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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Written by Valentino Migliaccio

Adelaide City officially affiliating with Atalanta BC resonating across the globe last weekend is just the beginning of where we're heading with our children.

Now we've got a link towards proper development in the game with a club that has a rich history of nurturing its youth. What can we learn from Atalanta BC?

Lots. Atalanta BC is iconic for Adelaide City because it first gives everyone associated with the club a sense of belonging. Here is a snapshot of Atalanta BC's ethics which focus on loyalty which Adelaide City will adopt - immediately.

"Atalanta believe in the importance of the social function of sport in general and, particularly, of football, which is a tool of education, integration and aggregation. "

Talking about loyalty the club has been blessed with loyal servants throughout our 77 years of existence highlighted by record breaking club legend Sergio Melta. Melta celebrated 445 NSL games at one club - ours.

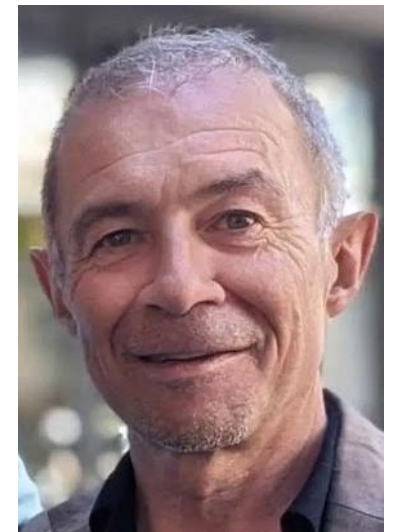
Now we celebrate Nicholas Bucco's 300 game milestone in the Black and White strip next weekend at home in our Australia Cup clash against Pontian Eagles after playing his 350th game last weekend. Bucco joined the club in 2012 from Adelaide Blue Eagles. He is well loved among football circles in SA winning two championships, two premierships and three Federation Cup titles with Adelaide City. Congratulations Nicholas Bucco for being loyal and serving our club with respect and integrity.

Our WNPL side kicks off its season against Birkalla at Adelaide City Park under new coach Tiarn Powell. Tiarn is the club's first senior women's coach and we wish her well for the season along with the squad.

At the same time in this 2023 FIFA women's World Cup year on Australian soil, it seems that our club has again been stymied by regulations that punish us for developing players that have taken the next step in the A-League women's competition.

It's a rule that seemingly doesn't encourage clubs to help female players get to the next level of football which goes against our club's development policy.

Adelaide City will endeavour to challenge this regulation over time as this club has always had ambitions of giving our players an opportunity to play at the highest level possible.



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ATALANTA BC AFFILIATION REPORT

Written by Domenico Gangemi

Dear Adelaide City football club family,

While preparations for the new football season of the club's young players continue unabated at Adelaide City, I can finally officially announce my official visit to the city where the club will be celebrating the Atalanta BC affiliation.

I have been in Adelaide since Wednesday, March 1 and leave on Sunday March 5 after the NPL side faces Adelaide United's NPL team at Adelaide City Park.

I have had an opportunity to get to know each other much more in depth and discuss the opportunities that this affiliation will bring to the Adelaide City football family.

It has been five intense days where, together with the youth technical directors of the club, we will start working on the new program and on the new technical guidelines for the coaches and players.

I am experiencing the passion and desire to improve on the part of the Adelaide City club management, and I am sure that together with

Atalanta BC, Adelaide City will become a leading club in the development of young footballers in Australia, just like the tradition of this glorious Serie A Italian club.

It's been a fantastic visit to Adelaide and together we will endeavour to give Adelaide City's boys and girls legitimate pathways towards professionalism.

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CITY WOMEN WITH LIZ

Written by Liz Zikos

The commencement of the WNPL Season has finally begun and with that I would like to take the opportunity to introduce our support staff.

From Tiarn Powell who takes on her first head coaching role at Adelaide City and she is currently completing her Football Australia A-licence course.

Diaz Obieglo who has previously coached our reserve grade team and also had a year as the Adelaide Comets head WNPL coach, returns this year as assistant coach for our WNPL senior team. Diaz took our reserve grade girls to a Grand Final win in 2017 after they were runner up in the premiership race.

Brian Gale is back on board for a second consecutive year as our senior women's goalkeeping coach. Brian has a wealth of knowledge and experience and has represented South Australia in under 16, 19, 21, and senior levels. He still pulls on his gloves on the weekends for Old Ignatians over 35s and Sunday mornings with Cove Fusion in Division 1 Masters League. Brian is also our set piece specialist and enjoys working on this with the squad at training.

The ever loyal and hardworking Anthony Di Bartolo rounds off our 2023 staff as team manager and everything equipment related. Anthony never misses a training session or game and has dedicated years of service to our WNPL squad.

With the junior girls' season a couple of weeks away and the heat looking like it has decided to ease up, it is encouraging to see all our teams getting in at least two training sessions a week along with a few trial games.

In my role as women's football director my aim is to deliver a high standard program.

This is to ensure as a club we spark a love of football for children to play in an engaging and inclusive environment, along with creating a healthy senior women's environment which is moving to be more aligned with our male counterparts.



CITY MEN WITH ANGE

Written by Angelo Carrozza

It was a disappointing round three 2-0 loss for our NPL team against Adelaide United last Sunday.

The team will take stocks and bounce back for the Adelaide Comets clash at Oakden on Saturday March 11.

There was loads of excitement this week with the official announcement of the Atalanta BC/Adelaide City affiliation.

We welcomed Domenico Gangemi representing Atalanta BC and hosted him across the junior campuses of Hutt St and Park 19 in the city.

He was very excited and quickly rolled up his sleeves to engage with the coaches, players and parents around what this affiliation will look like for the club as we commence this incredibly exciting relationship.

Stay tuned for the Atalanta BC clinics which will be released soon so ensure to lock away these dates for our boys and girls when they are released.

Oakden was alive last Sunday with our energetic youth playing West Adelaide in preseason matches across many age groups.

While teams are going through their final preparations for the season commencement, we are very pleased with some of the player efforts.

Many players are being evaluated by the junior coordinators as the club continues to ensure that player movement occurs where and when merited.

With all the talk of National Second Division, the work the club's football department is doing across the club to best prepare for any eventuation is one I am very proud of.

We have an incredible group of dedicated coaches and volunteers and we are looking forward to the great things that will come as a result.



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NICHOLAS BUCCO'S 300TH GAME FOR CITY

Written by Nicholas Bucco

Where do I start to describe a journey, I have experienced for over a decade!

It has been a ride of ups and downs with highs of winning championships in 2021 and a treble win in 2022. To the lows of experiencing three grand final losses in a row, not to mention our cup final defeats.

It's safe to say my ride has seen it all.

The club has an amazing way of bringing people together, it's unreal to think how many teammates have become long life friends through Adelaide City. I strongly encourage all players coming through our juniors and seniors to enjoy their ride and to make the most of the Adelaide City community.

It's extremely important I thank a long list of Adelaide City supporters who have been on this journey with me from day one, through ups and downs they have supported not only myself – Mickey T, Wayne, Steven, John, Karl and Dan just to name a few.

To my family who of course have been extremely supportive of me, my goals and putting up with my many post-match moods.

A big thankyou to coach Paul Pezos, coaching staff, and support staff for allowing me opportunity to reach this position, my last two years have most definitely been not only special but the highlight of my football career.

Most importantly, I am grateful to the three people who have helped me within the walls of this amazing club – volunteers like the late Joe "Zeppy" Camilleri, Charlie Sabatino and Frank Ceccarelli. Their dedication not only to me, but all my teammates is indescribable. Words cannot express my gratitude.

I am looking forward to being a part of this football community with Adelaide City beyond my playing career. Adelaide City will always hold that place and I can't wait to see what this bright future the club will entail.

*Nicholas Bucco is expected to play his 300th game against Pontian Eagles in an Australia Cup clash at Adelaide City Park on Saturday, March 18 from 3pm.



NPL 2023

		P	W	GD	PTS
1	Adelaide United	3	2	4	6
2	Adelaide Comets	3	2	3	6
3	Metrostars	3	2	2	6
4	South Adelaide	3	2	1	6
5	Modbury Jets	3	1	1	5
6	Campbelltown City	3	1	0	4
7	FK Beograd	3	1	-2	4
8	Croydon FC	3	1	1	3
9	Adelaide City	3	1	0	3
10	Sturt Lions	3	1	-3	3
11	West Adelaide	3	1	-3	3
12	Adelaide Olympic	3	1	-4	3

WNPL 2022

		P	W	GD	PTS
1	West Adelaide	18	16	63	49
2	Adelaide City	18	14	22	42
3	Salisbury Inter	18	11	24	35
4	Adelaide Comets	18	10	7	32
5	Football SA NTC	18	9	24	30
6	Metro United WFC	18	9	-10	28
7	Adelaide University	18	6	-15	21
8	WT Bikalla	18	1	-36	7
9	Fulham United	18	1	-40	7
10	Modbury Vista	18	0	-39	6

WNPL SQUAD LISTS



ADELAIDE CITY FC

VS

WT BIRKALLA

(GK) Claudia **JENKINS** 01
 Daniela **DI BARTOLO** 04
 Alyce **MACAULEY** 05
 Alanah **URSINO** 08
 Alison **ATKINS** 10
 Sophie **LESZCZYNSKI** 13
 Chrissie **ZIKOS** 14
 Bianca **GRAY** 15
 Isobel **DAHLEN-FLIGHT** 16
 Hannah **HOLGERSEN** 17
 Grace **ABBEY** 18
 Mikayla **VIDMAR** 19
 (GK) Abbey **LUCAS** 20
 Emily **GALE** 21
 Natalie **FRANTZIS** 23
 Anastasia **PANAGOPOULOS** 25
 Merveille **IPASSOU** 26
 Yasmina **KASUMOVIC** 77

Kendall **JENNER**
 Aida **PEDISIC**
 Amelia **RECHICHI**
 Courtney **WOODHOUSE**
 Elle **PIRINTZIS**
 Hayely **NEEDS**
 Jasmine **FRANKS**
 Katerina **MATTHEOU**
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 Manamen **SUMAORO**
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 Nicole **ROBERTSON**
 Ruby **DI PIERI**
 Sarah **CHAPPEL**
 Sascha **WILLIAMS**
 Vanja **TODOROVIC**
 Victoria **MANSUETO**

Coach:

Tiarn Powell

Assistant Coaches:

Diaz Obieglo, Brian Gale

Coach:

Christopher Goddard

Assistant Coaches:

Tony Mansueto

NPL SQUAD LISTS



ADELAIDE CITY FC

VS

ADELAIDE COMETS

(GK) Dakota **OCHSENHAM** 33
 (C) Matt **HALLIDAY** 04
 Zak **WATERS** 05
 Brad **CORBO** 06
 Daniel **BRESSAN** 07
 Andrew **MARVEGGIO** 08
 Matthew **DAWBER** 09
 Nicholas **BUCCO** 10
 Augustus **WILLIAMS** 11
 Laurence **GALLUCCIO** 12
 Aladin **IRABONA** 14
 Darcy **DAWBER** 15
 Tom **BROWN** 17
 Nicholas **FRANCESE** 18
 Charlie **DEVEREUX** 20
 Juan **GUTIERREZ** 22
 Jai **KING-BYRNE** 23
 Katsuyoshi **KIMISHIMA** 24
 Henry **FILSELL** 44
 (GK) Cosmo **GROFF** 50

01 Daniel **VAUGHAN**
 04 Nathan **DIMOU**
 05 Adam **LE CORNU**
 06 Ryan **YATES**
 07 Binyam **KEBEDE**
 08 Jack **YULL**
 10 Anthony **MAVROLAMBADOS**
 12 Filimon **ASEFA**
 14 Nathan **ANDIJANTO**
 16 Stelios **ZACHARAKIS**
 18 Thomas **GIANNAKOPOULOS**
 19 Jaiden **DIAMANTIS**
 20 Ryan **COOK**
 21 Nikolas **IKONOMOPOULOS**
 47 Arbi **MOLLAS**
 66 Jayden **LOBASSO**
 99 Ashton **RINALDO**

Coach:

Paul Pezos

Assistant Coaches:

Barney Smith, Miodrag Bogatic

Coach:

George Tsonis

Assistant Coaches:

Stavros Gelekis, Michael Keens





DANI'S INCREDIBLE LOYALTY

Written by Daniela Di Bartolo

As another season approaches, I look back and reflect on the many years and seasons I have proudly represented Adelaide City.

In 2002 I put my Adelaide City jersey on for the first time as the first girl to play for Adelaide City in the boys' competitions.

I can remember feeling all sorts of emotions and years on I still have those exact feelings and emotions as I approach another season.

Between the years 2011 and 2021 I have been involved in winning 12 titles (including championships/premiers/cups).

I can happily say It has been a lengthy and successful career so far.

I keep coming back each season because Adelaide City has always been a very competitive club and the history speaks high volumes.

Adelaide City feels like home.

Season 2023 will be another challenge for us as individuals and as a team.

Having won 12 championships with Adelaide City I am always eager to win more.

Winning is always the goal at the start of the season and I am feeling confident this year to push for finals and push to win more silver wear for the club.

Coach Tiarn Powell and the coaching staff

have done a great job to get us girls ready and prepared for the lead up to the first game.

We have a good mixture of young and experienced players.

Our first game against Birkalla will be a good test and challenge and we desire to put all our hard work to the test for this game.

We can't wait to showcase a good brand of football this season.

LET'S GO CITY!!!!



THE CITY BUZZ

Written by Eric Fantasia

March 2023 has started with an absolute bang.

Our debut 2023 pasta night at our Unley Road junior clubrooms last Thursday night was a great success. It was wonderful to see our children, parents and coaches all joining in and creating a real community spirit. The feedback has been wonderful, and by the time this edition is printed, we will have enjoyed our Argentinean BBQ night at the same venue. Thank you all.

We've welcomed your feedback and plan to spread the love with more food events planned for Unley Road on Friday nights – at this stage once a month. And of course, you don't need to be at training to attend any of our theme nights.

On Sunday, March 5 the club had the official launch of the Atalanta BC affiliation at Adelaide City Park. It was nice to see keen children and parents attend and make the afternoon successful.

And don't forget we have our first Comedy Night, starring James Liotta on Saturday, April 29. Tickets are on sale, and it promises to be a fun night. Tickets available on line or from B.Social at Oakden.
Phone: 08 8261 7745.

Finally, every member of the events committee enjoys bringing fun to our community and are open to ideas for fund raisers and will welcome anyone who wants join in and help.

Have a wonderful month.



ATALANTA BC COORDINATORS UPDATE

Written by Tony Finamore

The Adelaide City Football Club's junior teams took to the field for their first trials games of the season on Sunday, February 26.

Despite some older teams being low on numbers, there was a good turnout and all players represented the club with respect and true Adelaide City passion.

The younger players demonstrated the skills and commitment that have made Adelaide City one of the most respected and successful clubs in the country.

From the youngest players to the oldest, every team member worked hard, supported their teammates, and displayed a true love for the game. While the coaches were pleased with the effort and dedication shown by their teams, they also recognised the need to recruit more players for some of the older teams.

They are hoping to attract new players who share the club's values and are committed to working hard, developing their skills, and contributing to the team's success. Adelaide City is renowned for its commitment to fostering a strong sense of sportsmanship and team spirit in its junior players. Every player is encouraged to work hard, support their

teammates, and develop their skills in a positive and encouraging environment.

As the season progresses, the younger players will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and develop as soccer players and as individuals. They will be working towards their goals and striving to be the best that they can be, with the support and guidance of their coaches.

For Adelaide City, the junior teams are an essential part of its legacy and tradition. The club is proud of the dedication and passion shown by its juniors, and it looks forward to another exciting season of soccer, with new players joining the team and every player working together to achieve success on and off the field.



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HERstory

Written by Vanessa Lucchesi

This Wednesday it was International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

How pertinent that two days later Adelaide City are set to face West Torrens Birkalla in what marks the beginning of the 2023 WNPL season on Friday night.

This is also significant year for women's football as fans around the globe flock to Australia for the FIFA Women's World Cup in July. It is an exciting time for women's football which continues to grow year after year.

In South Australia, the earliest recorded game of women's football was in 1966, with a squad from Elizabeth Vale playing a team called Adelaide Fijians. It is currently unknown how many other local teams, if any, were playing around that era.

In the 1970s, there were several school teams including Elizabeth High School which had two teams coached by the Hellas and State fullback at the time, Barry Reynolds. Friendlies and knock-out competitions were also being played.

The first interstate match for South Australia was in 1976 against Victoria. SA narrowly lost 4-3, with highlights of the game being shown in the local news bulletin. The representatives who came from Victoria were surprised that there was no women's soccer association in SA.

All this changed on April 17, 1978 when a proper committee for a women's association was elected. The South Australia Women's Soccer Association (SAWSA) was made a reality thanks to Ann Robins, with the help from her father Bob Bush, and Noel McGuiness.

At the time, SAWSA had only seven clubs and

eight teams. Nowadays, we have WNPL, State League, and Divisions 1-5, not to mention all the junior girls' teams around the state – a massive growth of our beautiful game in South Australia.

The first organised SA State team was in 1979 for the nationals in Darwin. Overall, the team came fourth out of seven – a decent effort considering the other states had more experience.

However, it was in 1997 that SA won its first National Championship of any age level - the Under 16s team swept every team to side including their opposition in the final which was Queensland.

In 1998, the Under 16s replicated this success, beating Queensland in the finals yet again. Also, that year, the Under 19s took out the championship, the first SA team to do so in that age group.

Adelaide City officially entered a women's team in 1993 with Andre Padilla as coach. The women's team also competed in 1995 under Jackie McCann but did not continue despite being quite successful. It wasn't until 1997 that Adelaide City Women's Football Club (ACWFC) was founded by the Adelaide City NSL Board to fulfil its National League commitment towards promoting women's football. Under head coach Fabio De Luca, one women's team entered Division 3. The squad mainly consisted of young girls and open age players as there was a focus on developing skilled players from the junior ranks.

Although our women's side was founded relatively later than other women's football clubs in Adelaide, it has grown to become one of the largest and most successful clubs in South Australia. The stats alone are outstanding: 11 Championships, 2 Premierships, and 7 Cup wins.

Our women have also constituted most winners for player of the year, and many have gone on to represent Adelaide United and clubs abroad.

I must make special mention to 2019, which was a significant year for our women's team. I remember it vividly as it was my first year working with the club and the first time that our women won the treble. Our side was simply unstoppable during the season, with players including Chelsie Dawber, Dylan Holmes, Nano Sasaki, and club stalwart Daniela Di Bartolo. Our main contender, pertinently, was West Adelaide, who we ultimately met in the Grand Final.

A derby as a final?

We knew this game was going to be challenging.

When the match was into the second half of extra time and esteemed goalkeeper Sarah Willacy was preparing to come on for Hellas in preparation for penalties, the collective heart rate at Coopers Stadium elevated to a dangerous height. It was Georgia Campagnale's late backheel in the bustle of the box that secured us the win. The roar from the crowd was incredible, the jubilation from City fans contrasting with the visible anguish of Hellas supporters.

I will never forget that game, and I will also never forget how included I felt by the players, staff, and volunteers that year and presently. I wish our WNPL side all the best for their inaugural game of 2023 and look forward to watching them over the season.

Bring home the three points - Forza Juve!

- 1 Elizabeth Vale women's team v Adelaide Fijians, 1966.
- 2 Adelaide City women's team coached by Fabio De Luca, 1997.
- 3 2019 Treble winners!





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24/2	A	South Adelaide	3-1	L
5/3	H	Adelaide United FC	2-0	L
11/3	H	Adelaide Comets		
24/3	A	Adelaide Olympic		
1/4	H	Sturt Lions		
8/4	A	Modbury Jets		
21/4	H	Metrostars		
25/4	A	FK Beograd		
29/4	A	Campbelltown City		
6/5	H	Croydon FC		
13/5	A	West Adelaide		
20/5	H	South Adelaide		
27/5	A	Adelaide United FC		
3/6	A	Adelaide Comets		
10/6	H	Adelaide Olympic		
17/6	A	Sturt Lions		
1/7	H	Modbury Jets		
8/7	A	Metrostars		
15/7	H	FK Beograd		
5/8	H	Campbelltown City		
12/8	A	Croydon FC		

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WT Birkalla	H	10/3
Salisbury Inter	A	19/3
Adelaide University	A	24/3
Adelaide Comets	H	31/3
Fulham United	A	15/4
Metro United WFC	H	21/4
Football SA NTC	A	28/4
Flinders United	H	5/5
West Adelaide	A	19/5
WT Birkalla	A	26/5
Salisbury Inter	H	2/6
Adelaide University	H	16/6
Adelaide Comets	A	23/6
Fulham United	H	30/6
Metro United WFC	A	8/7
Football SA NTC	H	14/7
Flinders United	A	4/8
West Adelaide	A	11/8

W = WIN

L = LOSS

D = DRAW

H = HOME

A = AWAY





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WHO ARE WE

Adelaide City Football Club is the most successful club in South Australia since its formation in 1946. An expatriate group of Italian migrants took the initiative and named the club after one of the most glorious Italian football clubs, Juventus. The club's initial attempt to don the famous black-and-white stripes of Juventus was thwarted when the then SA Football Federation ruled that there could only be one black-and-white team per league and the black and whites of Port Adelaide took precedence. The newly formed Juventus first donned a navy-blue strip with a white "J" logo before being permitted to wear the famous black and white stripes in 1949. It was only a short seven-year wait before the club won the first of several league championships in 1953. The club founded its women's arm in 1983 which is also the strongest and most successful in SA. Adelaide City then became a foundation member of Australia's first truly national sporting club competition, the National Soccer League (NSL) in 1977. The club remained a front-runner and developed a reputation for playing an attractive brand of football winning the first NSL title in 1986. Adelaide City claimed further NSL championships in 1992 and 1994. The club also holds the record for most consecutive final's appearances. That record stands at 11 years between 1990 and 2001. Sergio Melta - a club legend - holds the Australian record for the most games played at one club on the national league stage, NSL and A-League - 445. Adelaide City has also has claimed 19 SA men's premierships, 11 women's premierships, 18 Federation Cup titles, 19 pre-season cup titles on one Oceania Championship. The club created more history in 2023 by becoming the first world affiliate to Italian Serie A club Atalanta BC.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

MEN

National:

Three time National Soccer League champions in 1986, 1991-92, and 1993-94

Three time NSL Cup winners in 1979, 1989, and 1991-92

State:

18 South Australian championship titles in 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1974, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2021

South Australian minor premiers in 2008 and 2016

17 South Australian Federation Cup titles in 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1976, 2006, 2007, 2013, and 2014

South Australian second tier winners in 1946, 1949, 1987, and 1999

South Australian third tier winners in 1978

International:

Oceania Club Championship winners in 1987

WOMEN

State:

11 Women's First Division championships in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, and 2019

South Australian minor premiers in 2019 and 2020

7 Women's Cup titles in 2003, 2009, 2010, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020





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