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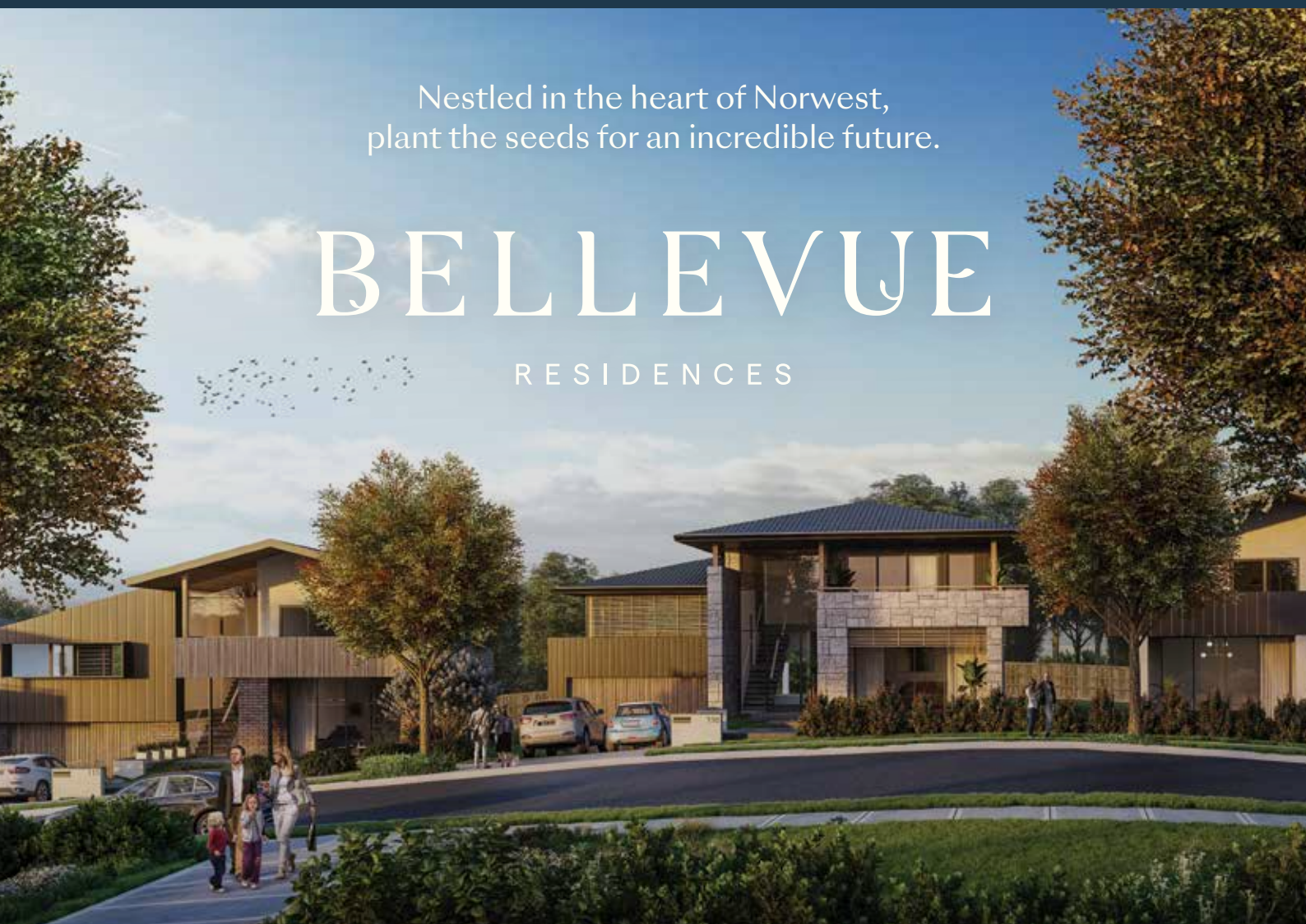


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When I was six years old, my Dad was killed in the civil war in Sudan. Life in Sudan was very difficult and the only thing we did was just play football without any shoes. I remember one day, my dad told us to never give up football and always be part of the game. When I came to Australia, we were very lucky to have our own clubs here in Western Sydney. I have been volunteering at the Wanderers since day one and I help with the Miniros games which bring together clubs from all over Western Sydney. Western Sydney is very multicultural and the club is based on that. The whole team has players from different backgrounds that all do well at that level because they know where they are from and what they are capable of. There's a hell of a lot of people that come out every game to support the club because the club is a part of the community. And the Wanderers have opened doors for everyone. The Wanderers are part of me and I can't deny it. We are Wanderers, we are the people of Western Sydney. This is our club, this is our team and wherever we go we are behind the Wanderers always. We are Wanderers forever.

Angok Bol, Wanderers Volunteer and Member# 444860

MATCH PREVIEW

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE ACTION is finally back this weekend with the Wanderers taking on Melbourne City tonight at ANZ Stadium.

The match will mark the third time the Wanderers and City have faced off this season with City securing the honours in each meeting so far.

The Red & Black will be looking to bounce back tonight from a very disappointing result in Wellington.

Mark Rudan's men were in top gear in the New Zealand capital and blew the Wanderers away with a lethal 21-minute spell which saw Roy Krishna, Mandi and David Williams all on target.

Wanderer Mitchell Duke netted a late consolation with a glancing header from Oriol Riera's cross but it failed to prevent a first defeat since February 1st for the Red & Black.

The recent time off has certainly come at the right time for the Wanderers who were without Keanu Baccus, Tass Mourdoukoutas and Abraham Majok in the Wellington fixture. Tonight's match will no doubt be an opportunity for the Red & Black to redeem themselves in their third last game at ANZ Stadium.

On the other hand, Melbourne City are filled with confidence and will be pushing for their third-straight win against the Red & Black this season.

City snapped a six-match winless run with an important three points against Sydney FC in Round 22 of the Hyundai A-League.

A Shayon Harrison brace secured the result for City who notched their first win against the Sydneysiders since the 2015/16 season. City tonight will be looking to continue their march towards the finals series and the Wanderers will no doubt be looking to rain on their parade and secure their first win against the Melbournians this Hyundai A-League season. **W**



(Left to right) All smiles from Mitchell Duke, Kwame Yeboah and Brendan Hamill at training, Giancarlo Gallifuoco controls the ball at training



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ON THIS DAY

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The first Socceroo to hail from one of the nations of former Yugoslavia Petar Vidovic was born on this day in 1926. Vidovic was born in Knin Croatia and played in the old Yugoslav league. After moving to Australia in 1949, he spent ten years with Footscray in Melbourne. Vidovic played twice for Australia in the 1950s and later moved to Canberra where he became a successful coach. [W](#)

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FIELD REPORTER

CATHERINE CANNULI
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TONIGHT WE'RE COMING together to not only watch a fantastic game of football but also to celebrate our diversity.

We are very lucky that Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate and work to constantly maintain this.

During my years of playing and of coaching, I've been very lucky to meet players from different backgrounds and cultures.

This Westfield W-League season alone we had players from 13 different backgrounds and it's important for us to make sure that they have a sense of belonging, regardless of their cultural or linguistic background.

It is important to remember though that the message of respect and belonging goes beyond tonight's celebration of multiculturalism and diversity.

We must continue to be an inclusive society, encouraging self-respect and the respect of others. [W](#)



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HAMILL HITS A CENTURY

BRENDAN HAMILL IS SET TO HIT A VERY BIG MILESTONE FOR THE CLUB TONIGHT

STORY BY JESSICA CSASZAR

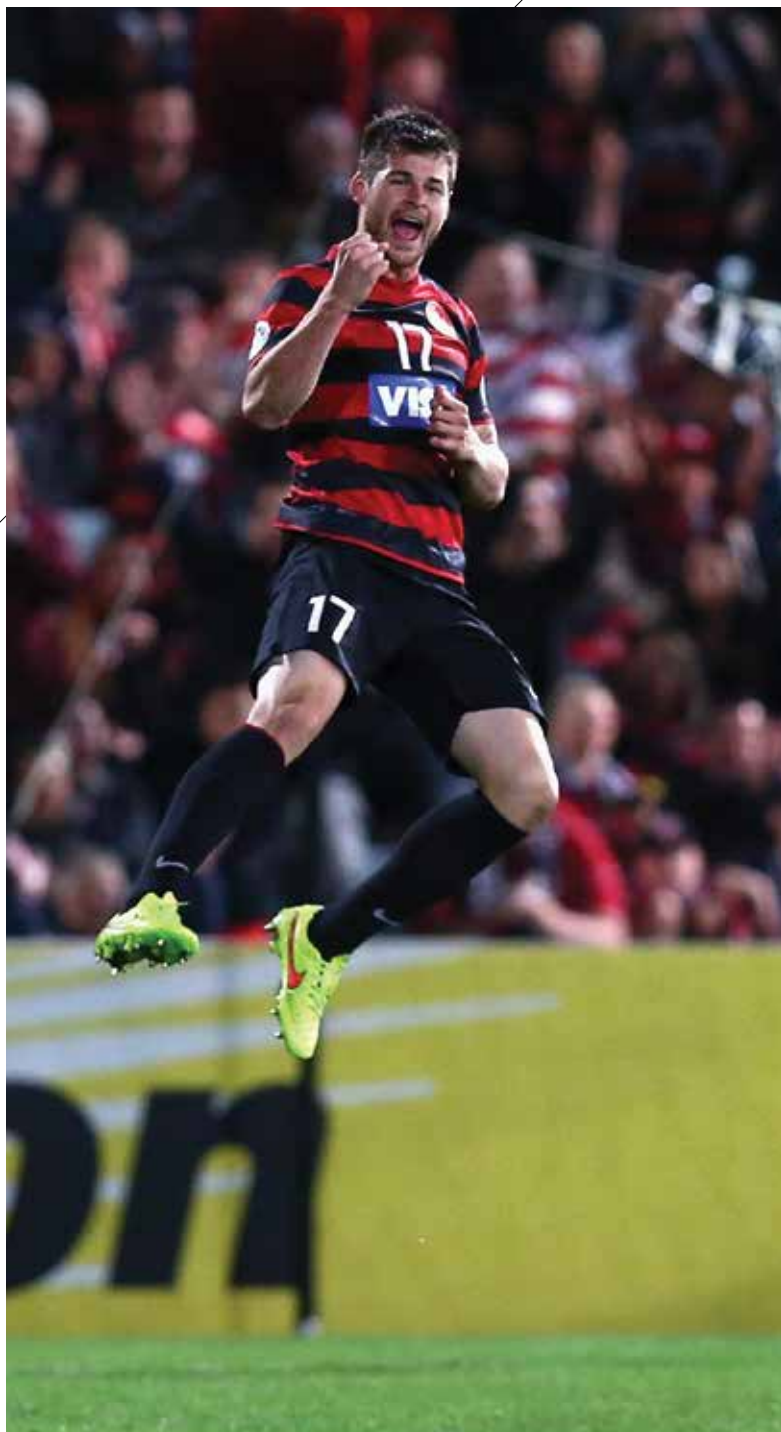
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RAISED IN CHIPPING Norton, Hamill began his football journey playing at his local side Chipping Norton FC before moving around through various state league sides until catching the eye of youth representative teams.

Signing with the Australian Institute of Sport in 2009, the defender with Irish heritage was soon promoted to the Institute's National Youth League side.

Following a great season in the Youth League, Hamill made the move to Hyundai A-League outfit Melbourne Heart (nee: City) where he played for two seasons until a move to Asia came calling in the form of K-League side Seogan Ilhwa Chunma.

During this time, Hamill represented Australia on several occasions in the U17, U20 and U23 sides and wore the captain's armband for the Joeys U17 campaign.



Injury unfortunately interrupted Hamill's time in Korea and in June 2014 the commanding defender returned to his hometown to sign with the Red & Black. Hamill arrived at a very critical time at the club and was immediately thrust into the action in the Wanderers AFC Champions League campaign where he made his debut against Guangzhou Evergrande in the Quarter Final. At only 21 year's of age, Hamill quickly began an integral piece in the Wanderers Champions League puzzle, helping assist the squad in their workload on both a domestic

and international level. Playing predominantly as a right-back during this period, Hamill went on to assist the Wanderers in their historic AFC Champions League victory against Saudi Arabian giants Al-Hilal. The young defender went on to have a very impressive Hyundai A-League season for the Red & Black and earned himself a two-year contract extension that saw him continue to pile his trade and development in Western Sydney. Hamill started off the 2015/16 season in the best possible way, scoring his first Wanderers



goal against Palm Beach Sharks in the Westfield FFA Cup Round of 16.. Off the pitch during this period, Hamill continued to be a role model for many young defenders in the Western Sydney region and was voted by the playing group, alongside Mark Bridge and Robbie Cornthwaite, as part of the Wanderers Captaincy Group under head coach Josep Gombau. Hamill's development didn't slow down, with the leadership role giving Hamill a new found sense of confidence and authority on the park. Having been born and bred in the West, Hamill has been a very rare breed of Wanderers player who has always worn his heart on his sleeve - understanding the enormity of playing for and representing the region where he grew up. Tonight's fixture against City will mark a very important milestone in Hamill's career with the defender set to play in his 100th competitive match for the club and he hasn't



taken any minute for granted.

"I grew up in Western Sydney, born and bred. So to play for your local club, to captain the people of Western Sydney - my family and friends, and wear the Red & Black with pride is huge for me," said Hamill.

"I grew up here, everything is here for me.

"It's my home and I never ever take it for granted.

"I never will and it's a dream come true for me."

Hamill's ongoing commitment to the Wanderers is a reflection of his love for the beautiful game, which has only grown since he arrived at the club.

"Football for me is a religion in my opinion," explained Hamill.

"The people of Western Sydney are so multicultural and come match day it's an amazing atmosphere.

"The fans turn up and everyone is speaking the same language in football.

"Families are paying their hard earned money week in and week out to support us.

"The people of Western Sydney are working class and our morals are similar.

"So the club and the people of Western Sydney go hand-in hand.

"And that's in our identity hard-work, dedication and discipline."

Hamill due to his ongoing solid performances and leadership has become a Wanderers legend in his own right and is slowly becoming one of the longest serving players in Wanderers history.

A lot has certainly changed since Hamill first arrived at the club as a fresh-faced youngster in 2014, but 100 games later one thing is certain - his integrity and purpose has always remained the same. To always fight for the Red & Black and the people of Western Sydney. **W**

(Left to right) Hamill celebrates following the Wanderers Champions League victory over Guangzhou Evergrande, Hamill celebrates with fans

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Born in Kenya, Kamau moved to Australia when he was 4-years-old and began his footballing career as a junior at N.A.B. before joining Campbelltown City in South Australia. Kamau had stints at both Adelaide City as well as Adelaide Olympic before signing for Hyundai A-League outfit Adelaide United. The pacey winger made his debut for Adelaide in the 2014 FFA Cup against Wellington Phoenix and scored his first Hyundai A-league goal in Round 20 of the 2015/16 season. In 2016, Kamau left Adelaide to join Melbourne City for two seasons. A year later, he was named in the Australian U23s team for the AFC U23s Championship qualifier and main tournament and in 2018 he joined the Wanderers.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

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Harrison joined City on the next step in his development pathway having impressed for Spurs' Premier League 2 side, Yeovil Town and Southend United. The pacey forward has also enjoyed a taste of the action at the highest level, coming on for the Spurs senior side in an English Football League Cup match against Liverpool at Anfield, as well as having trained with the England squad ahead of the UEFA Euro 2016 tournament.

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PLAYERS TO WATCH

FROM BALL BOY TO FIRST TEAM PLAYER

IT'S A STORY THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

A VERY FAMILIAR FACE in the Wanderers Academy made their Hyundai A-League debut in the Red & Black's Round 22 clash against Wellington Phoenix at Westpac Stadium. 18-year-old defender Daniel Wilmering came on as a substitute in the 95th minute of the match, marking not only the youngster's Hyundai A-League debut but also the seventh Wanderers Academy to get minutes this season. When the Wanderers played their first-ever match in the Hyundai A-League, Wilmering was right on the sideline as one of the club's ball boys.

As well as being a foundation member of the club, along with his whole family, the ball boy role was a position he fulfilled at most home games for about two-and-a-half-years. "I used to do quite a few games during the season, but I always used to beg for the derby games because they had the best atmosphere and I always used to ask to stand in front of the RBB," Wilmering re-called.

"It was such a great experience. I remember one game I was a bit slow to throw the ball back so defender (Nikolai) Topor-Stanley yelled at me.

"It was a little scary at the time, but it's funny when I look back at it now.

"(Being a ball boy) was exciting and it just made me want to get out onto the field even more. It kept me dreaming to hopefully play for the club one day."

Wilmering got the chance to live that dream in late 2015 when he joined the club's youth academy.

Since joining the Wanderers Academy, Wilmering has played an instrumental role in the Red & Black's backline and has been part of the Wanderers NPL 2 U18 and Foxtel Y-League Championship winning sides. The youngster got minutes during the Wanderers pre-season campaign under Markus Babbel and Wilmering got the call-up to travel to Wellington where he made his competitive debut as a substitute. Speaking following his Hyundai A-League debut for the club, Wilmering touched on the enormity of playing for the Red & Black. "It's very special, it means everything to me," said Wilmering of his late cameo off the bench at Westpac Stadium. "It was my goal ever since I joined the club back in 2015 - to progress through the academy and eventually play in the first team. "My short debut in Wellington was just a taste and it makes me want to work harder to keep achieving that goal."



Wilmering at the Wanderers Volunteer BBQ with Labinot Haliti, Jerome Polenz, Michael Beauchamp and Yousseff Hersi in 2013.

The call-up was certainly unexpected for the youngster, who didn't even know at the time whether his passport was valid for the trip. "I didn't really expect it. Dila (NPL head coach Arthur Diles) called me up on Thursday night and told me to check if my passport was valid," said Wilmering.

"I didn't know because I've never had to use my passport before, I've never been overseas." It is a trip the attack-minded left-back will never forget, even with the Wanderers on the end of a 3-1 defeat.

"There's a lot of experienced boys in that first team and they were very supportive," noted Wilmering.

"Straight after the game, you know they just lost 3-1 and the first thing that they did was congratulate me so to have guys that I look up to do that and give that congratulations meant a lot." Wilmering's debut continues the Wanderers' trend of bleeding youngsters this season, with seven Academy players now featuring in the Hyundai A-League in 2018/19.

"We have three boys over with the [Australian] U23s now and we had about six go for the qualifiers for the U20s, so it's definitely credit to the club for giving the young boys a chance," Wilmering said. "Markus Babel gives us young boys a lot confidence."

While currently on a youth-league contract at the club, Wilmering is hopeful his hard work and progression will see him remain with the Wanderers in years to come.

With the club set to move into their brand new Academy facilities in Blacktown as well as the state-of-the-art Bankwest Stadium in Parramatta next season, there would certainly be a nice sense of symmetry if the youngster could be running out in the opening match of the 2019/20 campaign.

"I've seen a lot of photos of the stadium on Facebook and Instagram and it looks amazing," said Wilmering.

"Hopefully I get to play there and I'll go from being a ball boy in the old stadium to playing in the new one." **W**



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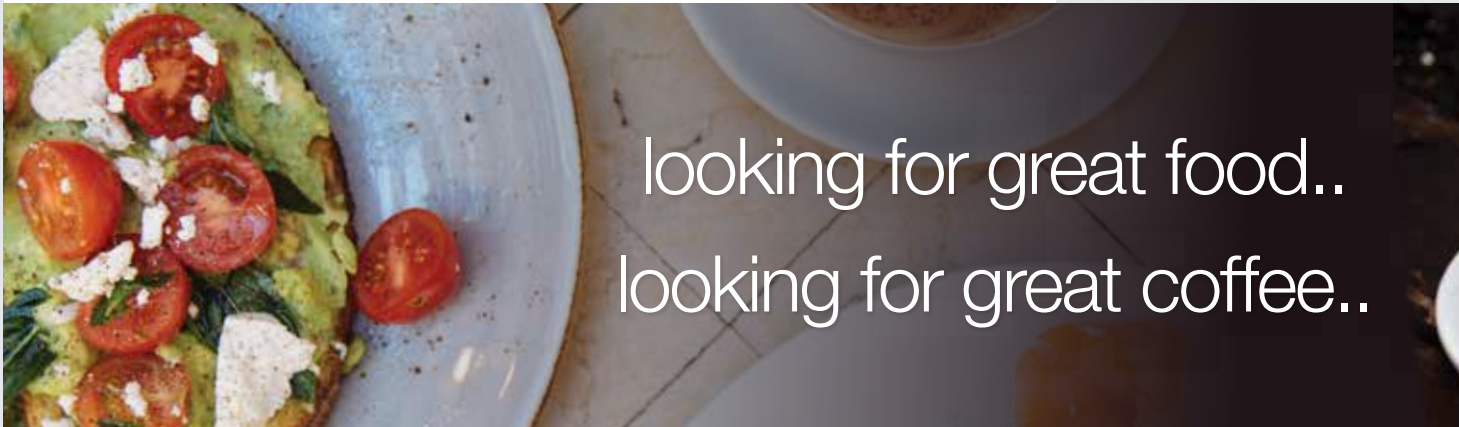
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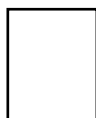


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Nick Suman recently took the boys to his junior club for a visit and a clinic! [W](#)

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JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Which Wanderers Academy player made their Hyundai A-League debut against Wellington Phoenix?
2. Name the three Wanderers who were away with the Australian U23s.
3. After tonight's match how many home games do the Wanderers have left this season?
4. Who is the Wanderers current leading goal scorer for this season?

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AT TONIGHT'S MATCH we'll be supporting Harmony Day and making sure that we create an inclusive and fun environment for everyone that attends tonight's match.

The Wanderers have celebrated Harmony Day since their inception and it's so important as Western Sydney is such a multicultural place.

This year also marks the 20-year anniversary of Harmony Day celebrations and since

there have been more than 77,000 Harmony Day events held across schools, community groups, governments and sporting codes.

So let's come together tonight with our friends and families to celebrate multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Harmony day is all about inclusiveness, respect and belonging and we can't wait to celebrate that with you tonight! 

IN CELEBRATING Harmony Day, we've got some top tips on how you can be more loving and inclusive at school!

- Include everyone in all your lunchtime activities. By doing this, encourage kids who you normally don't hang out with to spend some time with you and kick the ball around.
- Make new friends! Aim to make one new friend from a different background every week and get to know more about them and their family.
- Try to learn something new about a culture every week and share this with your classmates 



Spot the Difference: 1. The 'p' in Pepper Money is missing from Bruce Kamau's jersey 2. The Nike tick is missing from Tarek Elrich's sock 3. Bruce Kamau's boot is black 4. The stripe is missing from the back of Tass Mourdoukoutas' jersey 5. The Hyundai A-League logo is missing from the back of Tass Mourdoukoutas' jersey. Junior Quiz answers: 1. Daniel Wilmering, 2. Abraham Majok, Keanu Bacaus and Tass Mourdoukoutas, 3. Two, 4. Oriol Riera

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NPL FLYING HIGH

THE WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS NPL 2 FIRST GRADE TEAM HAVE GOTTEN OFF TO A NEAR PERFECT START

THE WESTERN SYDNEY Wanderers kicked off their National Premier League 2 campaign earlier this month with four matches now under their belts.

14 of the 22 players in the squad hail from the Western Sydney region with some new and familiar Academy faces added to this season's first grade squad.

The Red & Black are once again led by Arthur Diles, who headed into the NPL 2 season off the back of another successful Foxtel Y-League campaign which saw the Wanderers secure back-to-back Grand Final appearances.

Youngster Noah Pagden is also set to continue his journey at the Wanderers Academy, having been part of the system since it's inception.

The Red & Black kicked off their 2019 NPL 2 campaign with a 2-1 victory over North Shore Mariners at Sydney United Sports Centre.

Goals in each half from striker Mohamed Adam led the Wanderers to victory, while Mitchell Smith netted for North Shore.

It was Adam who had the Wanderers first chance of the match, beating a defender inside the area before testing Mariners goalkeeper Ryan Wood.

The North Shore outfit were proving to be a tough opponent with both Mohamed Al Taay and Mathieu Cordier forced into crucial blocks to stop dangerous counter attacks.

Then, on the stroke of half-time, the Red & Black took the lead.

Adam was the goalscorer, outrunning the defence before expertly lobbing the ball over Wood from just outside the penalty box. However, the Wanderers didn't carry the momentum into the second half and the Mariners found an equaliser soon after the restart with Smith finished from close range.

Despite a flurry of North Shore set pieces in stoppage time, the Red & Black hung on to grab the three points. The Wanderers then switched their attention to their Round 2 fixture against Central Coast Mariners where they suffered their first defeat of the season.

Despite Adam's second half strike, Central Coast prevailed thanks to goals from Charles William and Zera Soares.

Towards the end of the match, it looked as though the Wanderers would settle for a draw but the Mariners netted a stoppage-time winner.

The Red & Black then returned to winning ways courtesy to a 3-1 victory over Blacktown Spartans.

After Thomas Aquilina's goal was cancelled out by Spartans winger Christian Torrelli, Marley Peterson scored a brilliant second half double to secure all three points for the Red & Black.

The Wanderers almost had the lead inside the opening five minutes when Jarrod Carluccio got on the end of a Lochlan Constable free kick but the ball hit the crossbar and went over.

There were a couple of chances for Adam as well, while at the other end Wanderers goalkeeper Jack Greenwood showed great reflexes to prevent a mishit clearance going into the net.



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Just before the half hour mark, the Wanderers were in front after Aquilina stepped forward from defence, firing a 25 yard strike that was too powerful for Spartans goalkeeper Michael Figueira. With half-time approaching, there was a setback for the Wanderers when a goal from Spartans winger Christian Torrelli made it 1-1. However, the Red & Black weren't deterred by the equaliser, and were back in front a minute after the restart. Carluccio laid the ball off nicely for Peterson, and his curling strike from 25 yards went in via the post. Spartans almost found a second equaliser from a set piece soon afterwards, but two brilliant saves from Wanderers goalkeeper Jack Greenwood, plus a goal line clearance from Aquilina, kept the Wanderers in front. Spartans almost found a second equaliser from a set piece soon afterwards, but two brilliant saves from Wanderers goalkeeper Jack Greenwood, plus a goal line clearance from Aquilina, kept the Wanderers in front.

The Wanderers were flying at this stage and another goal was disallowed, before Adam was denied twice in the space of a minute by two excellent saves from Figueira. In the end, the Wanderers saw out the game comfortably and Carluccio could have added a fourth late on, but Figueira was able to tip his effort over the crossbar. The Red & Black then went on to record back to back wins in the NPL 2 competition with a convincing 4-0 victory over Macarthur Rams. First half strikes from John Roberts and Thomas Aquilina put the Red & Black in control before goals from Marley Peterson and Mohamed Adam rounded off the scoring. Roberts broke the deadlock after close calls at both ends. Peterson was the providers, putting in a teasing cross from the left wing which left Roberts with a simple finish. In the 40th minute, the Wanderers doubled their lead. Roberts was involved again, finding Adam in space and although his shot was saved, Aquilina followed up to net his second goal in two games.

The boys continued the momentum into the second half with chances for Peterson and Adam, before Wanderers substitute Samuel Silvera was denied twice in quick succession by Fernandez. The Wanderers then grabbed their third goal of the game midway through the second half thanks to Peterson who finished well after a cross from Roberts was parried into his path. Aquilina was having an excellent game and with about 15 minutes left, he played a part in the Wanderers fourth goal. The ball broke kindly for Aquilina on the edge of the penalty area, and he played it to Adam, who blasted the ball past Fernandez. The match marked another successful outing for the Red & Black who have now switched their attention to tomorrow night's match against Hills United at Marconi Stadium. With focus set on a successful season in the National Premier League, there's no doubt that there is plenty more positive results to come from the Red & Black. **W**

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ROUND THREE

Adelaide United 7 - 10 Western Sydney Wanderers

With both sides missing two of their three competitors, this fixture featured four legs between the remaining competitors.

Xbox/PS4: Rick "RickTran" vs Negede "Tyrone" Hunegaw

With two of the four legs being played before the broadcast, Tyrone and Rick were tied at 3-3, after playing out a 3-3 draw in the first leg, before a 0-0 draw in the second leg, which is the first time in E-League history two competitors have been unable to score in a regular season fixture.

Tyrone opened the scoring in the 29th minute of the third leg when Cristiano Ronaldo slotted home a low driven shot from the top of the box, before he doubled the lead in the 43rd minute. Rick managed to get a goal

back in the 67th minute, before Tyrone further extended his lead with two more goals to round out an impressive 4-1 win.

The final leg was yet another 3-3 draw as Rick looked to try claw back the deficit in the hopes of gaining the 3 points. Tyrone again opened the scoring in the 18th minute as Cristiano Ronaldo danced into the box. Rick then equalised and the two continued to trade goals as Tyrone finished off an impressive performance with a 90th minute equaliser to secure the three points with a 3-3 draw.

ROUND FOUR

Western Sydney Wanderers 10 - 8 Wellington Phoenix

Western Sydney welcomed the return of not one, but two of their competitors as they took on a Wellington side who had suffered

FOLLOWING A FOURTH-PLACED finish in the inaugural season of the E-League, the Wanderers are aiming to go for the title this year.

N8 OhNoAGoat returns for his second stint with the Wanderers while N8 Jaz has joined the club for his very first season.

With the inclusion of a substitute in this year's competition, the Red & Black have also recruited Western Sydney local Tyrone who will step in for Wanderers' competitors when they are unavailable due to International tournaments.

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(Left to right) Wanderers E-League competitors N8 Jaz and N8 OhNoAGoat

defeat at the hands of the top of the table Melbourne Victory.

Xbox: Justin "N8 JustManUtd" Josevski 3-4 Joseph "N8 OhNoAGoat" Nassar

Having returned from a tough FUT Champions Cup in Singapore, where he faced three of the world's top ten FIFA players, Western Sydney's OhNoAGoat looked to regain some confidence as he took on Wellington's JustManUtd.

A back and forth first leg saw JustManUtd open the scoring in the 21st minute after Ronaldo Nazario broke through the defence and slotted home the rebound after missing his first attempt. Kylian Mbappe equalised for OhNoAGoat in the 30th minute. Eusebio then retook the lead for JustManUtd in the 68th minute before Kylian Mbappe again equalised for OhNoAGoat in the 83rd minute seeing the first leg end 2-2.

It was again none other than Kylian Mbappe who opened the scoring in the second leg, although this time it was for JustManUtd. OhNoAGoat quickly equalised just two minutes later with his own Kylian Mbappe, before grabbing the eventual winner in the 74th minute with Cristiano Ronaldo which saw the second leg end 2-1.

PS4: Omer "oCenk_" Cenk 5-6 Joel "N8 Jaz" Andruszkiewicz

After making the quarter finals at the FUT Champions Cup in Singapore, Jaz looked to turn around his E-League form against Wellington's oCenk.

Things didn't start well for him either as Kylian Mbappe sprinted onto the end of a through ball from Ronaldo Nazario to open the scoring for oCenk in the 44th minute before Jaz equalised in the 61st minute courtesy of an El Tornado from Neymar. Jaz

then took lead as Pele finished from an acute angle in the 77th minute, before oCenk answered with two more goals of his own to lead 3-2. However, Jaz converted from the penalty spot in the 94th minute to secure a 3-3 first leg draw.

Jaz opened the scoring in the second leg in the 19th minute through Ronaldo Nazario, but oCenk managed to equalise eight minutes later through Cristiano Ronaldo. Jaz then scored in the 54th minute and oCenk again equalised in the 67th minute through Fijian Roy Krishna with Jaz scoring the eventual winner in the 70th minute to win 3-2 in the second leg.

The Wanderers representatives switched their attention to Melbourne City this week and you can watch the live replay of the match on the official E-League Twitch channel or the E-League HUB. [W](#)

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GIANCARLO OPENS UP ON HIS RETURN TO AUSTRALIA

FEEL FANTASTIC AND really honoured to have signed for the club.

Any opportunity to work with JP (Wanderers assistant coach Jean-Paul de Marigny) again, he used to be my coach when I was younger, I would have jumped at. Obviously the gaffer called me and spoke to me. I'm really grateful because I knew players on the team and everyone has given me a warm welcome.

I'm excited to be in be back in Australia and to have this opportunity to really help the team. Returning to Australia was a massive contributor in me signing for the club.

It's been about 10 years since I left Sydney and returning was a massive motivator for me.

In my whole career, as much as I've loved the clubs I've played for, you don't have that same connection like you do when you are from the city that the club comes from.

So this is a huge opportunity for me.

A major factor also in my return was that the club also has a big plan.

In the long-term the club is going in a really positive direction and I want to prove myself and show how much I want to be part of that. **W**

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Harmony Day is traditionally celebrated on the 21st of March each year and is designed to promote equality and cultural significance for all Australians through story-telling, the arts, and sport.

The Wanderers have been out at a number of community events over the next two weeks promoting inclusivity and multiculturalism in the lead-up to their match with it all kicking off at the Multicultural Futsal Series last Sunday. The Red & Black have also continued their pilot program of delivering membership packs to new migrants in the Western Sydney region in an effort to promote inclusivity and unity.

The membership on offer gives the groups, made up of new arrivals and migrants across Western Sydney, access to Wanderers matches and also includes a membership hat, scarf and free train travel to and from the matches.

The Wanderers will also have a number of community groups at tonight's match as well as flags from the backgrounds of each Western Sydney Wanderers Hyundai A-League, Westfield W-League and Foxtel Y-League player being waved as the players walk out.

Following the match, the Wanderers will be back out in the community wrapping up their Harmony Day celebrations with events at RunWest as well as Lurnea Public School, Cabramatta East Public School, and Doonside Technology High. [W](#)



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