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Six-goal thriller at Marconi as Manly lose sight of pole position

If games could be patented and the secret ingredients sold, then this one would be worth a fortune. Unfortunately, it was only a prototype at Marconi Stadium.

Spectators were treated to some real entertainment, great goals and superb play from both sides. After the match both coaches, while admitting that the match provided first-class value for money, were somewhat disappointed not to have secured all three points.

Dave Barrett on the Marconi Stallions bench said:

"All our players are disappointed that they haven't won and that's a change in mentality for us. We haven't lost a game in ten weeks and, while that's not to say we are winning every week, it means that we are desperate to get the three points."

His counterpart at Manly United Phil Moss expressed similar sentiments, but for different reasons. He was disappointed to have scored three goals at Marconi Stadium yet only collect a point:

"I am disappointed to come to Marconi and score three and not get maximum points," he stated.

"I think the game showed the quality of the TeleChoice Premier League because it was a classic even though it wasn't a game for the defensive purists."

"Marconi are getting better and better, so I guess to come here and get a point you've got to be reasonably happy."

Marconi opened the scoring after only three minutes when Christopher Nunes tapped in a cross from the left just as the spectators were getting into their seats. A minute later Nunes teamed up with Tolgay Ozbey and both charged into the box, but somehow Brad Swancott managed to thwart their efforts and keep the ball out for what looked certain to be the Stallions' second goal. Joey Schirripa set up Craig Midgley in the 13' minute with a nice ball into the area and the striker evened the balance sheet with a superb back heel that caught the Stallions defence, and goalkeeper, off-guard. It was a goal of real opportunism and class.

In the 20' minute Robbie Cattanaach scored Manly's second goal with a majestic strike from outside the box and the ball ended up in the bottom right-hand corner of the net away from an outstretched James Chronopoulos.

However, Marconi were not about to surrender because Ozbey managed to equalise in the 28' minute when he lunged himself at an Ante Deur cross and virtually headed the ball out of Swancott's grasp. It was a scrappy goal but not that Ozbey or Marconi were complaining.



Marconi's Ante Deur (left) and Manly United's Michael Lloyd-Green

In the 33' minute Marconi could well have taken the lead again when Ozbey found Deur and his powerful strike crashed into the underside of the cross-bar and bounced back into the field of play for Tallan Martin, who was jogging on the spot, to head the ball just wide.

On the stroke of half-time Deur, arguably one of the best players on the field, nicely put in a cross for Nathan Moulds who, on the run, with a powerful header sent the ball only centimetres wide of the intended target. In the second-half though, Moulds turned into Marconi's villain in the 52' minute when he inexplicably headed a Schirripa cross and it careered past his own goalkeeper. It was a classic own goal.

The second-half didn't live up to the first class billing of the first-half and some scrappy play was evident from both sides.

However, there was nothing scrappy about Marconi's third goal in the 63' minute when Ozbey powerfully tested Swancott from outside the area. The shot-stopper split the ball into the path of the oncoming Deur who neatly finished. Marconi had some more chances in the second-half when Ozbey, clearly the best player on the night, tried his luck in the 70' minute but was denied by Swancott - and four minutes later he sent the ball crashing into the side netting.

The best summary of the game was provided by Stallions mentor Barrett:

"It was a very exciting game – heart attack material defensively – where we should have been up at half-time, but you can't concede three goals at home and expect to win."

With Sutherland Sharks' 3-0 win against Sydney Olympic, Manly United have now seen the leaders gap move to six points with seven matches remaining in the TeleChoice Premier League.

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Matildas finish 4th at Asian Cup

Australia have finished in fourth spot at the 2008 AFC Women's Asian Cup after a 3-0 defeat against world number ten Japan in the third place play-off match tonight at the Thong Nhat Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The Matildas commenced in bright fashion with midfielder Collette McCallum hitting the post with a free kick, before Japan scored the only goal of the half moments later through a 16th minute strike from Youki Nagasato. Australia stayed in the game until the last ten minutes when they were deflated by two stunning goals in a match once again played in high humidity. Firstly Aya Miyama struck with a 30 metre free kick, then with two minutes to go Japanese playmaker Homare Sawa hit a first time effort from the edge of the penalty area.



Matildas midfielder Amy Chapman and Japan's Hironi Ikeda

"Japan were fair winners tonight and thoroughly deserved their win," said Matildas coach Tom Sermanni."

"We did superbly well in the first 20 minutes but conceded the first goal which deflated us with the first goal proving critical throughout this tournament."

"We have achieved our initial goal which was to qualify for the semi finals, and the tournament has also provided us with an opportunity to blood some young players in tough international competition. However leaving aside the disrupted preparation, we have however performed below par in a number of areas and we will work hard to rectify that."

"This tournament has shown us the level we need to reach in Asia which is very strong and continually improving. This tournament has also shown the level of conditioning that is required to compete in these conditions and some individuals within the group have learnt that a lack of preparation and fitness will be found out at this level."

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The Matildas will now travel to South Korea for the prestigious Peace Cup where they have been drawn against USA, Italy and Brazil with their first match June 15.

Socceroos must go on the attack



"Click" the link to view the Pim Verbeek post Iraq press conference.

A warm Dubai wind blows quietly through a remote hotel situated on the outskirts of the city. Before me is Pim Verbeek.

There's plenty of surrounding desert but no rolling tumble weed. No windmill creaking. Nor is there an Ennio Morricone score in the background. Just a short, sharp, pleasant encounter with a man handed the responsibility of guiding the Socceroos to the World Cup in two years time. He's composed. Pleasant. Quietly confident. Judging by the Dutchman's demeanor, one would have thought Australia had already guaranteed its passage to the next qualification phase. Despite initial impressions however, Verbeek would be the first to admit our recent loss to Iraq was a setback. However, should the Socceroos fail against Qatar this weekend what he may ultimately be remembered for is whether he was able to roll the dice when the stakes were high by playing an attacking formation. When asked the question, his response was telling.

"You should not underestimate teams like Qatar or Iraq. There is always the threat of a counter-attack. They wait for one or two chances, and then they go," Verbeek said.

Read between the lines and perhaps it's clear the Socceroos may roll out yet another defensive line-up. That may mean another lone striker stint for Harry Kewell. And possibly prove a mistake following last weekend's lacklustre first-half performance where the former Liverpool star received mediocre assistance. That's where logic seems to point to someone like Nicky Carle. Whilst he is yet to play for the Socceroos, no one can deny the 26 year-old playmaker's natural creative flair. At the side's training sessions, Carle remains a joy to watch. Quick turns, clever flicks, step overs, backheels. One senses he glides. But the promotion of the individual over the unit has never been the Verbeek way. Not before as coach of Korea Republic. And certainly not now with the Socceroos.

"The first week when he came with us he was very willing to show how good he was and then he did the thing he should not do. Dribbling and too much ball contact," Verbeek confirmed.

Some say the Dutchman's tenure has been stamped with caution. Certainly his record proves that's not always a negative thing. Of his four World Cup qualification matches to date, Verbeek's side has conceded just one goal. But with the winner in Doha guaranteed a passage to the next qualification stage,

now may well be the time for the Socceroos' coach to pull the trigger and name an attack-minded side.

"I believe we still have the best team in the group. We just don't have the best team scoring the most goals," he said.

Within that statement is where Verbeek's real focus should lie.

Neill to miss Qatar clash

Dubai: Qantas Socceroos defender Lucas Neill will miss Australia's World Cup qualifier against Qatar and head straight to Sydney for the final match against China on June 22. Neill has not played in any of the qualifiers during 'Super June', due to his partner Lindsay giving birth to twins last week. It was expected he would come into camp yesterday, but coach Pim Verbeek has opted to keep the same backline for Qatar, who will be fully acclimatised for the extreme conditions expected in Doha.

It continues the merry-go-round involving several players, whose partners are either having or have had babies during these qualifiers, with Josh Kennedy's brief stint with the team ending yesterday, as he flew back to be with his partner Jacinta, who is due in the week or so.



Lucas Neill is all smiles ahead of Qatar clash

Verbeek will also make a decision on whether to keep suspended midfielder Vince Grella here for the rest of the trip in the Middle East, or send him back early to prepare for the clash with China at Sydney's ANZ Stadium. At a light recovery session yesterday, the main group worked lightly, with Jason Culina and Carl Valeri the only players appearing to have slight knocks and training away from main group, but they should be fine for next week's match. Both will be key players especially with the absence of Grella from the heart of the midfield.

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