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Devrimol hands Bankstown vital victory over Manly

An injury-time strike from Bankstown City substitute Tayfun Devrimol handed Manly United their second successive loss on home soil after an absorbing encounter at Cromer Park on Sunday afternoon. Peter Tsekenis' men more than matched the former League leaders for large portions over the ninety minutes with goalkeeper Zlatko Joseski producing the game of his life to deny the home side on countless occasions.

With Central Coast Mariners discard Andre Gumprecht impressing down the left-flank, the Lions looked a different team to what supporters have seen in previous rounds of the TeleChoice Premier League. Former Manly United striker James Monie created the first clear chance of the match after 21' minutes after expert lead up play from Gumprecht and George Nohra.

With only Brad Swancott to beat, Monie measured his shot but clipped it centimetres past the far post where he really should have hit the target. Robbie Cattanaach followed suit on the half hour mark when his free-kick was cleared off the line at the second attempt after a sea of bodies stoically defended the Lions goal.

Manly began the second-half with an early chance to Andrew Mailer who started and almost finished a counter-attack two minutes after half-time but Joseski reacted well to deny the defender on the six-yard box. Brad Groves then skied a decent chance after being released by Craig Midgley on 54' minutes and from that moment you got the feeling it wasn't going to be United's day.

The introduction of Chris Payne and Michael Lloyd-Green provided more spark in attack but the Lions continued to keep the home side at bay. Bankstown player/coach Peter Tsekenis was lucky not to receive his marching orders with seventeen minutes on the clock after conceding a free-kick outside the 18-yard box for a foul on Payne, but referee Kurt Ams felt the challenge only warranted a stern verbal warning. Cattanaach almost won the match approaching injury-time after a sharp flick from a corner but Joseski

again thwarted his goal-bound effort. A minute later Tsekenis should have done better after meeting a bouncing ball at the far post but rushed his shot and ballooned it over the crossbar.

With Ams repeatedly looking at his watch to end proceedings, a needless free-kick on half-way saw the Lions direct the ball at Swancott who could only watch on in horror when Tayfun Devrimol skinned his marker before finishing off the move instigated by Gumprecht. Tsekenis was a relieved man in the sheds and hopes the result will see his talented squad rocket up the table:

"We haven't had a lot of luck this year so we will take three points away from home with open arms," he said.

"The boys know they haven't been playing anywhere near their potential and in order for us to improve we must win games week in, week out. "I thought the performance was decent, it will give us a lot of confidence and something to build a foundation on."

His counterpart Phil Moss was happy with the effort but did admit his team's confidence has waned in recent weeks:

"I wouldn't say we are in a form slump, we just aren't having the luck we enjoyed earlier on in the season," he said. "Credit to Bankstown, everyone knows how good they can be on their day and the performance they dished up didn't surprise me."

"They matched us and took their one decent chance while we fluffed ours all afternoon, we were nowhere near clinical enough. "I think a draw would have been a fair result but football doesn't always pan out the way you want it to."

Sydney FC to face three TeleChoice Premier League clubs

Sydney FC will start its 2008/09 preparations with 3 trial matches against TeleChoice Premier League clubs as it continues its drive to take the game to as many members of the Sydney football community.

Sydney FC will play Blacktown City at Gabbie Stadium (Seven Hills), Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw (Miranda) and Manly United at Cromer Park (Dee Why).



Sydney FC's new star recruits (L-R) Mark Bridge, John Aloisi and Simon Colosimo

The matches will be hosted by the TeleChoice Premier League clubs with gate receipts going back into the local football club with Sydney FC also supporting the promotion of the matches through targeted marketing and promotional programs leading into the game.

These three trial matches, on top of Sydney FC's home matches in the Pre Season Cup at Campbelltown and Wollongong, gives all football fans across Sydney the chance to see the team play before the start of the Hyundai A-League.

"The Sydney FC players have spent the last month getting out to local clubs and Associations and the next step is to take matches to these areas," said Sydney FC CEO Stefan Kamasz. "We have tried to spread the matches out to take the games to all areas of Sydney."

"Manly, Sutherland and Blacktown are very strong junior football areas with NSW Premier League sides so not only will they give John Kosmina and the team good opposition they also allow us to spread the games out evenly across Sydney."

Sydney FC's commitment to taking the game, team and players to the football community has also seen an early surge in Memberships for the 2008/09 season with more than 4,000 Memberships (which all include season passes) already purchased, three months from the start of the season.

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On the pitch, Sydney FC will get some strong hit outs in the trial matches with the Sutherland Sharks and Manly United sitting first and second on the TeleChoice Premier League table. Coach John Kosmina will be using the games to begin the process of integrating the new players into the side in the lead up to the opening Hyundai A-League game of the season against Melbourne Victory at the Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday 16 August. Sydney FC has built up well in the off season with John Aloisi, Simon Colosimo, Mark Bridge, Stuart Musialik and Mitchell Prentice joining the club.

"We have some new players to the club, some very good players, and they need to integrate into the framework of the team as best as possible before the A-League season starts," Kosmina said. "These games will help them do that before we get into the Pre Season Cup and then the A-League.

"I've said all along that it's important for Sydney FC to become more Community-based and taking the team to the south, north and west to play games against Sutherland, Manly and Blacktown is important for the club."

Manly United through to final 16 of the Tiger Turf Cup

Manly United set up a glamour showdown against current high flyers Sutherland Sharks in the round of 16 of the Tiger Turf Cup after their 3-0 win against Division One outfit Hills United on Tuesday night at Cromer Park.

Robbie Cattanaach scored either side of halftime before substitute Jamie Garside added a third with just over 20 minutes remaining.

Hills were competitive against their more illustrious Telechoice Premier League opponents, who were close to full strength. Last year's Tiger Turf runners up were slow to get out of the blocks after their loss to Bankstown City Lions on Sunday but did enough to progress to the final eight. Manly were best served by Cameron Jones who produced an industrious display in the middle of the park along with left back Shaun Bowden, on the comeback trail after a serious knee injury.

Say g'day to your new teammate

CHRIS Payne is still completing his HSC this year, probably wouldn't be recognised walking down The Corso and would earn less than a couple of hundred dollars a week.

John Aloisi is a national hero, recognised everywhere he goes after helping the Socceroos to the last World Cup and is reportedly making \$1.4 million a year as the biggest-earning footballer in Australia.

The unlikely pair are clearly at opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to football, but are now teammates at Sydney FC. In a glowing endorsement of Payne's undoubted ability, the 17-year-old yesterday signed a two-year deal with the A-League club. The Manly United youngster joins the Sky Blues as one of three under-20 players involved with the full-time squad.

"It's unbelievable ... I'm very excited," the quietly spoken Payne told The Manly Daily. "It's something I've always wanted to do and I can't wait to start training with them.

"It's a great opportunity and I want to try and work my way into the first (XI)."

The lightning-quick striker said the thought of working alongside Aloisi was "cool".

"I really admire him ... he's one of Australia's best players," Payne said. "I think I will learn a lot from him."

Payne was the inaugural Lucas Neill Scholarship winner in 2006 and was close to signing with English Premier League club Blackburn's young team last year before negotiations fell through. He came through the junior grades from the under-14s at Manly before his talent saw him graduating to the top grade this season.

Sydney FC head coach John Kosmina said the Narrabeen Sports High student deserves the chance.

"Chris is an exciting talent who has been playing well in the NSW Premier League in a team that is playing good football and getting results," Kosmina said.

"It is important at his age to continue to play games. It is also important that he finishes school and finishes the season for Manly so he will come to us full-time in August."

As part of the deal, Payne will finish the regular season with the peninsula club before joining Sydney on August 10.

Referees cards aren't that hard

We all do it, close enough is good enough, well not any more. The MWFA has started to fine clubs \$20.00 / incorrect card when they hand in incomplete or inaccurate referees cards, and some clubs have decided to charge their serial offenders. So look out for those fines coming your way.

What's really surprising is the kind of mistakes being made. Some cards have been handed in without club names, teams, opponents and the best of all..... no score !!

So how about making an effort to accurately and clearly complete the card. There are approximately 17000 registered players in the Manly Warringah Football Association who take the field every weekend, and tallying up the competition details is a huge task largely done by volunteers. Some of the bigger clubs have in excess of 110 teams so each team making this small but significant effort is very important.

Any Manager or Coach unsure of how to fill in the card is encouraged to check their Coach & Managers Manual or just ask their club for assistance.

Take your tape

As footballers we often use electrical tape to keep our boots tight, hold shin pads in place and to support injuries. This tape is not biodegradable.



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FIFA move boosts 2018 WC bid

Australia's chances of hosting the 2018 FIFA World Cup may have been strengthened with an unexpected decision by FIFA to bring forward the bid process for the following event in 2022.

The World Game can exclusively reveal that FIFA's top brass, only in the past few days, has decided to align awarding the hosting rights to both the 2018 and 2022 World Cups on the same date, a decision due in March, 2011.

It is thought that the decision was driven by the view that aligning the announcements will increase potential television and sponsorship revenues. The right to host the 2018 World Cup already has a multitude of declared likely bidders, among them Australia, China, USA and up to five European aspirants, including England. The late decision by FIFA, on the eve of the world body's Congress in Sydney, is sure to cause a re-think by some of the 2018 bidders, especially those from outside Europe.

With the 2010 World Cup due to be hosted by South Africa, and the 2014 edition already awarded to Brazil, popular betting has the 2018 tournament returning the World Cup to the financially powerful seat of Europe which, by then, will be 12 years without hosting a World Cup.

But the move by FIFA is likely to spread bids across two World Cups as aspirant hosts decide which of the two tournaments they wish to bid for. Under the policy, countries can only bid for one of the two editions and cannot hedge their bets by bidding for both.

Nonetheless the move is sure to dilute the competition for the 2018 tournament, thereby strengthening Australia's chances and conversely weakening the case for a European host that year. Australia, unfazed by formidable opposition from European bidders, has so far stayed the course in its pursuit of the 2018 World Cup, with serious financial backing from the federal government.

The FFA declined to comment on FIFA's move and it is not known if the decision will sway it towards bidding for 2022. FIFA will issue hosting tenders for both World Cups in June next year with its executive committee due to decide on the winning bids in March, 2011.

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RED CARD: THOSE who volunteer to referee sub-junior games on Saturday mornings and “conveniently” cut short the game when their team is winning a tight one – and we are not talking a minute or two, more like five minutes in some instances. For heaven's sake, the game only goes for 30 minutes and it's hardly about the result at that age!

Let the kids play their FULL game and let go of your own issues. This is becoming a far too common occurrence believe it or not.



GOOAAAL: TAKE a bow Dee Why Swans!

Once again they put on a great day for the Brookvale Hotel Cup and Rhino Challenge Cup at a sparkling Dee Why Oval last Saturday. While Brookvale took home the three points with an enthralling 7-3 victory, the hosts invited life members, ex-players and young stars on the future to be part of the special day. A crowd of around 400 watched the game. Great effort!



PITTWATER stalwart and all round great bloke Peter Antic is playing his 41st season with the mighty Pittwater in 2008. The former “Pitts” premier league goalkeeper – who still guards the sticks for the O35s – is the epitome of the northern peninsula club and has spent a fair amount of his hard-earned at the Kitchener Park bar over the years.

There is no sign of retirement plans for the wily old shot-stopper either!



THE CC Strikers U6 Leopards took out the recent Hills Hawks Mini-Gala Day at Galston.

The youngsters played four games plus a semi and Grand Final, remained undefeated and averaged more than 7 goals a game! The team consisted of Jordan Devries, Taylor Manson, Ethan Rosnell, Jarrod Thacker, Chelsea Castle and Nathan White and is sponsored by MT Plumbing.

Great effort!



MANLY United is celebrating the selection of no fewer than five girls in the various NSW state teams for 2008. Luseanne Cook and goalkeeper Sohpie Carlberg made the cut in the 13s, Asimina Zervos and Jess Wharepouri in the 15s and Tiarn Powell in the 17s. It's a great credit to the players and their coaches to get five players from one club in the state teams.



FORMER left-sided Manly United flyer Jono Colwell has always got the Cromer Park club at heart despite the fact he now dons the maroon and white of Manly Vale each weekend.

The popular and hard-working Colwell, who played

youth league and first grade at Manly in the late '80s and early '90s, offered his services to Manly United this week having heard the NSW Premier League club was possibly on the lookout for a left midfielder.

“If it's correct and you're desperate (for a left-sided player) I'll give up my spot in the O35/2s to help out,” Colwell told Mumbblings.

“I'm a bit slower these days, but I'm sure I'd give the likes of Ash Ryan and co. a run for their money.”

A well-placed source from Manly United told Mumbblings the offer was politely declined on account of not wanting to poach Colwell from the mighty Manly Vale O35/2s.

“It just wouldn't seem right,” the source said this week.



THOSE loveable larrikins who pull on the Curl Curl Ladies O35 jersey each Sunday before breaking new records on how quickly they can empty their post-match esky seem to be having an affect on the whole league.

“We have had post-match visits from opposing 35s teams from miles away,” team promoter, manager, agent and publicist Karen Gair told Mumbblings this week.

And, it seems, their new-found fame has caused some problems at home.

One of the team's stars, Kylie Tallack, has been forced to endure her husband's jealousy having now been mentioned twice (make that three times now!) in Mumbblings while he has played football on the peninsula his “whole entire life” and had not one murmur of his name in this column.

And still hasn't ☺.



AND while on the Curly Ladies O35 “wild ones”, Vicki Humpherson was forced to pull rank in her household when her politician husband Andrew tried to organise a BBQ at their place right on KO time last Sunday. She wasn't having a bar of it – the BBQ was canned and she laced on the boots as per schedule.

But be warned Vicki politicians are strong believers in revenge being a dish best served cold. Stay tuned!



FORMER Socceroo star Gabriel “Chi Chi” Mendez is fast attracting a following in the local MWFA Premier League – as much for what he does off the field as on it!

While he has scored a few trademark free-kicks and a special individual goal against Pittwater since his arrival at Brookvale, the little Aussie with South American heritage has been only too willing to give his time to talk to fans – young and old – from Brookvale and opposition clubs before and after games. It's a sign of the person he is and while he signing at Brookvale attracted plenty of conjecture within local ranks, it's great for park football to have such a personality player!

YOUNG CC Strikers sharpshooter Michael Kember not only talks the talk – but it seems he can also walk the walk!

Playing in the Strikers PL reserves last weekend he pleaded with head coach Nigel Mahoney to go back on in the second half to notch his hat-trick after scoring a brace in the first half in the clash with Forest-Killarney at St. Matthews Farm.

Mahoney, wanting to keep the former Manly United junior-turned-beach sprint champion fresh for the first grade game, relented and allowed Kember to take the field for the second half.

The result? He scored his third just 35 seconds into the second half and was promptly substituted to join the 1st grade squad for their warm-up.

But it didn't end there. Kember came on as a second half substitute and scored two more in the top grade to ensure Strikers' 5-0 demolition job was complete. Fair afternoon at the office!



CC Strikers' “super Mum” Lisa Haworth has made a triumphant return to the round ball code this season after being tempted out of retirement by good friend Jo Louder. The clinical striker scored all seven goals in last weekends victory over Manly Vale to take her season tally to 15 goals in just five games.

Considering her “retirement” was 25 years long and her only preparation for her first season back was a few five-a-side games during summer, there must be a fair amount of ability in those boots she wears!



A COUPLE of dates for the diary:

1. Manly United's under-20s are set to host a team of finalists from new *Fox8* television reality show Football Superstar at Cromer Park on June 12 as part of a match that will go to air when the new series screens later this year.

The show will reward its winner with a professional contract at Sydney FC

2. Manly United will host a Celebrity Challenge match against the Deaf Australia team at Cromer Park on June 15 as a curtain-raiser to the MUFC-Wollongong NSW Premier League clash. The day will look to raise funds to help send the Deaf Australia team to the Deaf Olympics in Greece later this year.

There are some big celebrities lined up to take part alongside members of kids group The Wiggles. Stay tuned!



WORD on the street is that MWFA headquarters is seriously considering introducing an Over-45 comp from 2009. There has been a fair bit of talk around the O35 traps regarding this issue with that competition becoming younger and younger by the year.

All it needs is six teams to get the green light. Stay tuned!



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