




RE:BOOT



As a boy growing up in the Caribbean,

## **DWIGHT + YORKE'S**

family couldn't afford to buy him football boots so he made a bet with the guy who owned the local sports shop that he could keep a football up 100 times on his head. If he won, the shop owner would give him a pair of brand new boots. If he failed, Dwight would have to pay for the boots himself. He only had one go. The first couple of headers nearly went astray, but he kept his cool, recovering to win his new boots, as well as the knowledge he had the skills to perform when the pressure was on.



# DAYS OF



It's a story that sums up Yorke: cheeky, persistent, talented and he loves a challenge. It's part of his background. One of nine kids, Yorke grew up in a small town in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Try and find it on an atlas – it's those two small dots hanging round the top corner of Venezuela. It's not a wealthy county. It has a small population, a history of colonialism and fantastic beaches. In fact, Dwight Yorke is just about the biggest thing to come out of the country – something he's very proud of.

"Hopefully people can look up to me, and what I've achieved in the game, from a West Indian point of view. I hope I can contribute in that way."

When I meet Yorke, it's at a quiet café in the back streets of Sydney's Surry Hills. It's a crisp winter's day, and he's wearing sneakers, jeans, baseball cap and a stunning Rolling Stones T-shirt. His face is instantly recognisable, as is his smile. It's a far cry from the grey skies of England, where he's been playing for clubs like Aston Villa, Manchester United and Blackburn, and where that smile has been linked with goals and trophies for the past 10 years. It's been a highly successful career that began playing on Caribbean beaches.

# YORKE

**"It was pretty tough, coming from a family of nine and living in a two-bedroom bungalow"**

Yorke says. "But I wouldn't have changed anything. It made me realise how fortunate I am and how determined I was as an individual to be somebody and achieve things."

As is the case for kids from poor countries, sport can offer a way out. And football is the universal equaliser. A ball and a couple of markers for a goal, and you've got a language that is spoken across the world. And it was Yorke's ability to speak the language of football that got him noticed from an early age.

**In the Caribbean, in the wet season it was football, in the dry season it was cricket.**

"I was around 14," he recalls. "My mentor at the time, Bertie Sinclair, was pushing me in that direction because I was more talented in that department than cricket... and Bertie was more of a football man."

Coming from the West Indies, cricket comes a close second to football for Yorke, and one of his best mates is legendary batsman Brian Lara. But it was another West Indian who was inspiring Yorke to keep using his feet.

During the late '80s, John Barnes was one of the most exciting and successful black players in England. "Being black and from the Caribbean," Yorke says. "If you wanted to be inspired and encouraged, [John Barnes] produced it week in, week out. I thought, if he can I make it, why can't I?"

"My mum didn't believe it," he says, laughing at his early football ambitions. "She wanted to see me finish school and end up with a degree. At the time I was going out to pursue my career in England, apart from Barnes, no-one had ever done that in my era."

But it was obvious Yorke was always going to be a sportsman. It couldn't be any other way for a kid with a ball growing up in a West Indian environment. "It was pretty cool growing up in the Caribbean - it reminds me a lot of Sydney. There are a lot of beaches and outdoor activities, and I was a sporty person. It was a lot of fun. I have great memories."

He may have gone against his mother's wishes by following his dream of becoming a professional footballer, but Yorke knew it was the right move despite misconceptions about cricket being the country's national sport. "Football is huge in Trinidad," he says. "More people go to a football game than a cricket game. People tend to think the Caribbean is based on cricket but football is equally as big."

Now 33, he's had to think about where his career - and life - is taking him. It's easy for players in England to play for smaller clubs and collect massive wages, but again, typically for Yorke, that's no challenge.

He's under no misconceptions about the struggle that lies ahead, not only to prove himself as the marquee player in a brand-new league, but also to help football finally find its feet in the Australian sporting landscape.

As the Sydney FC's marquee player, Yorke's aware of the spotlight he's under.

**"Obviously I come with a reputation, but I'd be lying if I said I'm not looking forward to the challenge."**

Like I said, Dwight Yorke loves a challenge. And he'll do it with a big, blinding smile on his face.

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DAVID ZDRILIC: SYDNEY FC

ISN'T  
JUST FOR  
THE BOYS

ROSS ALOISI: ADELAIDE UNITED

MICHELE MEW: FAN-PLAYER

NOT FOR WHINGERS AND SOOKS

FOOTBALL ISN'T AN EASY GAME  
FOR GOALKEEPERS

GLEN MOSS: NZ KNIGHTS

MAS MURDOCCA: QLD ROAR

FOOTBALL IS  
A DREAM

ISN'T THE WIGGLES

OLIVIA ARCARO: FOUR-YEAR-OLD-PLAYER

ISN'T JUST PLAYED  
ON THE PITCH

MICHAEL FERRANTE: MELBOURNE VICTORY

MELISSA BARBIERI: QANTAS MARYLEDA

IS TRAUMATIC BUT LOVABLE

FOOTBALL

THE <sup>BALL</sup> ISN'T ALL

MICHAEL FERRANTE: MELBOURNE VICTORY

HENRY FA'ARODO:  
PERTH GLORY

ABOUT THE \$\$\$ THE WORLD



IS LIKE A 90 MIN  
EPISODE  
OF THE OC.

DEAN HEFFERNAN  
CENTRAL COAST MARINE

GREAT  
TO PLAY  
WITH YOUR  
MATES

JACOB FORMOSA:  
TEN-YEAR-OLD-PLAYER

FLAVOUR  
FANS

ED WYATT  
SBS COMMENTATOR

IT'S A JOB, IT'S MY LIFE AND IT'S THE  
ONLY THING I KNOW HOW TO DO

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LIFE

**I**n Ghana, a fresh orange is bouncing around a Cape Coast classroom, between the desks and chairs, onto feet and knees before a student carries it out the door balanced on his forehead like a raindrop. Outside in the sun, he holds it there among a circle of friends as they chant the name of their national team: "Black Stars. Black Stars..."

In Queensland, a plastic bottle is booted around a Bundaberg car park as three young men and four women play a midnight "friendly" beneath the street lights and the gum trees. The women are winning two nil till the blokes discover a second bottle on the field and try to call a foul.

In northern India, a child's plastic ball moves lightly between the feet of saffron-robed monks, their sandals slipping and slapping over courtyard cobblestones. A small bell inside the ball causes it to jingle as Bob Marley's "One Love" flows from a monastery window as a cool wind blows off the Tibetan Himalayas.

In Iran, a clump of masking tape flaps its tail as a group of workers scurry after it in the clay of an Esfahan building lot. On the sidelines, a gigantic man sits on a tiny wooden box, screaming out the names of "Harry Kewell" and "Azzizi" in a running commentary cracked with laughter as two players duke it out in the dust and debris.

In Japan, the ball glows like a planet. It is snow white and has a micro-fibre synthetic leather double casing, hand stitched with four layers of cotton-and-polyester lining for shape retention, bounce and durability. It's autographed by David Beckham and sits in a display case in Kyoto. You want to take a picture?


**F**ootball is often called "the world game" or "the beautiful game". It touches more people than any other sport on the planet.

That's because the idea of a ball and a level playing ground – as wonderful as these things can be – are not necessities. It's more a matter of spirit. Basically, football can happen anywhere you want for your own fun or to follow your dreams – just two reasons why it has caught on so powerfully in Africa and South America.

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FERTIL CLONY





It's this global soul behind football that keeps bringing more people and countries to it. From street matches and improvised moments that even the most impoverished can participate in; from local club games and tough inter-city competitions to the slick and high powered exploits of multinational, corporate "brands" like AC Milan (Italy), Manchester United (England), and Real Madrid (Spain). The dark side has been the tribalism that has stained the game, but it's this same passionate embrace and cosmopolitan current that has always swept away the prejudice.

These days, I get my tips on football's diplomatic influence and democratic bent from African taxi drivers, English rock'n'roll bands and the interior design instincts of Italian café proprietors.

**The big news here is that Australia starts its first truly high-powered national football competition with the Hyundai A-League beginning in August.**

Freshly minted teams Sydney FC, Queensland Roar, Newcastle Jets, Central Coast Mariners, Adelaide United, New Zealand Knights, Perth Glory and Melbourne Victory are the hub of an entirely re-styled and re-energised game. Early next year, we also join the Asian Football Confederation. Along the way, the Socceroos go into the play-offs for the biggest sporting event in the world outside the Olympics - the FIFA World Cup, to be held in Germany in 2006.

That excitement typically flows up and down the spine of the local game. Yes, it's still the favourite competitive sport for boys (has been for years), but now it's also the fastest growing sport for Australian girls as well. What's more, there is a boom in women's game as large numbers of females are drawn into playing - perhaps the national women's football team the "Matildas" have been an inspiration, too. Then you've got versions of the game like indoor football and beach football going through the roof.

They're calling it a football revolution. And with so much interest at the grassroots all the way up to seismic shifts in how the game is run and promoted at a corporate level, Australian football is finally poised to run with the changing shape of the world like never before.

How's that for kicks?

Words: Mark Mordue

**DUTCH DAIRY DISSENT**  
 Dutch fans angered by the scale of the pitch at Amsterdam's Arena showed what they thought of it by releasing two cows onto the turf.

**UNWANTED FAN**  
 It is said that Queen Elizabeth was a fan of a local white lily of London years ago.

**MAN FANS**  
 Manchester United has 152,000 paid members in addition to 45,000 season ticket holders, making the Red tops the most supported football club in the world.

**WILLING AND ABLE**  
 Abel Resno (Athletic Bilbao) managed to keep a clean sheet (that is, not conceding a goal) for more than 14 straight games (1975 meet), giving him the world record for the longest cleanest sheet of them all.

**VICTORY BREAK**  
 Saragat had a National holiday after they beat world champions France at the 2002 World Cup.

**CROWDED HOUSE**  
 In the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, 120,000 people showed up to see their national heroes defeat Uruguay in the final at Maracanã Municipal Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

**NATURAL GOALKEEPER**  
 He is known as the 'Goal King' in Brazil. He was born in 1928 and played 1281 goals in 1963, setting a world record.

**A LEGEND BEGINS**  
 The first World Cup was held in Uruguay. The Cup is held every four years, except for the world change Brazil has held it five times.

**MAJOR JUNIOR**  
 Last year, Frisky Adu became the youngest player ever to appear in a Major League Soccer match at only 14 years, 305 days.

**HOLY GOAL**  
 When Ikerkai Malasone used his hand to score against England at World Cup '98, he said it was "the hand of God".

**THE WAR**  
 Honduras and El Salvador's 1990 World Cup qualifier was the catalyst for the two nations' military dispute known as the "Soccer War".

**GOAL DRIVEN**  
 Jose Luis Chilavert, the Paraguayan international goalkeeper, scored a record 54 official league and international goals between July '82 and August 2000, including a hat-trick of penalties.

1958 Sweden

1954 Switzerland

1966 England

1938/98 France

1982 Spain

1970/86 Mexico

1950 Brazil

1930 Uruguay

1962 Chile



**World Cup Hosts** [Red star icon]

**World Cup Nations** [Green, Blue, Orange, Red circles]

**World Cup Viewers** [Red person icon] - 2 billion cumulative total since 1970



**CASH KICKBACK**

The highest player transfer fee is reported to be 13,000,000,000 yen (US\$114 million) for Zinedine Zidane from Juventus to Real Madrid.



1974 W/Germany

**CHRISTMAS TRUCE**

On Christmas Day in the great war of 1914-18, it's said German and English soldiers played an historic game at the Marais-la-Bataille as a gesture of friendship.

2006 Germany

**KAMIKAZI FANS**

Japanese football fans were so enthusiastic by their team during World Cup 2002 in Japan, some even threw themselves off the famous Tsutsugomori Hill as a last in Osaka.

**THE BIRTH OF FOOTBALL**  
1863: Charter

**HAT TRICKER**

Mitsuo Nakamura of Japan scored five consecutive hat-tricks for his J-League club Jubilo Iwata including five against Osaka between April 15 1998 and April 29 1998.

1934/38 Italy

2002 Korea & Japan



**WITCH DOCTOR**

Witch doctor "Lalawala" worked with the coach of Australia's national soccer team in preparation for the 1982 World Cup. The doctor was never paid, but he did win the World Cup.

**BLACK MAGIC**

A witch doctor buried bones next to the pitch before Australia's 1968 game against Rhodesia. It worked and we won the vital world cup qualifier, but non-payment for his "services" meant he got a corker on our national team.

**POLITICAL PLAYER**

Manchester United could've signed an Aboriginal soccer player in 1958. Charles Perkins, one of our leading indigenous political leaders of the last 30 years, was asked to play for them when he played in England in the 50s. Instead, he returned to Australia to begin a distinguished career in law and politics.

**BILLION DOLLAR BROADCAST**

FIFA has done direct TV rights deals worth a huge US\$1.21 billion with broadcasters in Europe as part of a package for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

**LUCKY 13**

in the 31-0 win by Australia over American Samoa in a World Cup qualifier in April 2001. Archie Thompson - now of Hyundai A-League side Melbourne Victory - scored an international record 13 goals.

**WIND STAR**

An Afghan boy, Makhser Mohammad, rescued from a sinking refugee boat off Australia four years ago has been picked to play for New Zealand's national junior team.



# WHITE FC vs RED FU GAME ON

What happens when Oz rock's finest battle it out for football glory? Goals were scored, egos were bruised and fame ensued as Re:Boot invited eight top Aussie musos to play in the first-ever Booty Cup 2005 in Sydney recently ...

# BOOTY CUP 2005 LINE-UPS

**CAPTAIN  
Pinky Beecroft**

On Field: Central Midfielder  
Off Field: Frontman, Machine Gun Zealot  
Game Skill: Work-rate and commitment

Football is ...  
"God's way of saying  
everything is okay"



R.F.U

**CAPTAIN  
Damien Lovelock**

On Field: Central Defender  
Off Field: Oz Rock Legend  
Game Skill: Psyching out the line team

Football is ...  
"Swan Lake with goals"



W.F.C

**Rosie Beaton**

On Field: Midfielder  
Off Field: Announcer, Triple J  
Game Skill: Wicked girls kicks

W.F.C

**Rob Hezkial**

On Field Position: Striker  
Off Field: Flyer, Kid Confucius  
Game Skill: Shooting from distance

R.F.U

**Tony Buchman**

On Field: Central Midfielder  
Off Field: Frontman, The Biggerman  
Game Skill: Organising midfield

R.F.U

**Gracie Otto**

On Field: Midfield/Striker  
Off Field: DJ and Actor  
Game Skill: Steptovers

W.F.C

**Adam Yee**

On Field: Central Midfielder/Goalkeeper  
Off Field: Bass Guitarist, Smudge  
Game Skill: Versatility

W.F.C

**Shannon Kennedy**

On Field: Goalkeeper/Striker  
Off Field: Dude, Oz Backs  
Game Skill: Kicking Power

R.F.U

**Darren Cross**

On Field: Keeper/Defender  
Off Field: Frontman, Gerling  
Game Skill: Barrier-like tackling

R.F.U

**Adam Byrne**

On Field: Goalkeeper  
Off Field: Frontman, In the Grey  
Game Skill: Top-rate shotstopper



# FIRST HALF

00:00:00

## THE BOOTY CHALLENGE

To go down in Booty Cup history as the first ever winners of this event. The fans have made their way to the venue full of anticipation of a classic Booty Cup encounter between two evenly matched sides. The chance of picking up the new trophy has been a goal of all of fans as the referee blows the whistle it's game on.

03:27:00

## BEATON ON SONG EARLY FOR WHITES

Rosie "Beckham" Beaton fires off the first goal attempt for WFC with a wicked, curling shot that bamboozles Red FU's defence but goes agonisingly wide. The Triple J announcer is surprising the crowd, her team and the opposition with her mesmeric "Becky" Hicks. WFC are dominating the early part of the Cup.

10:45:00

## LOVELOCK AND BEECROFT BATTLE

With the Celibate Rifles frontman causing havoc with WFC's game plan, he's met with a crunching challenge from Pinky Beecroft. Gerling's Darren Cross vows revenge on the WFC star midfielder as his captain slowly recovers to be back playing in no time at all. This incident seems to fire up RFU, who are now in control of proceedings.



11:30:00

### YELLOW CARD STUNS PINKY

Pinky Beecroft pleads his innocence but the referee is not falling for it as he is the first Booty Cup player in the book. Further trouble for WFC with two quick goals by Red FU making it 2-0. Beecroft is devastated his game plan (see below) looks to have failed. RFU are winning all the possession and seem in total command.

32:15:00

### PENALTY DRAMA AS OTTO STEPS UP

Theatrics from Red FU's strikeforce results in a controversial penalty. WFC supporters are up in arms while RFU fans are doing the Mexican wave. Captain Lovelock gives penalty taker Gracie Otto his penalty tips before she attempts the kick for a 3-0 lead. The crowd falls silent as the blonde striker steps up to take the decisive shot...

43:55:00

### KENNEDY SAVES - WFC INSPIRED

Gracie shoots - Kennedy saves! WFC fans are in raptures as the red shirts seem stunned. This Booty Cup brilliance seems to lift the white shirts as they, incredibly, score two goals in the space of as many minutes to level the game at 2-2. Going into the halftime break, it's WFC who have the psychological advantage. Will it prove significant?

### WFC GAME PLAN

**"CONSERVE ENERGY EARLY AND FINISH STRONGLY"**





# SECOND HALF

45:00:00

## TACTICAL SWITCH AT HALFTIME

As the two teams recharge with refreshments and massages, Adam Yee of Smudge replaces Shannon Kennedy in the WFC goal. There are no changes for the RFU side as a supremely confident Lovelock predicts his side can win it from here. Beecroft rallies his troops for the final 45 minutes of the Booty Cup 2005 ...

61:56:00

## BUCHMAN GOES ON WARPATH

With Hezkial and Beecroft starting the second half strongly for WFC, Baggsmen singer Tony Buchman goes on a one-man war to slow down the endless waves of WFC raids. Hezkial gets outmuscled while captain Pinky is the recipient of some tough love from battler Buchman as Booty Cup emotions threaten to boil over.

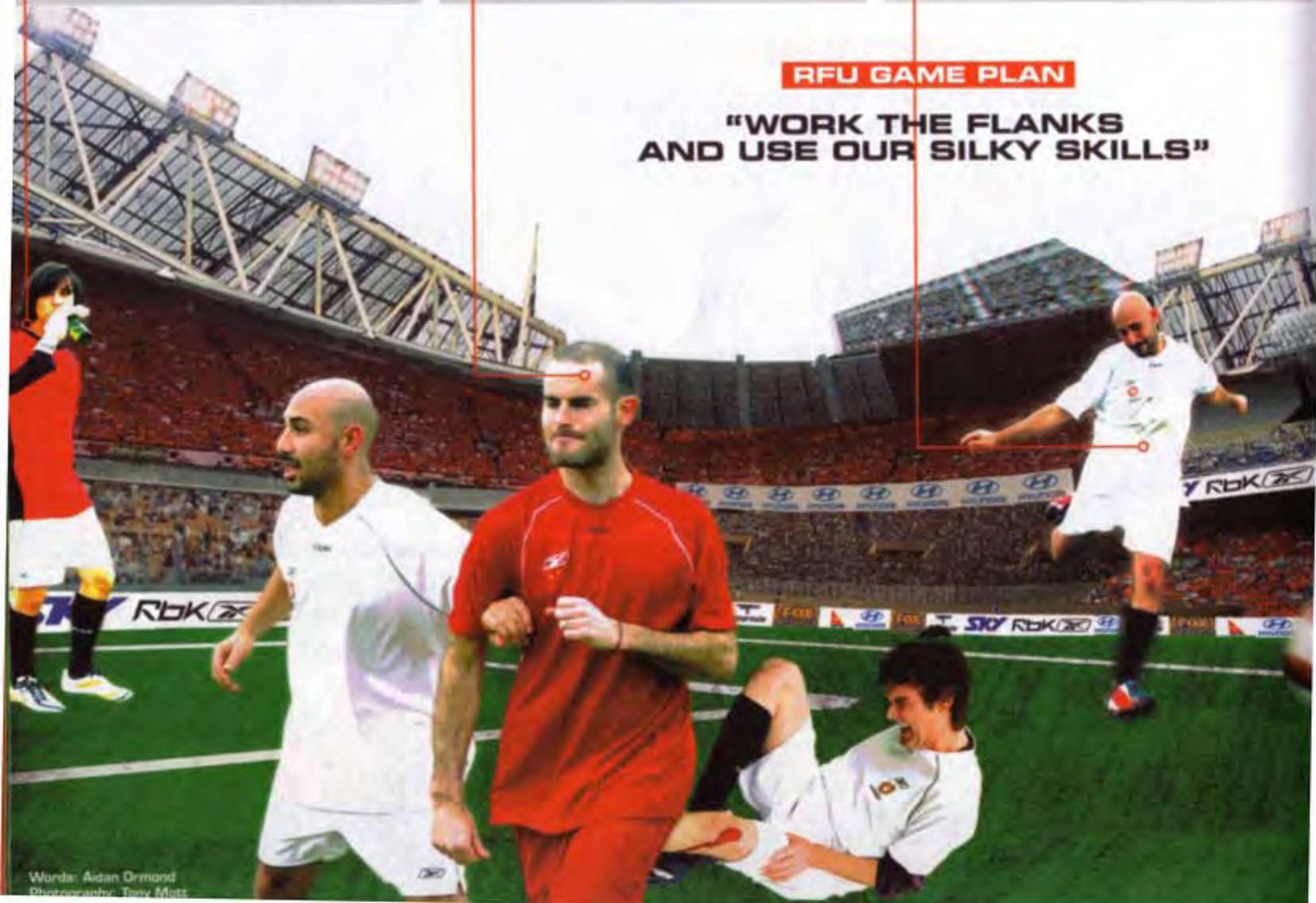
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## HEZKIAL'S SUPER STRIKE STUNS REDS

The game's stellar moment arrives in the 75th minute. WFC work the ball from side to side as Beecroft receives the ball from Beaton in a wide position. The frontman for MGF dribbles the ball forward, steadies and crosses low for man of the match Hezkial to slam home from three yards. A brilliant goal and a stunning comeback for WFC.

## RFU GAME PLAN

**"WORK THE FLANKS AND USE OUR SILKY SKILLS"**





90.56.00

## REDS' DESPERATE FINAL MOMENTS

The final ten minutes of the cup are enthralling. WFC clear the ball off the line while the impressive Gracie Otto has a shot that hits the post for RFU. The red shirts throw everything at the WFC goal but somehow the whites hold on for a history making win. RFU are distraught as the celebrations are in full swing for WFC.

90.56.00

## 'MAGIC' DAY SAYS ECSTATIC HEZKIAL

Man of the match Rob Hezkial praised his WFC team-mates and said the Booty Cup 2005 was the most "magic day" of his football life. "We bloody won and I'm taking the Booty Cup trophy with me on the Qantas flight tonight," declared a champagne-soaked Beecroft moments after the final whistle. What a day!

MAN OF THE MATCH

## ROB HEZKIAL

brought to you by Powerade



BOOTY CUP ROOKIE AWARD

## ROSIE BEATON





Hoodie & Boots by Reebok. T by Tight Knickers. Jeans by Mavi. Photography by Chris Ferguson

Saturday Arvo  
Game's over  
Party's **ON**



**IT'S FOOTBALL**  
**BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT**



HYUNDAI  
**A-LEAGUE**

Pat Kembla, 2005

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AVG

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Amy Taylor.

First played age 11.

National team member since 1997.

Over 24 caps for the Qantas Matildas



my Taylor  
Garcas Morales Defender



# PROFILE: CHAD GIBSON

CAPTAIN & DEFENDER, QLD ROAR, HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

There was never any doubt Chad Gibson would be a football player. His father was a professional brought out to Australia from South Africa and his older brother John played 300 games in Australia's now defunct national soccer league (NSL).

But when you meet Chad – who will lead Queensland Roar in the Hyundai A-League this season – you soon realize there's more to him than meets the eye. While he appreciates the likes of David Beckham and Thierry Henry, he derives much inspiration from those musicians and political leaders on the world scene who've had a single-minded determination to achieve a goal in life.

"I respect people who have a goal, create their own niche and don't follow the mainstream," reveals Chad, from his Coffs Harbour hotel balcony during a pre-season tournament recently.

"Pharrell Williams [of the Neptunes and NERD fame], his style, the way he carries himself and the fact that not only does he produce music for himself and other stars, but he has

Nelson Mandela is another person who Chad cites as an influential figure. "With my dad being from South Africa, I've got a link with the country. How Mandela spent years in jail but once he was freed he did so much for people of the world ... for humanity within South Africa and on the world stage. That's inspiring to me," he says.

Chad has played on the world stage himself. After beginning his career playing NSL in the mid-90s, as well as a brief stint in Malaysia, he had the opportunity to play in Norway in 2000. The idea of playing in a completely different environment and

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a clothing label, too ... that is impressive. The way he combines the music with the whole lifestyle and fashion thing ... I really look up to," says Chad.

"And he produces the hottest music out there these days," he adds.

Interestingly, Chad himself could be joining the fashion industry in the future. There's talk of a clothing label, though he is reluctant to go into more detail at this stage.

culture appealed to his sense of adventure, but it wasn't all smooth sailing.

"It was a brilliant experience playing in Norway with Bodo Glimt. It's a beautiful country, but the coach who brought me over got sacked after five games and the new coach just didn't want me," he explains. "My face didn't fit."

The Scandinavian stint, however, gave him a greater appreciation of life here. "I travelled through Europe with the team but you realise how blessed we are to live in a country like Australia."

Chad recently appeared in the TV ad for the new Hyundai A-league, which was shot by filmmaker Ridley Scott's production team. As the Roar skipper says, "While football is my game, I love experiencing different things in life."

Words: Aidan Ormond

# FOOTBALL INFERNO



## FOR DIE-HARD FANS

English club Reading have an unusual piece of merchandise – a blue-and-white-striped coffin with club badge, a picture of their stadium and a football. Why? So fans can take their beloved club to the grave. Club chaplain Barry Kirk said, "You love your club through life and death. Increasingly more people have wanted their last wishes to be honoured by having a ceremony at the football club or have their ashes scattered around there." Amen.



## OR NEAREST OFFER

After failing to give away his team, a Romanian football club owner is making a last ditch attempt to offload it on ebay. Despite their moniker "The Champion of a Great Love" the Universitatea Crivova team owner Dinel Staicu, can't seem muster up any passion (or compassion) for the beleaguered team. If you're looking for a long term commitment, bid now!

## BILLIONAIRE BUYS BLUES BULLET-PROOF BUS



Just like the US president, English premier league champs Chelsea have bought a \$1.4 million bullet-proof bus. This oversized limo will ensure the safe arrival of their \$150 million worth of football talent. A fan of day spas, club owner, Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, has had the vehicle fitted with massage tables and a hydrotherapy pool so the boys arrive alive and replenished.

## BECKS' HAIR-DO A HAIR-DON'T

The politics of style have reached fever pitch. Young Chinese players with a flair for fashion have been banned from copying any of Beckham's many hairstyles, including the Foxhawk. The crackdown by China's Football Association have left the country's under-17 squad little option but to sport short back and sides.

## DESPERATELY SEEKING STRIKERS!



A reality TV show has been launched in Brazil, on the quest to find the next Pele or Meradona. Broadcasters hope thousands of teenage football wannabes will heed the call to stardom. Each contender will demonstrate their ball skills to an audience of millions, while a selection panel including Mario Lobo Zagallo, from the World Cup winning Brazilian national team, will decide!

## PLAYER GETS PIZZA THE ACTION

A Norwegian footballer has agreed to play for a club in Norway because it promised him as much pizza as he could eat. Norway's lower division teams have made headlines for unusual contracts before, with one player being sold for his weight in prawns!



# REVIEW



## PS2

### This Is Football 2005 - Sony Playstation 2

For those familiar with football games, This Is Football (TIF) may not have the instant identification of the Fifa or Pro Evo franchises but what it lacks in familiarity it makes up for with a free-flowing arcade style game made less for realism and more for straight out fun.

Game play is simple and high speed - focusing on all out attack rather than defence. The real strength with TIF 2005 is its multiplayer function which, unlike other football games, allows your mates to get into it quick and have some serious fun. TIF's best innovation comes from the use of the Eye Toy Cameo, which allows you to take photos of yourself so you can put yourself in the game and become a football hero.

For the serious football game heads, you're probably better off sticking with the traditional simulation type games but if you want to give your mates half a chance or if you have real (imaginary) aspirations of playing in the top flights, then TIF is the one for you.

Ben Goodwin

"I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars. The rest I just squandered." **George Best, footballer & playboy.**  
 "Alex Ferguson is the best manager I've ever had at this level. Well, he's the only manager I've actually had at this level. But he's the best manager I've ever had." **David Beckham**





## PEACE IN THE STREETS

In 1994, Colombian player Andrés Escobar was shot dead in the weeks after scoring an own goal in the USA World Cup. This tragedy spawned a project to give Colombian youths the chance to face each other without weapons and learn, through playing football, peaceful ways of resolving "conflicts". In 1996, 'Football For Peace' was started in Medellin, Colombia – one of the world's most violent cities. Soon, 500 such teams were in Medellin alone. In April, 2002, the concept spread to Europe and Berlin-based Street Football World ([www.streetfootballworld.org](http://www.streetfootballworld.org)) began working with youths from more than 20 nations. SFW is now preparing for its most ambitious project to date – the first-ever Street Football World Cup, to be held in conjunction with the 2006 World Cup in Germany. Playing in a purpose-built street stadium, 24 teams will compete during the last week of the Cup. With Afghan, Serbian, Rwandan and Israeli/Palestinian teams participating, this special sporting event might just show that you can make love not war with the ball.

## GAMBLING SPREE TRUNKATED



In a lateral approach to discouraging gambling on the 2004 European Soccer Championships, Thai officials organized a football match between elephants and prisoners. During the treacherous game, nervous prisoners ducked and weaved through a stampede of ball-kicking elephants to score the first goal. While the "trunkball" ground rules were unclear, the elephants, guided by their riders, seemed adept at striking the oversize ball. So did this unique man vs. beast showdown actually reduce gambling? Well, all bets are off.

## FLICKER FEST

Subuteo – or flick football, because of the way you flick the little plastic player to kick the ball – was first developed in 1947 by Englishman Peter Adolph. Today, more than 300,000 sets of this lounge room football phenomenon are sold worldwide every year. The game also has a cult following in the music world with fans in bands like Primal Scream and the Beastie Boys.



Available in over 16 languages, anyone can play the game and become the world's finest flicker. Get the lowdown at [www.subuteo365.com](http://www.subuteo365.com)

## NO FIXED ADDRESS



You don't need a roof over your head to play the game. 31 countries competed in the Homeless World Cup 2005 in Edinburgh this year, with 'The Street Socceros' representing Australia for the first time. After 114 matches favourites Italy took home the Cup. Cape Town, South Africa will host the 2006 Tournament. More: [www.streetssoccer.org](http://www.streetssoccer.org)

## FOOSBALL FEVER



Originating in Germany in the late 1920s, foosball or table soccer is fully professional these days. If your plastic men have the right moves, there's up to \$US100,000 in prize money on the table. To learn more, enrol at Foosball University: [www.foosball.com](http://www.foosball.com)

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**Interviewer:** "Would it be fair to describe you as a volatile player?" **Becks:** "Well, I can play in the centre, on the right and occasionally on the left side."

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# HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE SEASON DATES

1	8.00 pm	Fri 26 Aug	Newcastle Jets FC	v.	Adelaide United FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle
	8.00 pm	Fri 26 Aug	Perth Glory FC	v.	Central Coast Mariners FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth
	3.00 pm	Sun 28 Aug	Queensland Roar FC	v.	New Zealand Knights FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
	5.00 pm	Sun 28 Aug	Sydney FC	v.	Melbourne Victory FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
2	8.00 pm	Fri 2 Sep	New Zealand Knights FC	v.	Sydney FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland
	7.30 pm	Fri 2 Sep	Adelaide United FC	v.	Queensland Roar FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
	7.35 pm	Sat 3 Sep	Central Coast Mariners FC	v.	Newcastle Jets FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
	5.00 pm	Sun 4 Sep	Melbourne Victory FC	v.	Perth Glory FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne
3	7.30 pm	Fri 8 Sep	Adelaide United FC	v.	Melbourne Victory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
	7.35 pm	Sat 10 Sep	Central Coast Mariners FC	v.	New Zealand Knights FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
	7.35 pm	Sat 10 Sep	Perth Glory FC	v.	Queensland Roar FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth
	5.00 pm	Sun 11 Sep	Sydney FC	v.	Newcastle Jets FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
4	8.00 pm	Fri 16 Sep	Sydney FC	v.	Central Coast Mariners FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
	7.35 pm	Sat 17 Sep	Perth Glory FC	v.	Adelaide United FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth
	3.00 pm	Sun 18 Sep	Queensland Roar FC	v.	Melbourne Victory FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
	5.00 pm	Sun 18 Sep	Newcastle Jets FC	v.	New Zealand Knights FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle
5	8.00 pm	Thu 22 Sep	New Zealand Knights FC	v.	Perth Glory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland
	8.00 pm	Fri 23 Sep	Queensland Roar FC	v.	Sydney FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
	7.05 pm	Sat 24 Sep	Adelaide United FC	v.	Central Coast Mariners FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
	5.00 pm	Sun 25 Sep	Melbourne Victory FC	v.	Newcastle Jets FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne
6	8.00 pm	Fri 30 Sep	Central Coast Mariners FC	v.	Melbourne Victory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
	7.35 pm	Sat 1 Oct	Newcastle Jets FC	v.	Queensland Roar FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle
	7.35 pm	Sat 1 Oct	Perth Glory FC	v.	Sydney FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth
	8.00 pm	Sun 2 Oct	New Zealand Knights FC	v.	Adelaide United FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland
7	8.00 pm	Fri 7 Oct	Queensland Roar FC	v.	Central Coast Mariners FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
	7.35 pm	Sat 8 Oct	Newcastle Jets FC	v.	Perth Glory FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle
	5.00 pm	Sun 9 Oct	Sydney FC	v.	Adelaide United FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
	7.00 pm	Mon 10 Oct	Melbourne Victory FC	v.	New Zealand Knights FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne
8	7.30 pm	Fri 14 Oct	Adelaide United FC	v.	Newcastle Jets FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide
	7.35 pm	Sat 15 Oct	Melbourne Victory FC	v.	Sydney FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne
	6.00 pm	Sun 16 Oct	New Zealand Knights FC	v.	Queensland Roar FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland
	5.00 pm	Sun 16 Oct	Central Coast Mariners FC	v.	Perth Glory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford

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