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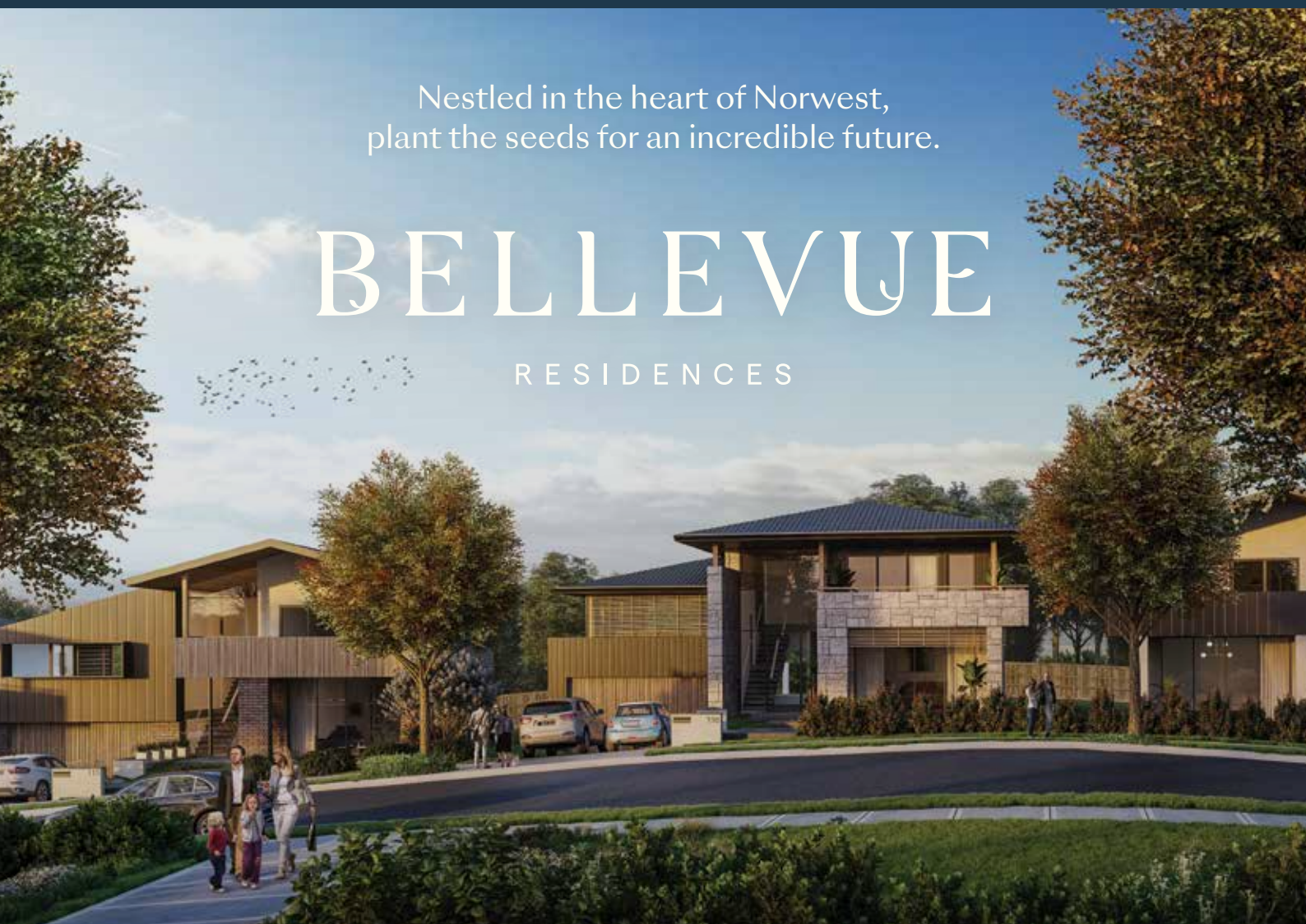


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Gabrielle Dracopoulos Member #12312

MATCH PREVIEW

IT'S ALMOST BETTER than Christmas... It's Derby Day with the Red & Black hosting their cross-city rivals in the final Sydney Derby at ANZ Stadium tonight.

The Wanderers head into tonight's match after a recent 3-2 loss to Newcastle Jets at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Goals to Roy O'Donovan, Dimitri Petratos and Angus Thurgate cancelled out goals from Rashid Mahazi and Keanu Baccus, securing all three points for the home side.

It was an entertaining first half by the Red & Black who dominated from the outset and should have gotten more out of the fixture. Despite the Jets taking the lead through O'Donovan, Mahazi made the scores level before the end of the first half.

Mahazi hadn't scored in any of his previous 86 Hyundai A-League games but broke his duck with a towering header from Alex Baumjohann's free-kick.

The second half saw Petratos put the Jets in front after an error by keeper Vedran Janjetovic before Baccus fired home an epic long-distance effort.

There would be one final twist in this epic contest as Thurgate capitalised on a mix-up at the back from Brendan Hamill and Tarek Elrich to slot into the bottom corner.

Tonight's match will be an interesting test for the Red & Black who have been consistently building on their previous performances. The Sky Blues will be flying high though after a last-gasp winner against Melbourne Victory in the Big Blue last Saturday night. Goals from Brandon O'Neill and Kosta Barbarouses inside the first 16 minutes looked like it would be the story of the match until Milos Ninkovic's late heroics. But it's not all positives for Sydney, who have been thrown a spanner in the works in their Derby preparations with a mid-week AFC Asian Champions League clash against Shanghai SIPG. Despite the two sides very different positions on the Hyundai A-League ladder this season, one thing for certain is that previous results are thrown out the window when it comes to Derby day. So buckle up and get ready for another very entertaining Sydney Derby fixture. **W**



(Top) All smiles from Mitchell Duke at training. (Left) Vedran Janjetovic in the zone at training

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The Matildas qualified for their third Women's World Cup on this day in 2003. In the team's last Oceania qualifying campaign before moving to Asia, Australia finished first in a five-team round-robin tournament with a final match day win over New Zealand, qualifying directly into the Women's World Cup later in 2003. Despite being the strongest team in Oceania over the previous decade, the Matildas struggled in their three World Cups from 1995 to 2003. [W](#)

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VALE ALEX AND DANIEL

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our Foundation Powerchair player and Foundation Member #17403 Alex Scollard and Foundation Member #19168 Daniel Newcombe. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Scollard and Newcombe families and friends during this difficult time.

Alex was a true inspiration for those afflicted with Duchenne and had recently completed the 172km Walk 4 Duchenne earlier this year with his family. His family have asked in lieu of flowers donations can be made at Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation - saveoursons.org.au.

Daniel was a massive Wanderers fan who attended the home games with his dad Ross. Daniel participated in the World Powerchair Hockey Championships with the Australian Sliders last year in Italy. [W](#)

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THE RESURGENCE

THE WANDERERS HAVE FOUND THEIR FEET AHEAD OF THEIR EPIC RETURN TO WANDERLAND

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WITH LESS THAN 100 days to go until the Red & Black return to their spiritual home of Wanderland to take on English giants Leeds United, the Wanderers have begun their run to form in the perfect way ahead of their trip home. It has certainly been a mixed bag of results for the Wanderers since they began 'wandering' throughout Sydney Olympic Park after the demolition of Pirtek Stadium in Parramatta.

Their displacement has brought it's own set of challenges but under the guidance of head coach Markus Babbel, the Wanderers look to have finally found a new spark. The Wanderers late resurgence at the end of the 2018/19 season can be credited to many things.

Firstly, the arrival of many new and important recruits during the January player window has sparked a new form of life in the squad.

Mitchell Duke, Kwame Yeboah and the late signing of Giancarlo Gallifuoco have given the Red & Black not only something to sing for, but something also to believe in.

In particular, Duke's impact at the club has seen him aptly named the "Duke of Western Sydney" - a credit to his passionate nature and fiery determination every time he steps onto the park.



Duke alone has had 19 shots on target in his eight matches for the club, converting four of those and one which included a very memorably splits goal celebration. The 27-year-old has also pushed the Red & Black to new heights thanks to his leadership off the park, treating each training session as if it were game day and providing guidance to the next generation of Wanderers. Quietly in the wings, Kwame Yeboah has also been making fantastic progress and his own impact at the Red & Black. Having returned to Australia following stints in Germany with Borussia Mönchengladbach, Paderborn and SC Fortuna Köln, Yeboah has made the Red & Black his own. Having featured in eight Wanderers matches so far, Yeboah has had a total of 17 shots and has two goals to his name. Gallifuoco, having featured in a handful of games so far, has been the grit and fortitude the Wanderers

have been missing. Playing both a starting role and a role coming off the bench, the youngster has so far had an 80% tackle success rate. A bully in the midfield, Gallifuoco will not doubt be looking to make a name for himself in tonight's Derby going off his recent passionate displays for the club. Apart from the new faces to don the Red & Black hoops at the back-end of the season, the next generation of Wanderers stars have also helped the Red & Black build for not only their return to Wanderland but also for future generations to come. The Wanderers have had a league high of youngsters get minutes in their senior ranks this season and from what we've seen so far, the future is very bright. There's no doubt that we will be seeing the likes of Keanu Baccus, Nicholas Suman, Tass Mourdoukoutas, Tate Russell, Marc Tokich and Mathieu Cordier and Kosta Grozos in the Red & Black in many years to come.

(Left to right) Mitchell Duke celebrates his goal with his signature celebration, Keanu Baccus celebrates with Kwame Yeboah in Perth

And third and finally with belief and confidence, comes a very powerful resurgence. Senior players such as Brendan Hamill, Tarek Elrich and Vedran Janjetovic have all been thriving under the tutelage of head coach Markus Babbel and will be no doubt looking to kick it up another notch next season when the club returns to Wanderland. Despite it's challenges, the trade-off for this season has been worth it with the Red & Black set to return to Wanderland stronger than ever. The countdown is officially on for the Wanderers return home and we can't wait to see what's to come. **W**



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#22 MIDFIELDER

Mahazi joined the Wanderers this season from Victorian Premier League club Moreland Zebras. The defensive midfielder has had a wealth of experience in the Hyundai A-League, winning both the Championship and Premiership in 2014/15 as well as the FFA Cup in 2015. Mahazi hadn't scored in any of his previous 86 Hyundai A-League games but broke his duck with a towering header last Saturday in Round 24 of the Hyundai A-League against the Newcastle Jets.



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GOALS

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DUEL SUCCESS RATE

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INTERCEPTIONS

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#8 MIDFIELDER

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Paulo Retre joined the Sky Blues in June 2017. The versatile Retre, who has experience playing in defence and both as a defensive and attacking midfielder won a number of accolades during his first season at the club.

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MAJOK INSPIRING NEXT GEN

ABRAHAM MAJOK HAS FOLLOWED IN THE
FOOTSTEPS OF DISTANT COUSIN AWER MABIL
TO INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF AFRICAN
AUSTRALIANS

ABRAM MAJOK REMEMBERS watching in awe as young Awer Mabil erupted onto the Hyundai A-League stage six years ago.

Little did he know that he and the then-Adelaide United teenager had more in common than he originally thought. Not only are Majok and Mabil former Kenyan-born refugees to South Sudanese parents, but also happen to be distant cousins through Majok's grandmother.

Indeed, it is the same Kakuma camp where many hardships were endured by both as young children which Mabil returned to in 2014 to establish his Barefoot to Boots charity, earning him the FIFPro Merit Award last November.

This remarkable journey, coupled with some eye-catching displays for the Socceroos, has catapulted Mabil into the national spotlight in recent months and inspired the 20-year-old Western Sydney Wanderers striker Majok.

The pair's shared story of hope is one mirrored by thousands of African Australian migrants across Australia. And, on the back of his distant relatives rapid rise to stardom, the young Wanderers front man is also emerging as a torch bearer for the most ethnically diverse region in the country.

"It's crazy how far he's gone now," said Majok.

"Having people like him there sets a standard to show that anything is possible regardless of where you come from.

"It gives you that hope that although, okay, I'm in a different country and different culture, there's opportunities out there for you to make something of yourself.

"You've just got to have that belief to push yourself. And with him being there as a role model for the kids coming up now as well to see that you can do something with your life as long as you put your mind to it and keep pushing.

"With myself now, in this position, I meet a lot of other kids as well that tell me that want to be like me.

"I keep telling them 'just be yourself and you'll go far'.

'Just keep believing in what you do. It's incredible and it's unbelievable at the same time.

"Having someone like him there (helped) guide me to where I am today."

Majok and his family arrived in Australia in 2005 and settled in Blacktown at the age of seven, where his mother gently forced him to take up football to ease the transition from Kakuma.



The move met with initial resistance, but Majok would eventually join local club Marayong and feverishly studied YouTube videos of Cristiano Ronaldo and stay back at his local park until darkness.

He was eventually signed by Mount Druitt Town Rangers, with whom Majok received his breakthrough moment - a late double against the Wanderers National Youth League side in 2017.

Three players on that evening - Majok, Tate Russell and Mathieu Cordier - all made their maiden Hyundai A-League starts for the Wanderers this season.

The trio join the likes of midfield general Keanu Baccus, goalkeeper Nick Suman and defender Tass Mourdoukoutas as a cluster of Wanderers academy graduates currently in Markus Babbel's first team plans.

"It's very special for all of the boys, especially through playing the academy together and to be able to get the opportunity to play in the first team," he said.

"It definitely makes me proud especially to represent the Western Sydney area as well.

"It just shows that anything can happen. I know the area so well, I've always been a fan, I'd seen a few games.

"To find myself playing alongside players currently in the team it just like a surprise and a shock that I go through daily." **W**



(Top to bottom) Majok modelling the Wanderers away kit this season, Majok control possession against Newcastle Jets



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Danijel NIZIC	Goalkeeper	Centuria
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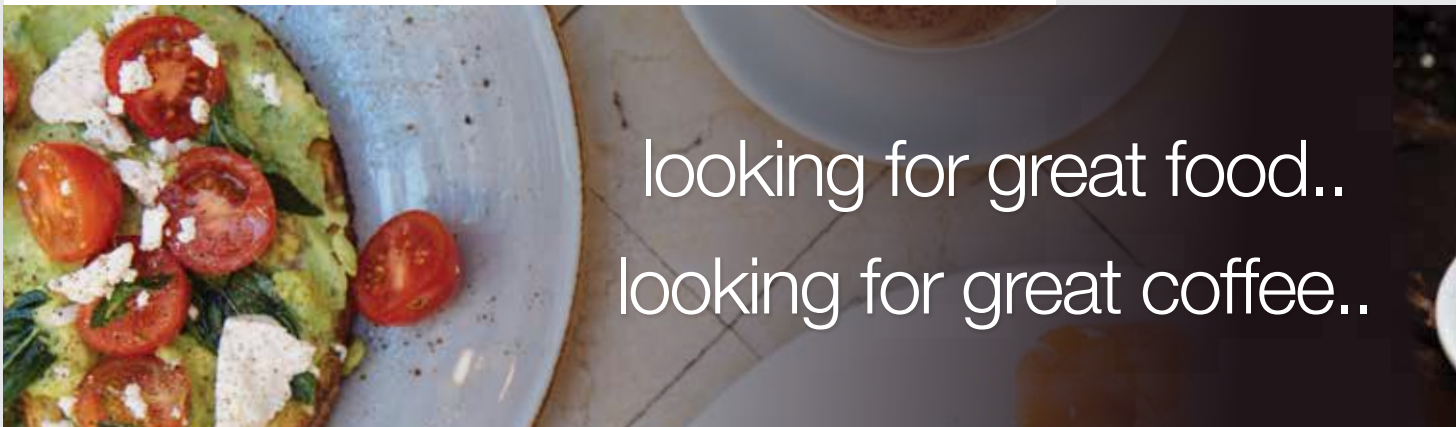


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HIS WEEK'S JUNIOR Wanderers are from St Clair

Strikers in the Nepean FA! The team were our player mascots at our last home match against Melbourne City! 

ARE YOU A JUNIOR WANDERER?

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JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Which Wanderer recently reached 100 matches for the club?
2. Name the two signings the Wanderers made in January
3. Following tonight's match, how many games do the Wanderers have left at ANZ Stadium and who are their opponents?
4. What was the score in the Wanderers Round 23 match against Melbourne City and who were the goal scorers?

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IS THERE ANYTHING better than the lead-up to Derby week?

We've been out and about in the community recently to drum up support for the Red & Black this Derby day!

It all started with our participation in RunWest and where we ran in the 4km race at Blacktown International Sports Park!


It was so cool to meet and make some valuable friendships with some of the Wanderers that were on the run and we hope we get to see some of them again tonight!

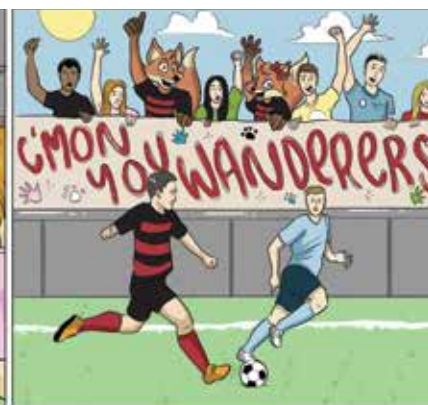
The run was located near Wanderers headquarters and we also had a great time playing in the dribble zone post-match!

Remember, feel free to come and say hi if you see us around at the game tonight. 

BE HEALTHY, GET ACTIVE!

WITH THE WEATHER starting to cool down as we head into winter, we've got some important tips on how you can stay warm during those colder days at school.

- Dress in layers and start with a good thermal base to stay warm
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- Always bring a hat and gloves
- Find the right footwear as cold feet can make even the most fun activities not so fun 



Spot the Difference: 1. The star is missing from Ortol Riera's jersey 2. The dot on the 'i' is missing from Centuria's logo on Ortol Riera's jersey 3. Sydney FC player Aaron Calver's arm is missing 4. The TAB sign behind Ortol Riera has been coloured green 5. A-League is missing from the Hyunda! A-League badge on Ortol Riera's jersey. Junior Quiz Answers: 1. Brendan Hamill 2. Kwame Yeboah and Mitchell Duke, 3. One and Melbourne Victory, 4. 3-0, Two goals for Ortol Riera and one for Mitchell Duke

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BRIDGE ON CUSP OF 250 MATCHES

MARK BRIDGE IS ON THE CUSP OF REACHING A MAJOR HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE MILESTONE

IT'S NOT EVERYDAY a player reaches a major milestone, let alone 250 matches in a single competition.

For Wanderers legend Mark Bridge, that moment is almost coming with one more appearance needed to reach the elusive 250-match mark.

Bridge is a legend in his own right and the journey to 250 matches has had its fair share of both ups and downs.

"I mean looking at it now with only two games to get until the 250, it's such a big thing and only nine other players have done it," said Bridge.

"But not only that, its when you start. If I think about the beginning, if you think to yourself oh I'm going to get to 250 games, I mean just to get to 20 games would have been an achievement when I started.

"I mean, I just kept plodding along and ended up here. It hasn't always been easy, it's been a bit up and down a fair bit as careers do. There's form slumps, injuries, I mean all it takes is one coach not to like you and then you don't play. It's just things like that.

"It's just about your commitment to the game and your commitment to your profession that you hold hope that it all ends up well and I'm one of those fortunate ones where it has turned out pretty well."

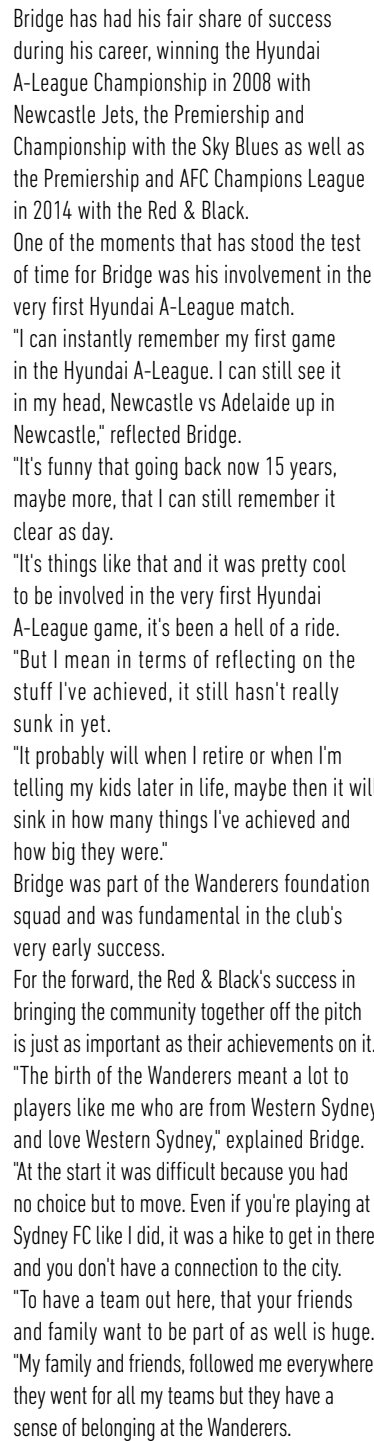


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"It's massive and you can see even now that even though we've had a rough couple of years that everyone loves the club. "It's such a big club and a big area that brings together so many cultures and nationalities into one family."

Looking back on his first few seasons at the club, the 33-year-old believes that the club's early success has set them up for a very bright future in years to come.

"The one thing that really hasn't sunk in is the first season of the Wanderers and the first few years and how big we really were," explained Bridge.

"We took it for granted and it's not normal for a club to be that successful off the bat, we won an Asian Champions League.

"Thinking about it now it was ridiculous and we had no right to win that tournament, but we did. "I think it's massive having that success early on and it has helped up get a new training ground and given us the new stadium.

"High quality players come to our club because they want to play for us because it's such a good environment. The first few years of success have set this club up for the future."

With only two games to go until Bridge reaches the 250 club, there was a point this season with the forward didn't think he could make it. Falling to injury four times in a row.

"There a chance where I didn't think I would run out, it's been a hard year, not one calf injury in 16 years and I got four in one season," said Bridge.

"I mean, I still can't believe it's happened and to get back involved with the squad has been a great personal achievement.

"It's been fortunate that in my last season that I've had such a great group of boys around me who have kept me up.

"It's something I'll be forever grateful for, after the 250th game, if I get there, it's something that I'll look back only on when I've finished. **W**



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NPL ON THE RUN

THE WANDERERS HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES IN THE NPL 2 COMPETITION

ARTHUR DILES' MEN have continued their hot form with wins over Hills United and Rydalmere Lions in the National Premier League 2 competition, extending their unbeaten streak to four games in a row. The Wanderers firstly, made it three wins from three after a 4-1 triumph over Hills United.

A Mohamed Adam double, plus goals from Daniel Wilmering and Marley Peterson, led the Wanderers to victory, with Daine Merrin getting on the scoresheet for Hills.

Midway through the first half, the Wanderers had their first real opportunity when John Roberts broke down the right and crossed for Wilmering, but his header was blocked.

The Red & Black had further chances through Adam and Roberts, then with half-time approaching Nicholas Suman was called upon to keep the scores level, making an excellent one on one save from Rayner.

The Wanderers came out for the second half with all guns blazing and were in front a few minutes later after the restart. It was Wilmering who made it 1-0, netting his first goal of the season after reacting quickest to Peterson's deflected shot. A minute later, Adam almost doubled the Wanderers lead beating a defender in the area before firing just over the crossbar. There was a setback just after the hour mark when Hills equalised through Merrin, but the Wanderers didn't let their heads drop and were soon back in front.

It was a nice play in the build up as Roberts evaded two opponents and found Wilmering, who whipped in a great cross for Adam to volley the ball home.

The Wanderers pushed to extend their lead and Wilmering tested Catlin with a shot from inside the penalty area before Marley Peterson tried a shot from distance which went over. As Hills pushed for an equaliser, Suman showed he was up to the challenge, making two incredible saves in quick succession to keep us in front.

The saves would prove crucial, as a minute later Peterson raced onto Fabian Monge's excellent through pass, slotting the ball past Catlin to double the Wanderers lead.

It got even better in stoppage time, as Adam made it 4-1 with a deflected shot which landed in the top corner.



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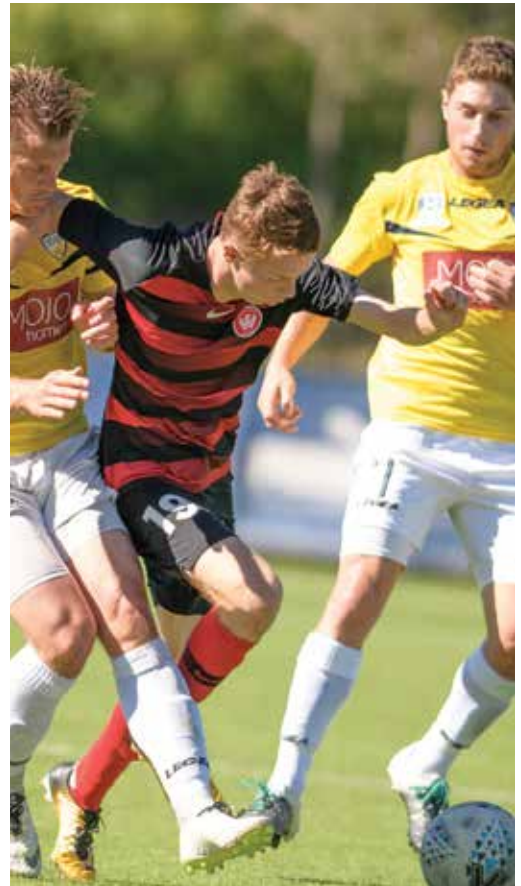
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(Right to left) Wanderers NPL 2 team celebrate a goal, Daniel Wilmering bounds through Hills United's defence

The victory over Hills saw the Wanderers move into second place on the ladder, prior to their match against Rydalmere Lions last Sunday afternoon.

The Red & Black then flew into top spot on the NPL 2 ladder after a 2-0 victory over Rydalmere.

After a goalless first half, strikes from Mohamed Adam and John Roberts secured the sides fourth consecutive win.

The Wanderers were on the attack from the opening whistle and almost took the lead in the opening minute, but Adam was somehow denied from point blank range.

With just over 15 minutes played, Fabian Monge moved into space and tried a shot from distance.

The Red & Black had the game in their hands and further long range efforts from Marley Peterson, Tate Russell and Adam tested Rydalmere's keeper.

After a number of chances, the Wanderers finally broke the deadlock. Daniel Wilmering received the ball in space after a

well-worked short-corner routine and his cross was perfect, allowing Adam to head home for his seventh goal of the season. Not satisfied with the margin, the Wanderers pushed to extend the lead, scoring the second goal just after the hour mark.

Adam picked up Wilmering with a precise cross, and although the shot was saved, Roberts was in the right place to score from the rebound.

The Red & Black didn't let up with Andrea Agamemnonos showing good skill to spin away from an opponent on the edge of the area before being denied by the keeper.

Rydalmere attempted to get back into the contest, but the Wanderers defence was too solid and Mohamed Al Taay made a number of crucial blocks.

The result capped off a fantastic couple of weeks for the Wanderers NPL 2 side who will tomorrow take on Canterbury Bankstown and look to extend their winning streak. **W**



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OUR MATCH AGAINST Melbourne City was a great reaction to the Wellington game so to come out and win against City was a massive result in our season. To be fair, all the boys have noticed that I'm pretty flexible and I stretch all the time. So I told the boys that the next goal I score, I'll do the splits. Everyone was just loving it and we've got a few games left of the season so we want to finish on a positive note. We go game by game and see where it takes us. I treat training as a game every day. That's the level I've been used to in Japan. Everyone is just so professional, so no the ball, so motivated. Training is where you're fighting for your position for game day, so that's where you need to perform at your best.

Everyone is different in their week of training, but I can't help myself. I'm full of energy and I just constantly run and just push it out to the maximum level.

Everyone has just jumped on board with it, really doing their individual jobs and collectively as a team it's been shining through and we're starting to see results. We've just got to focus on our situation and win as many games as possible. We've got to show good character instead of just throwing away the season. **W**

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The Western Sydney Wanderers will tonight be supporting The Children's Hospital in Westmead and the partnership extends back to the club's inception.

The Red & Black frequently visit the hospital during key periods of the season to spread cheer and bring a smile to seriously sick kids faces.

Tonight's match will mark the very first Children's Hospital Derby day with cross-city rivals Sydney FC representing their Randwick counterpart.

The Wanderers headed to the hospital on Thursday and spent the afternoon visiting the wards and meeting the families. Children from the The Children's Hospital at Westmead will tonight be forming a guard of honour for the player walk-out so make sure you get behind them and cheer them on! [W](#)

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