



FOOTBALL FEDERATION
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FROM THE DESK OF THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

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The Central Coast Mariners will stage a coaching clinic at KGV Field, Glenorchy, on Monday July 26 from 6:30-8pm. The team's assistant coach and goalkeeping coach will be on hand, working with players from the Tasmania Institute of Sport and a group of goalkeepers.

All coaches of all levels are invited to attend the event, which will include practical work and a Q and A session.

The following night, the Mariners play a Tasmania Select team at KGV field.

By that time the Mariners will have been in Tasmania for close to a week and their trip includes a Preseason Cup match against Melbourne Victory at Aurora Stadium, Launceston, on July 25.

In another event, the curtain raiser game to the Mariners-Victory fixture will be an Under 20 game between Tasmania South and North. That match is scheduled to kick-off at 10 a.m.

This week has also given football lovers a chance to catch up on their sleep following the conclusion of the World Cup. Much has been said in the media about Spain's victory over the Dutch, with everyone agreeing that the best team won on the day. The ability of the Spanish players to maintain possession under extreme pressure is a testament to their technical ability and movement off the ball.

English referee Howard Webb came in for some stick in some quarters for not sending one or two players off. As usual, referees can't win. Had he sent players off, he would have been subject to a different barrage of criticism.

Now we must wait four years for the next World Cup, this time in Brazil.

Noticing how Brazil coach Dunga was sacked virtually as soon as he got off the plane in Rio de Janeiro, provides an insight into how that country's fanatical fans will react if they do not win the trophy on home soil. For my part, I hope the team returns to the free flowing, swashbuckling style Brazilian players are renowned for.

Talking of World Cups, the mini-World Cups organised by FFT in Devonport and Hobart proved to be a great success.

All the teams were named after nations involved in South Africa.

In Hobart, England beat Argentina in the final. In Devonport, Portugal triumphed over Brazil.

Certainly the only way I can see England winning a World Cup for the foreseeable future.

This coming week, 25 players invited in as the initial squad for the Tasmania select team to play the Mariners will be involved in two practice sessions.

From those sessions, 16 players will be selected for match day.

Footnote: There is a Junior Licence course planned for Launceston and anyone interested should register as soon as possible. Northern Development Officer Kurt Reynolds will conduct the course.