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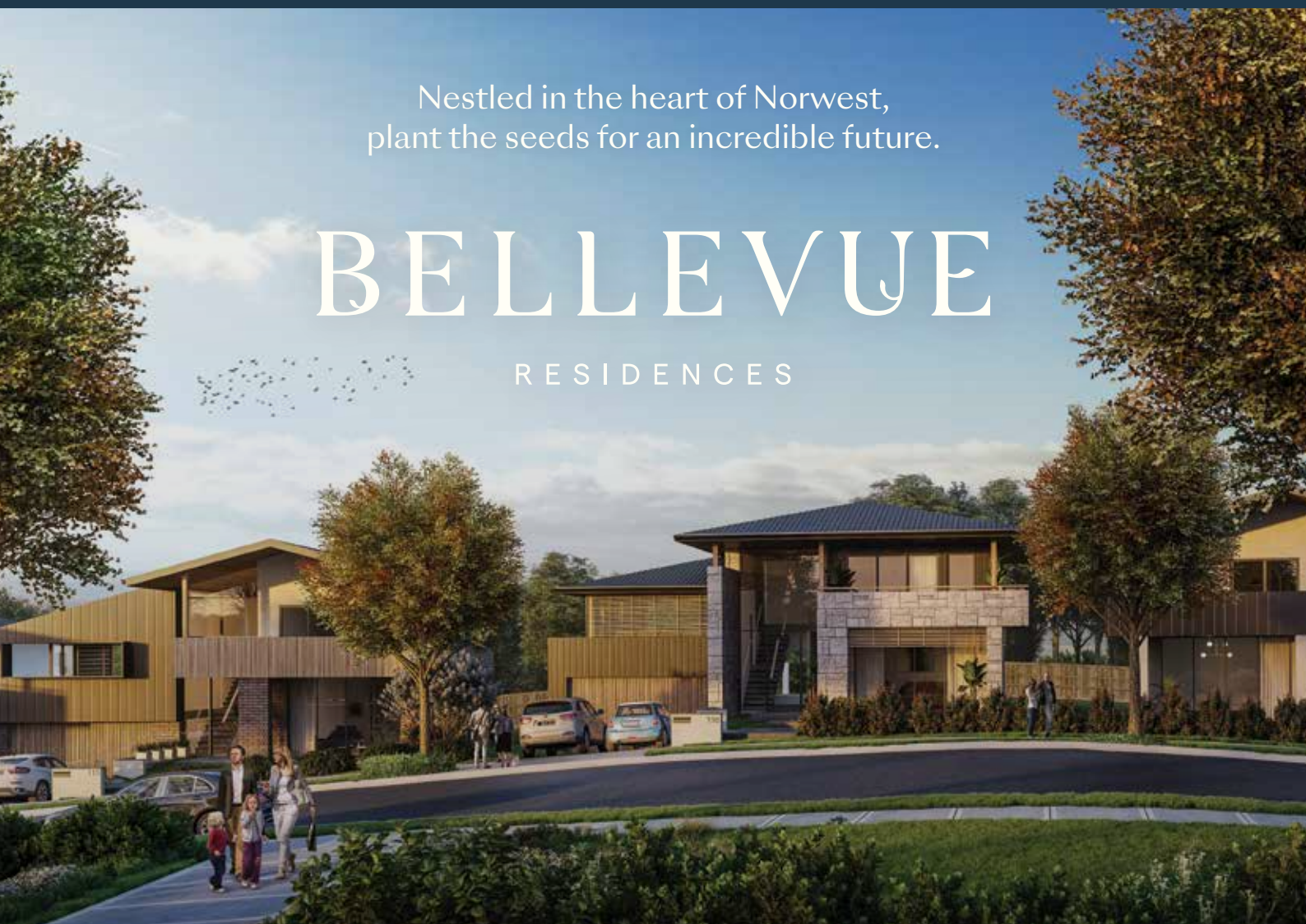


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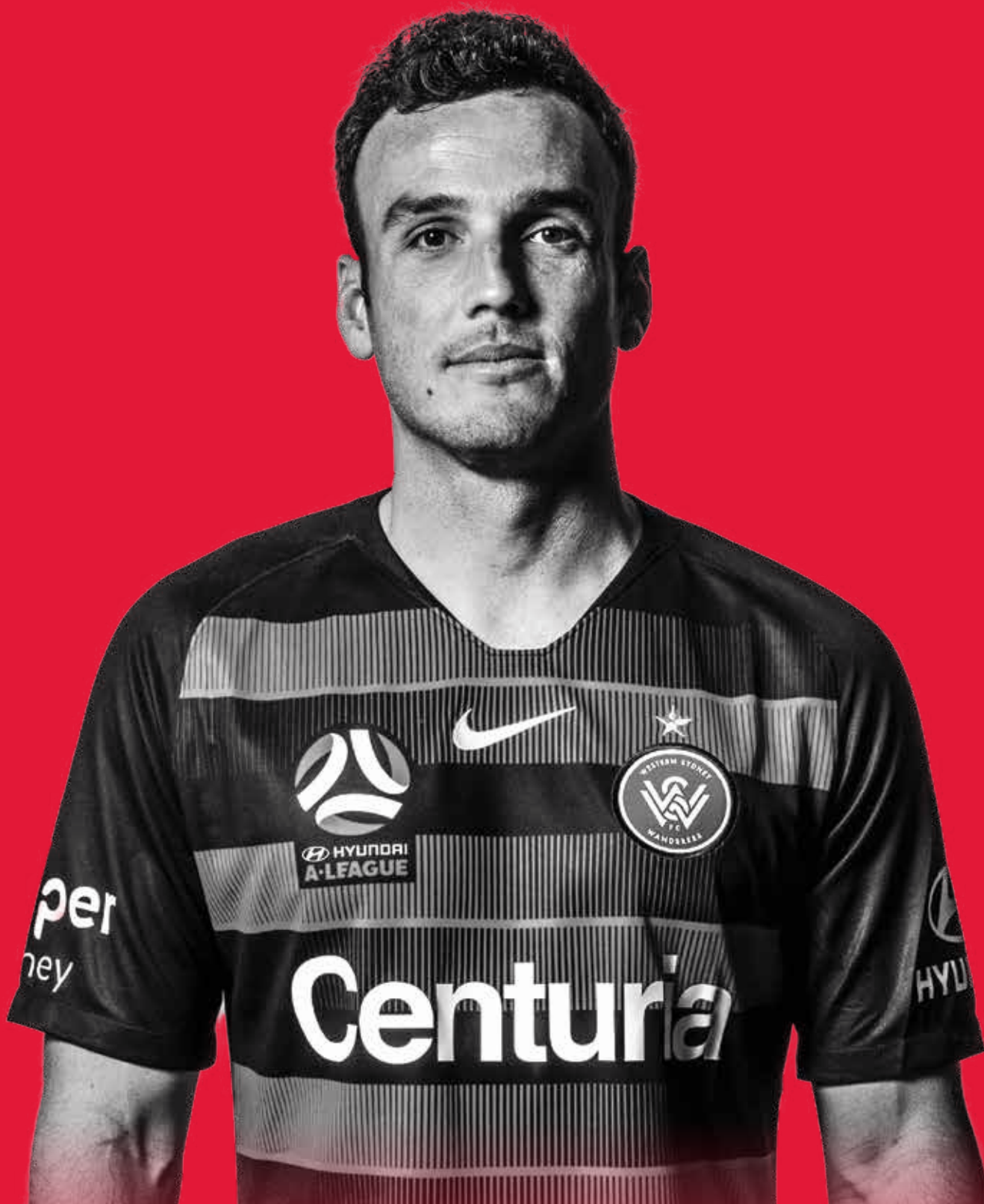
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Good evening and welcome to tonight's game against Melbourne Victory. They say all good things to come to an end and it is now time for me to hang up my Red & Black boots in preparation for the next generation of Wanderers. And what a journey it has been. From scoring the club's very first goal to going on that run in our first season to win the Premiers Plate, to winning the Wanderers Medal twice, the AFC Asian Champions League and appearing in those Grand Finals. I have shared in moments of great success and moments of disappointment, but I wouldn't change a thing. I am so grateful for the members and the fans support of me during my time at the club and I really hope I've done them justice and made the Western Sydney region proud. A dream of mine would be that one of my boys, seeing as I've had three of them, will end up putting on a Wanderers jersey. What a moment that would be. The club will forever be in my heart and I will support the Wanderers until I die. Thank you again for all your support and see you at one of our matches back at Wanderland!

Foundation Player Mark Bridge, Foundation Member #2833

MATCH PREVIEW

IT'S THE FINAL game of the Wanderers Hyundai A-League season as they host Melbourne Victory for the final time at ANZ Stadium.

The Wanderers head into the match after a very disappointing result against the Central Coast Mariners in Gosford last weekend. Matt Simon scored twice to lead the Mariners to a rare 3-1 win over the Red & Black with the skipper netting from a free-kick and a set-piece on either side of half-time before Kyle Rowles headed in his first Hyundai A-League goal, only to be sent off for a disgraceful tackle in the 71st minute.

Mark Bridge also converted a spot kick in his 250th appearance in the competition but Markus Babbel's men were unable to deny Alen Stajcic's side their third victory over the season.

On the other side of the coin, Melbourne Victory will also be heading into the match after a 1-0 defeat in the Original Rivalry. Adelaide United boosted their bid for Elimination Final hosting rights as George Blackwood's towering late header sealed an attritional 1-0 win over Melbourne Victory on Friday night.

Blackwood nodded in Isaias' cross in the

81st minute to snatch a battling three points that puts Marco Kurz's men on the cusp of a return to Coopers Stadium in the first week of the Finals Series.

Opportunities were otherwise rare in a tight contest which leaves Victory resigned to a third-place finish behind Sydney FC. Victory have had the better run of results against the Red & Black in previous meetings and there's no doubt that tonight's fixture will be a fiery one.

With pride on the line, the Wanderers will no doubt be looking to secure a win in their final match at ANZ Stadium before charging home back to Wanderland in season 2019/20. **W**



(Left to right) Tarek Elrich and Brendan Hamill wrap up their training session, Roly Bonevacia passes the ball

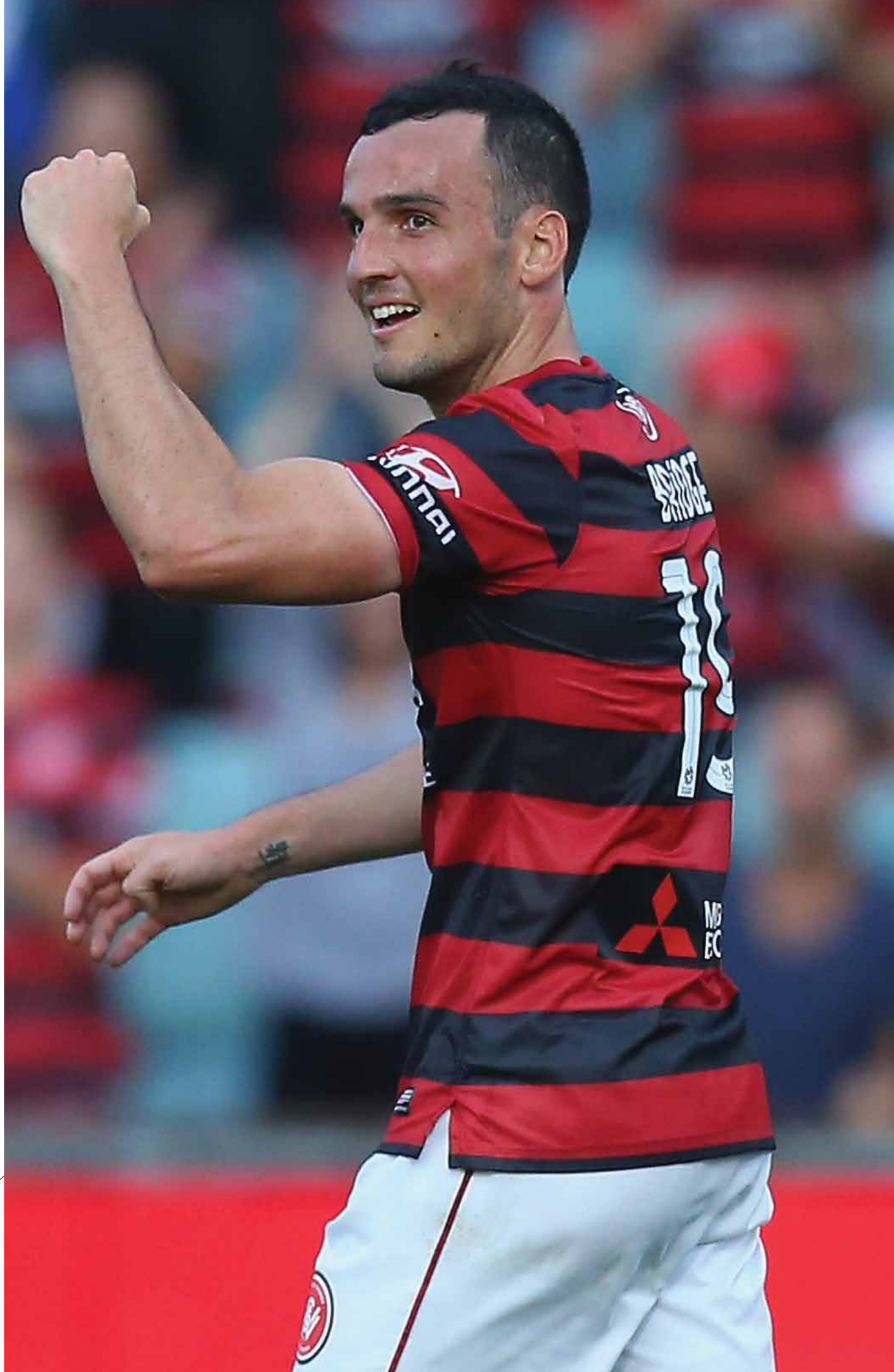


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THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE KING

TONIGHT WILL MARK THE END OF AN ERA
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STORY BY JESSICA CSASZAR

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THERE HAS NEVER been quite as much of a decorated player for the Red & Black as Mark Bridge.

Donned "The King" by Wanderers members and fans, Bridge has captured the hearts and minds of what it means to be one of the Red & Black and represent the Western Sydney region.

In a career that has seen him capture success at both Sydney FC and the Newcastle Jets before signing for the Wanderers in their inaugural season, Bridge has encapsulated the importance of hard work and determination.

With 250 Hyundai A-League matches to his name, it's been a roller coaster of a ride for Bridge who has now etched his name not only in Wanderers but also Hyundai A-League history. Born in Blacktown and raised in St Clair, Bridge played his junior football with Parramatta Eagles before starting his professional career with Parramatta Power in the National Soccer League. Joining the Newcastle Jets in the inaugural Hyundai A-League season the attacker spent three seasons in the Hunter, winning the club's Player of the Season award in 2006/07 before scoring the winner in the Grand Final the next year.



After his success at Newcastle, Bridge moved to Sydney FC where he won the Premiership and Championship in 2009/10, once again scoring in the Grand Final. Bridge's form with Sydney was rewarded when he made his Socceroos debut against Singapore on 22 March 2008. He also went on loan briefly to Chinese Super League club Tianjin Teda to help with their 2009 AFC Champions League campaign. Following the creation of the Wanderers, the local boy decided to return home and was announced as a Wanderers Foundation Player on 30 June 2012. Making his debut in the Wanderers first ever game, Bridge scored the club's first ever goal against Brisbane Roar in Round Four of the 2012/13 season on

his way to winning the Wanderers Player of the Year and Golden Boot awards. The next two seasons saw Bridge add to his impressive trophy cabinet with another Grand Final appearance in the 2013/14 Hyundai A-League before winning the AFC Champions League in 2014. Bridge's individual form took an even bigger boost in the 2015/16 season, having overcome injury in the early rounds, returning to find his goal scoring boots, at one stage scoring five goals in a four game stretch as he scored nine goals and claimed eight assists in an incredible season that saw him win his second Wanderers Medal for Player of the Year. Hearts were broken in May 2016 when it was

announced that King Bridge would depart the club to join Thai outfit Chiangrai United. But over a year later, Bridge would return to where it all started, signing a two-year contract to finish his Hyundai A-League career off at the Red & Black. Bridge's impact on the Wanderers identity and the team's culture is sure to never be replicated. A leader on and off the park, an ambassador to his local community, a tenacious worker and a role model for the next generation - Bridge will never be remembered for a single contribution to Wanderers history but for many moments that have defined the path the Wanderers have taken over the last seven seasons. It hasn't been the final season Bridge had



certainly hoped for, falling to a calf injury four times in a row, questioning his own ability to comeback.

But his determination and desire to fightback, in true Bridge form, will no doubt see him take to the field in his final Hyundai A-League clash tonight.

Will we ever see a player to grace the Red & Black like Bridge? We're not sure, but one thing is for certain, someone like the "King" is not replaceable. Next season, the crown will be ready for taking and we're certain that the next heir will not only do Bridge but the Red & Black proud in years to come.

Who knows, it may even be Bridge's second generation. **W**

(Left to right) Bridge shaking the hands of fans, Bridge celebrating a goal with Mitch Nichols, Bridge celebrating the first ever goal scored for the club



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One of the foundation players of the Wanderers, Mark Bridge has established himself as a legend at the club. Having won the Golden Boot, Wanderers Medal, Premiers Plate and AFC Champions League at the club, the forward will tonight celebrate his final match in the Hyundai A-League.



A speedy forward with an eye for goal, New Zealand international Kosta Barbarouses has achieved plenty in the Hyundai A-League. Barbarouses made a welcome return to Melbourne Victory in June 2017, after a short stint with Wellington Phoenix. The Kiwi was the leading scorer in Ange Postecoglou's all-conquering, Championship-winning Brisbane Roar side in 2010/11 before heading aboard for spells in Russia and Greece. He later established himself as one of Victory's keys to success, finishing fourth in the Johnny Warren Medal as the club won the Premiership-Championship double in 2014/15.



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COUNTDOWN ON FOR LEEDS CLASH

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THE COUNTDOWN IS well and truly on for the Wanderers epic return to Parramatta to play their first game at the new Bankwest Stadium, when they take on English club Leeds United.

The showpiece international will be the first football game played at the new Bankwest Stadium with Wanderers fans set to experience the revolutionary atmosphere for the first time. Wanderers midfielder Jordan O'Doherty and Leeds United great Michael Bridges got their first look inside the stadium and already believe it will be one of the best sporting venues in the country.

"When you walk out it's brilliant. It feels like a football stadium," said Bridges, who played in the Hyundai A-League with Sydney FC and Newcastle Jets, as well as appearing the English Premier League with Sunderland and Leeds.

"It's nice and enclosed and it's going to be an incredible match between Leeds United and Western Sydney Wanderers.

"It's great for the A-League and teams like Western Sydney Wanderers being able to play against a big European team.

"It's also the 100th-year anniversary for Leeds United.

"If stars align and everything goes well until the end of the season and Leeds are in the Premier League...it could be a very, very special occasion over here."

The fixture has extra special significance for O'Doherty, who comes from a family of avid Leeds fans and will be sitting in the visitors' active support section in July.

"It's an amazing prospect for Australian football to have such a big club like Leeds United come over and play," the 21-year-old midfielder said.

"It's such a good game to have in the new stadium...there's so many Leeds fans that will come from all over Australia.

"Walking in now and seeing the stadium for the first time, it's a lot more than I expected." Leeds United currently sit third in England's Sky Bet Championship and are on track for a shot at promotion to the English Premier League.

As many as 7000 Leeds United fans are expected at the game, a testament to their strong Australian following.

But it'll be a home crowd come 20 July with Wanderers fans eagerly snapping up tickets to the first game at their new home.

Western Sydney Wanderers CEO John Tsatsimas says the club can't wait to be part of the first football game at Bankwest Stadium.

"We are very excited about our return to Bankwest Stadium and there is no better way to open the stadium for football than with a match against storied English football club Leeds United," said Tsatsimas.


"Bankwest Stadium is a world-class venue

(Top to bottom) Michael Bridges and Jordan O'Doherty at Bankwest Stadium

and we are looking forward to giving our members and fans an experience to remember against Leeds."

Leeds United captain Liam Cooper says the players are excited to make the trip Down Under and see their Australian fans.

"We have a lot to focus on in England for the next few weeks, but as soon as our season ends, we will be able to start looking forward to our trip to Australia and being involved in the first football game to be played at the Bankwest Stadium in Parramatta," said Cooper.

"It's an occasion which we all feel very honoured to be involved in. We also plan on spending time in Parramatta and learning more about the local area and its culture as well as meeting the locals and all those who have travelled over from Leeds." 

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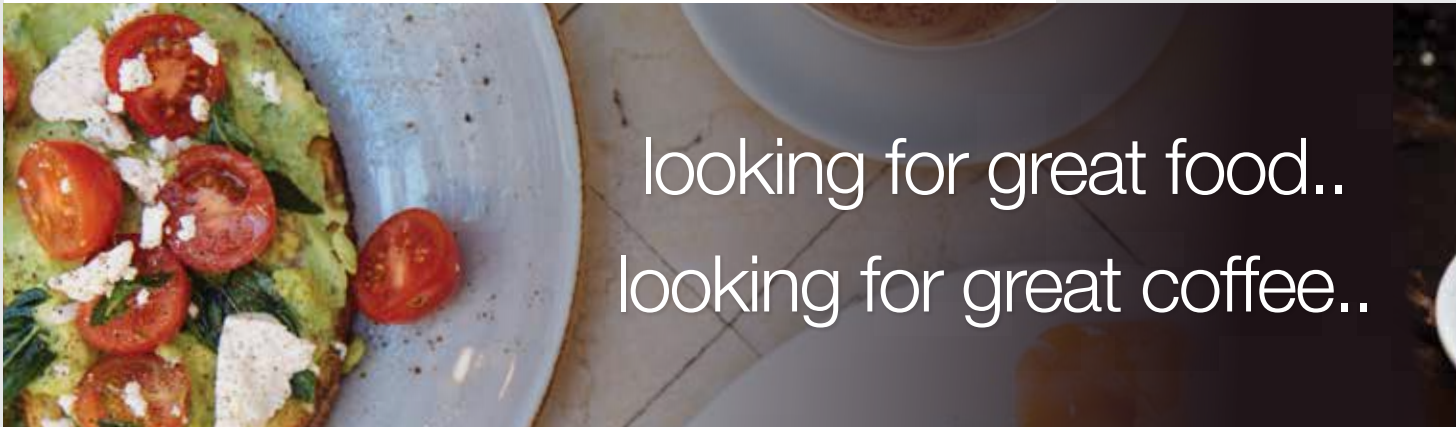
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JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Who is the Wanderers leading goal scorer this season?
2. Name the Wanderer who scored in our previous match against Melbourne Victory?
3. Which three Wanderers legends have been named as part of the club's Westfield W-League coaching line-up?
4. Who will be the Wanderers first opponent at Wanderland?

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It's been great to meet so many of you at the Kids Zone and during our half-time penalty shoot-outs throughout the season.

Don't stress though, just because the season is over it doesn't mean you won't be seeing us!

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THE WANDERERS HAVE NAMED AN ALL STAR COACHING LINE-UP FOR THE UPCOMING WESTFIELD W-LEAGUE SEASON

THE WANDERERS ANNOUNCED mid-week the appointment of Dean Heffernan as head coach of the Wanderers Westfield W-League team for the upcoming season. Heffernan will be assisted by inaugural Wanderers captain Michael Beauchamp and current W-League assistant coach Catherine Cannuli.

A rising star in the coaching ranks, Heffernan has mustered plenty of experience since his retirement with the Wanderers in 2014 including his current role as head coach of the Wanderers U20s team in the NPL2 and assistant coach role with the NPL2 and last season's Foxtel Y-League team that reached the grand final for its second consecutive season. Beauchamp, who recently joined Heffernan as assistant in the U20s, will make his first step up into senior coaching with his assistant coach role. Cannuli will continue to developing her already impressive coaching credentials

as assistant coach along with her role as Women's Technical Director at Southern Districts Football Association. Heffernan said he was honoured to be appointed and looked forward to the hard work ahead.

"It is a honour and privilege to be given this opportunity to work with the Wanderers Westfield W-League team," said Heffernan. "Having played and coached at this club already I know the desire for success that exists in our club and our membership and fan base. "With Cath and Michael we have a group of people that not only have



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played at the elite level but have also progressed through the youth development coaching pathway and understand the culture and expectation of this club. "We want to build a winning mentality and to harness and develop the elite local talent Western Sydney has to offer." Wanderers W-League assistant coach Cath Cannuli said she was excited for the season ahead. "I have been with the Wanderers for many years now and the work happening on and off the pitch is impressive," said Cannuli. "With our new training facility in Blacktown and games to be played at

Bankwest Stadium and Marconi Stadium we'll have the best facilities in the league and a great opportunity ahead of us." As inaugural captain of the Wanderers Hyundai A-League team, Michael Beauchamp knows how important culture and hard work is to creating a great team. "I believe that with Dean and Cath we will create a very strong working environment and get the best out of each other and our group of players," said Beauchamp "I'm excited for the opportunity and can't wait for the hard work to begin." Wanderers CEO John Tsatsimas said he looked forward to successful campaign

in the coming season with three fantastic individuals at the helm. "Dean, Cath and Michael know this club intimately and know what it takes at the highest level of the game," said Tsatsimas. "We want to give our Westfield W-League team every opportunity to succeed on and off the pitch, as athletes and as individuals." The club recently parted ways with former head coach Dan Barrett following his one season at the club. "As a club we would like to thank Dan for his contribution, he is a great person and we wish him the best of luck in the future," finished Tsatsimas. **W**

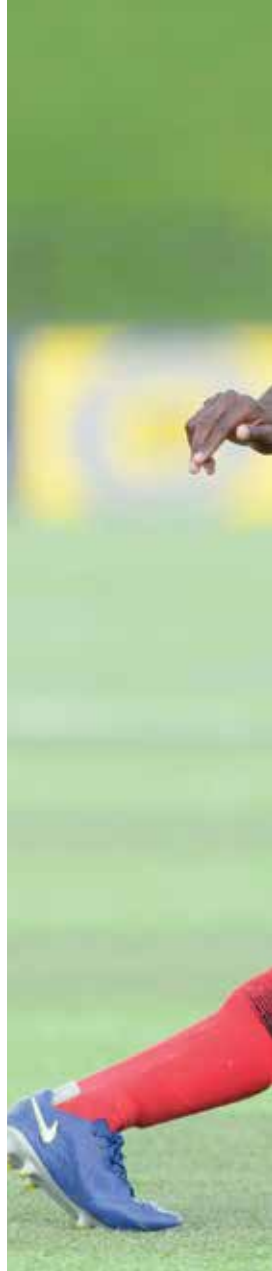
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NPL ON TOP

THE WANDERERS HAVE HELD ONTO THEIR SPOT AT THE TOP OF THE NPL 2 TABLE



THE WESTERN SYDNEY Wanderers have kept their place at the top of the NPL 2 table on Saturday evening after a nail biting 2-1 win over St George.

After Marley Peterson's long-range goal was cancelled out by St George midfielder Bradley Bartels, Mohamed Adam's 80th-minute strike ensured the Red & Black are now unbeaten in six games.

The Wanderers got off to a flyer with Peterson scoring after less than a minute, smashing the ball into the bottom corner from 25 yards out. There were further chances for Jarrod Carluccio and Peterson, before St George had a good spell, with Noah Pagden getting in the way of a shot from Aleksandar Lekoski.

Pagden would do even better in the 37th minute, blocking Lekoski's shot after he looked certain to score.

With half-time approaching, Wanderers goalkeeper Elliot Carwardine was called into action, tipping over a long range strike from Paolo Mitry, before making a double save from Mitry and Marcus Beattie a couple of minutes later.

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The Red & Black had to withstand some heavy pressure at the start of the second half, and it was Fabian Monge's turn to be the hero as he denied Mitry with a block on the goal line. However, St George would equalise midway through the second period after Bartels found the net.

It was backs to the wall stuff and incredibly the Red & Black made another two goal-line clearances in the space of a minute, this time through Mohamed Al Taay and Andrea Agamemnonos. The Wanderers gritty defending proved crucial, managing to regain control of the contest, striking the decisive blow with ten minutes remaining.

Wanderers substitute Lochlan Constable did brilliantly in the build-up, weaving his way past a defender before squaring it for Adam, who made no mistake to score for the fifth game in a row. In the closing minutes, St George threw everything at us in search of another equaliser, but the Red & Black held on, aided by some assured goalkeeping from Carwardine.

The victory means that the Wanderers will continue to lead the NPL 2 competition - one point ahead of North Shore Mariners. The Wanderers next match is against third placed Spirit FC on Sunday at Sydney United Sports Centre. Kick-off is at 3:00pm. [W](#)

(Right to left) Mohamed Adam charges down the ball, Players celebrate a goal





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BRIDGE ON REACHING HIS 250TH HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST THE MARINERS

LOOK, OBVIOUSLY IT was good to score against the Mariners as an attacker, you always want to score, but it is a team sport and we want to win games. I mean we have been going the right way in terms of our performances recently, we've been playing well. We got a good result against Sydney FC in the Derby so to come out last week and not really turn up from honestly the first half, right until the end was disappointing.

I wasn't going to take the penalty at all, but Alex (Baumjohann) has been telling me a story for maybe the last two weeks about a guy in Germany that never scored a goal in his whole career.

Then on his last game he got a penalty and he missed it, and then so, this popped into my head straight away.

I'm like "I don't want to miss this", but the boys wouldn't let me have an option and I had no choice so I took it and luckily for me it went in.

My son was running around hyped up on Easter Eggs and there's bigger things in life but to have him at an age to experience all this as well, coming in the change rooms with the boys after and high-fiving everyone and things like that.

It's something that not only I will cherish after football and I hope that when he grows up he'll realise how cool that was. **W**

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ANDY WAITE BREAKS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

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The previous record was 32 spins in one minute and Waite smashed the record, making 120 spins in a minute.

Andy Waite began his sporting career playing Powerchair Hockey in 2002 and in 2004 he was selected for the Powerchair Hockey World Championships in Finland.

Waite went on to compete in two more World Championships for hockey in both 2010 and 2014.

In 2011, Waite took up a new wheelchair sport that had just started in Australia - powerchair football.

Waite began playing as a striker and after a development training camp, he was selected for the Australian team to compete in the 2011 FIPFA Powerchair Football World Cup in Paris, France.

In 2012, Waite attempted the Guinness World Record of 'Most Spins in a Power Wheelchair in One Minute'. The record at the time was 32 spins in one minute and Waite beat the record making 111 spins in one minute, but unfortunately, it was never made official.

A year later, Waite was again selected in the national team for the upcoming Asia Pacific Oceania Cup in Sydney and was named the captain of the side.

Australia went on to finish runners-up in the Asia Pacific Oceania Cup, losing in the final in extra time 2-1.

In 2013, Waite along with two other players entered discussions with the Western Sydney Wanderers to create a Powerchair Team under the Wanderers banner and without any hesitation, the club were proud to take the team on board. Waite is currently the most capped player in the side.

Mid-way through the 2015 Powerchair season, Waite made the transition from striker to goalkeeper and has since made that position his own. **W**



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