Sutherland at Cromer Park was: "Can you still win the league?"

It was a fair enough question too, given Manly United went into the game just one point adrift of top-placed Sutherland and the latter's win had allowed them to jump four clear with eight games remaining. The truth is my priority is performance, not results. I've always been a big believer that if you get the performance and the process right, the result will invariably look after itself. Not always, but more often than not.

Sunday was a double-whammy because a poor first half performance led to a poor result. It was for that reason that Sunday's game was so disappointing from our perspective. There was everything to play for on a day that dished up near-perfect conditions for football, albeit not ideal for watching football.

The pre-game warm-up and mood in the dressing room was good the signs were positive. Then bang we forgot to turn up to the races for the first 35 minutes!

There was no questioning the players' work ethic it was the "brain-explosions" on the ball that turned our first half performance into scrappy at best. We spent so much time defending in the first half because of poor decision-making on the ball, that it took its toll in the second half.

Football is about scoring goals but you can't achieve that without the ball. We didn't respect possession nearly enough and we were lucky not to pay for it on the scoreboard before half-time.

To the players' credit the second half was better on the back of a strong last 10 minutes in the first half we played some good football and created a few chances that on another day would have found the back of the net. The players reacted well to a disappointing first half and I thought we asked plenty of questions of Sutherland in the second half particularly when they went down a man. And that is not always the case in football often the team that loses a player grows a third leg. It wasn't enough to get a result on the weekend for reasons stated above, but it showed me that our players are still prepared to give this competition a shake.

The difference now is that we have to rely on other results! But the key is in my earlier argument performance = result.

Victories are built on solid foundations most of the time. You have to set that foundation early in the game. Whether it's winning the physical battle early on or playing smarter football than the opponent, you have to turn up ready and willing. That way you allow your bench players to make a difference with momentum already in your favour rather than hope they can turn things around.

Michael Lloyd-Green, Chris Payne and Ashley Ryan had an impact when coming on against Sutherland on Sunday, but in truth, the damage had been done. Our foundation was built on shaky ground because we didn't have enough players "on their game" on the day pure and simple. I'm still confident our players will learn from Sunday's lesson so my answer to the post-match question is a firm "yes"!

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### Sutherland Sharks reach quarter finals of the Tiger Turf Cup

In wet conditions at Seymour Shaw Park on Tuesday night, TeleChoice Premier League leaders and high flyers Sutherland Sharks continued its unbeaten run for 2008 with a hard fought 1-0 victory over rivals Manly United.

The Sharks have now beaten Phil Moss' outfit three times in season 2008, twice in the TeleChoice Premier League competition, and have moved themselves into the final 8 along with the Marconi Stallions who defeated Sydney United a couple of weeks ago 2-1.

The only goal of the match came through young high flyer Matthew Hall as Brian Brown's side

celebrated its passage towards the next round with an eye on possibly capturing the prestigious Tiger Turf Cup. Due to wet weather conditions elsewhere on Tuesday evening, most matches were called off and are set to be rescheduled at a later date.

### Manly United sign Caetano Lima

COMMUTING from St Clair to Cromer Park three times a week wouldn't be everyone's idea of fun but Manly United's recent signing Caetano "KK" Lima is thrilled with his extended car rides.

The attacking midfielder has spent the past four years in the American college system with Campbell University and the Alabama Rams and returned home immediately after his graduation. Currently waiting on his required clearance from the Rams, once Lima receives the necessary paperwork it is expected he will make his debut this Saturday night against the Marconi Stallions, leaving the Brazilian native understandably excited.

"I haven't played a competitive game in a few months so to finally do that again will be awesome," he said.

"Before I graduated I had been in contact with Manly to see if they had any spots open and when I found out the transfer window was about to close I got back to Australia as soon as I could.

"I went and trained with the boys and was a bit nervous but thought I went fairly well and it was great when they offered me a contract."

United coach Phil Moss certainly liked what he saw after just two training sessions and is hoping the 23-year-old can tear opposition defences to shreds in the lead up to the semi-finals.

"He brings the team some different qualities to the table and is a handy pick up for us," he said.  
"KK has the ability to unlock teams and he was the type of player I was looking for.

"He did enough in those two sessions to suggest he could have an impact and the fact he knows a few boys quite well made things easier."

Moss was also impressed with Lima's attitude.

"He is willing to earn his spot and knows it won't happen overnight, it's not as if he has joined a mid-table club who are struggling.

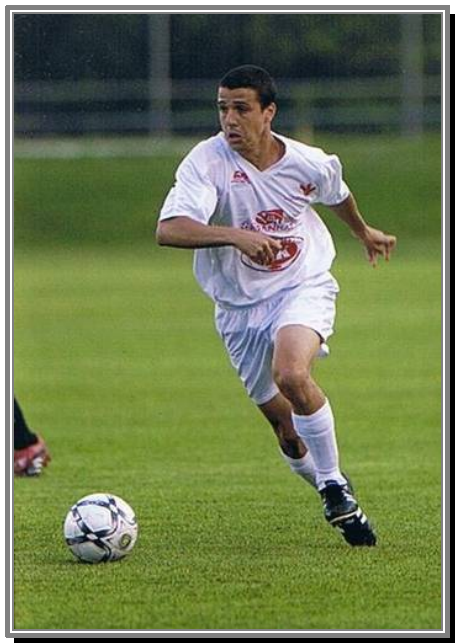
"We will always look to better our squad if the right player comes along and he fits the bill."

Lima is delighted to be pulling on a Manly shirt and

was impressed with what he saw after watching them dismantle Blacktown recently just hours after getting off the plane.

"Manly were good enough to have a look at me and my first aim is to repay Phil Moss for the faith he has shown in me," he said.

"I can't wait to play for them, they play great football and I would like to think I can make a contribution."



*Manly United's new recruit Caetano Lima*

## Narrabeen say they 'could've done better'

A SUBLIME far post header from Pittwater's creative midfielder Roland Webber 15 minutes from full-time secured a derby win over Narrabeen at the Sydney Academy of Sport on Saturday. Danny Marshall scored the only goal of the first half from the penalty spot, and after Stefano Teghini added a second 10 minutes after the interval Pitts looked in total control.

But a quick fire response from Dean Harding's men saw them square the ledger in the space of five minutes, thanks to a tap-in from Marcos Charueski and a thunderous volley from Phil Moss, who found himself playing up front as the Beanies chased the game.

"After Mossy equalised I was confident we would go on with it, but unfortunately we had yet another lapse in concentration and it cost us a point," Harding said.

"It was disappointing; they killed us in the first half and really should have been two or three up, so to be level with 15 to go was a fair effort. Roland finished well but it was him against three of our defenders and he still managed to slot it.

"For me that isn't good enough."

Harding welcomed goalkeeper Dean McCreath back from an injury layoff and even though the veteran shot-stopper was at fault after conceding a penalty in the first half for a clumsy challenge on Teghini, the coach felt he was one of his better performers.

"He barks out instructions and gives the boys direction across the park and that is something we have been lacking in recent weeks," Harding said.

"You can't do a thing when it comes to injuries but we have been hit harder than most."

In other games Brookvale eased past Beacon Hill 2-0, Manly Allambie beat neighbours Manly Vale 5-3, Forest Killarney upset Mosman 1-0, Wakehurst pipped BTH Raiders 4-3 and CC Strikers overcame Dee Why 3-1.

## MWFA U/10 boys development squad 2008

Manly Warringah premier football club Manly United in conjunction with the Manly Warringah Football Association, is pleased to announce the following dates for the MUFC U10 Boy Development Squad for 2008

ALL PLAYERS MUST RESIDE IN THE MANLY WARRINGAH AREA AND BE BORN IN 1998

1. TRIALS Friday 13 June 5-6.45pm:  
(Arrive 4.30pm for registration)

CLUBS • Cromer Park Field No 1  
Avalon, Pittwater, Narrabeen CC Strikers, BTH, Wakehurst, Dee Why and Forest Killarney

2. TRIALS Friday 13 June 7-8.45pm:  
(Arrive 6.30pm for registration)

CLUBS • Cromer Park Field No 1  
Manly Vale, Manly Allambie, Beacon Hill, Mosman, St Augustine's, Seaforth Brookvale, Harbord and Curl Curl

3. 10 WEEK PROGRAM:  
Beginning in July dates to be confirmed.

For more information please call:

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phone 0414 975 508

• Richie Williams – Assistant Youth League  
Coach phone 0416 977 503

## Kennedy ready for action

Giant striker Josh Kennedy has arrived in Socceroos camp, training with his teammates tonight in preparation for use as a shock weapon in their World Cup qualifier against Iraq on Saturday (Sunday AEST).

The beanpole frontman, who provides the Socceroos a point of difference with his aerial prowess, has not played since April when he damaged his ankle training with his German club Karlsruhe. But coach Pim Verbeek has brought the 196cm striker into camp, and he enjoyed a light run in the Socceroos' first session in Dubai with a view to playing a cameo on Saturday.

Kennedy will then head back to Germany immediately after the game, with his wife - Opals basketballer Jacinta Hamilton - due to give birth to their child within the next two weeks.



*Happier times... Kennedy in February before he injured his ankle*

The Socceroos are also certain to gain regular captain Lucas Neill ahead of their June 14 World Cup

clash with Qatar in Doha after his partner Lindsey Morris gave birth to twins. Neill is expected to arrive in Dubai on Sunday to join the squad for the Qatar match, and possibly the final qualifier against China in Sydney on June 22. The Socceroos have extra incentive to take maximum points against Iraq here, with a win now certain to secure them a spot in the next stage of Asian World Cup qualifying.

Qatar and China's 0-0 draw in their Group 1 qualifier leaves Australia three points clear of the second-placed Qataris with three group matches remaining. With the top two in each group going through to the next stage of World Cup qualifying starting later this year, a win over Iraq or Qatar on June 14 would now guarantee the Socceroos the passage they seek.

But the downside of the Qatar-China result is Iraq - bottom of the group with one point - remain some chance of qualifying if they could conjure a win over the Socceroos, giving them everything to play for. With temperatures hitting the 40s during the day in Dubai, Verbeek will restrict his team to night sessions ahead of Saturday's match.

But he and his players were pleasantly surprised with slightly cooler conditions in the high 20s and a light breeze for their session under lights at the Jebel Ali Centre of International Excellence.

## The Search Begins for Football's Next Star

McDonald's and Football NSW are searching for the next rising junior football stars with the launch of over \$15,000 in Junior Football Scholarships. Applications for McDonald's Junior Football Scholarships are administered by local Football NSW Associations with a panel of Football NSW High Performance Unit Officers selecting the winners, which will be awarded to both talented and most improved players.

Scholarships are awarded to players who have shown great improvement or who have achieved something great in their football career. Applicants are asked to explain how the scholarship will benefit them and to detail any recent success they have had on the field. The McDonald's Junior Football Scholarships are available to players aged between 10 and 17 years of age. Applications for the scholarship grants are now open and will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

For further information or for an application visit the Football NSW Website: [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au) or contact Melissa Kolc at Football NSW on 8814 4417 or [melissa@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:melissa@footballnsw.com.au)

The McDonald's and Football NSW 'Kick It Kids' School Coaching Clinics launched in 2008 to encourage active kids and Football junior development. Football Clinics will be held at primary schools with the aim of reaching over 65,000 children throughout NSW.



The coaching clinics will teach children how to play football in a fun and educational environment. [Click here](#) for a copy of the McDonald's Scholarship application form.



# MOSSY'S MUMBLINGS

MUMBLINGS is a column based on true events and real people. While we have eyes and ears everywhere please feel free to email your short story – funny, quirky, sad, stupid, hilarious, down right ridiculous or otherwise – to [mossy@mwfa.com.au](mailto:mossy@mwfa.com.au) While we try to get every story to print the final decision rests with the editor.

**RED CARD:** COACHES who smoke on the sidelines during games. The role of a coach is to set an example and puffing away on a "cancer stick" hardly makes the list of "Things to Do" in front of players!

If you can't last the length of a match without a puff, something has to give...



**GOOAAAL:** SOCCEROO goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer ages like a good red wine! His performance between the sticks against Iraq last weekend may just have secured us a place in the next phase of World Cup qualifying. He was a rock at the back of a shaky defensive line!

Coach Pim Verbeek would have been working overtime on that aspect ahead of Sunday morning's return bout in Dubai.



IT'S been a tough month at the "office" for Manly United in the NSW Premier League with four losses – including one in the Tiger Turf Cup – and two wins from the last six games.

It's been a hectic schedule of games with eight outings in four weeks including Cup games and while the rub of the green has gone against us, the players' fitness levels and belief in each other will bode well for the run home to the finals.

As it stands, MUFC are second on the ladder – three points behind Sutherland Sharks – with the joint best attack (31 goals for) and third best defence (12 goals against) after 14 games.

This weekend's game is against Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night (7.30pm KO).



IT'S a massive weekend – weather permitting – of local football with double-headers galore on Saturday and Monday in various competitions.

The men's premier league competition is starting to get interesting so get down to a local ground and catch all the action. Games kick-off at 3pm both days. On Sunday, another round of the Ladies premier league hits a field near you.

All draws – and we mean ALL DRAWS - are available at [www.mwfa.com.au](http://www.mwfa.com.au)



THE MWFA – and in particular hard-working general manager Jeremy Toivonen and assistant Vanessa Henderson – have copped a hammering in *The Manly Daily's* Letters to the Editor section this week over season draws and even the condition of local grounds.

If only the two authors – E. Hearle and Steve Kelly – had done one ounce of homework into the topics they wrote about, they may have had a slight clue about what they were talking about.

Had the *Daily* done it's homework too, they may have thought twice about running the letters given the draws had been up for two weeks following

unbelievable technical difficulties that caused the delay in getting them up on the site earlier in the season. Sadly they didn't and once again the easy target that is head office at Cromer Park has been pelted with rocks.

Maybe we should all go and grab a shovel and start filling in potholes at grounds across the Northern Beaches!



LAST week we brought you news of Pittwater stalwart Peter Antic's 41<sup>st</sup> season for the mighty Green and Whites and this week it's a player still going around like a well-oiled machine without a break for more than 50 years!!

Anthony "Fonzie" Downes started playing with Manly in the late 1950's and then Belrose-Terry Hills and later Curl Curl in the '90s.

He played in Curly's AL1 side that won promotion to the PL before dropping back to first AL2s and then O35s - where they thrashed a hot Brookvale outfit including a certain Mr. Graham Arnold in a grand final at Cromer Park a few years back.

He now runs around in the Strikers O35's but would easily qualify for the mooted over 45's (no offence Fonzie!).

A story worth telling and a great example of how you can continue playing to a ripe old age!



THE Curl Curl "YOUTH" O35 Ladies side that has featured so heavily in Mumbblings this season may be laid low in hiding for a few weeks after a "sub-standard" performance against Forest-Killarney last week "only" produced a 2-1 win.

"I said last week that I thought we'd peaked and yesterday's performance on the park - with a narrow 2-1 win over Forest - means we're now in self-imposed exile," team manager Karen Gair told Mumbblings this week.

"With the majority of our team either hung over or still drunk from a wild night at Jo "Collapsible" Louder's Collaroy abode last Saturday night - our misplaced arrogance is now being replaced with a good dose of humble sobriety - at least for a few days!

"It happens to the best of us - this intoxication of fame - but we've had our wake-up call and are enforcing a media ban on all players while we take stock.

"Apologies to all our YOUTH supporters and Soccer Post readers but let's face it – you should be happy not to hear from us for a while!"

You can see why Mumbblings loves writing about this group of players every week..

Till next we meet ladies!



THERE'S been enough wet weather as it is during season 2008 – but the BTH and Pittwater O35/6

boys must have run over a black cat recently. Last week their game had to be abandoned 10 minutes into the second half – with the scores deadlocked at 0-0 – because the sprinklers came on at the Pittwater High School ground and couldn't be turned off.

"The game was abandoned and the beer eskies were opened early but unfortunately the beer did not taste as good as we felt we had not earned them," one of the BTH blokes told Mumbblings.

"But we still drank them!"



LONG-serving ex-Dee Why president Mike Speed and his wife Cheryl were spotted at Allan Border Oval last weekend taking in the Mosman-Forrest Killarney premier league clash.

"Speedy" has been somewhat of a mentor to Forest coach Ian Bernard and took time out from his duties at new club Normanhurst to watch the boys from Melwood Oval go around.

And they didn't disappoint either – an Adrian Hawes goal settling the contest and a 1-0 victory. It was only the second win of the season for Forest and Speed is now considered the boys' "lucky charm".



REFEREE'S CORNER continues to test the knowledge of the game's best thinkers in the local area.

Here are last week's questions and answers:

Q) During half time, can a substitute sitting in the technical area be cautioned (shown the yellow card)?

A) No, but he can be reported: B) Yes: or C) Only if he has previously played in the game

Answer: B - yes he can.

Q) A player taking a throw-in has both heels just on the inside edge of the touchline, whilst the rest of his feet are inside the field of play Is it?

A) Legal throw B) Illegal throw C) Only legal if he moves his feet back whilst taking the throw

Answer: B - legal throw.

This week's questions are:

Q. If a defending player in his own penalty area, impedes an opponent during play what should the Referee award?

A) A Penalty  
B) A Dropped Ball or  
C) An Indirect Free Kick

Q. During the taking of kicks from the penalty spot to decide the outcome of a game, an eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper?

A) At the end of the first 5 kicks  
B) Only if the new keeper is an unused substitute  
C) At any time



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