

NPL ROUND 1 MATCH DAY



SATURDAY
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PRESIDENT'S PIECE



HELLO AND WELCOME TO SUPPORTERS, PLAYERS, SPONSORS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY TO ROUND 1 OF THE NPLSA AT THE MAGNIFICENT HOME OF FSA FOOTBALL.

A warm welcome to Adelaide Olympic with their supporters for today's matches.

I would like to acknowledge and welcome the support of all our sponsors for season 2024. We look forward to the networking and business opportunities that Adelaide Comets can offer your business.

Welcome to our Senior Coach, George Tsonis and his support staff to season 2024. I wish George and his team all the very best for the season.

I would also like to acknowledge our newly appointed Senior WNPL coach in Daniel Milovanovic and his support team and wish them all the very best for the season. The Women and Junior girl's teams have been growing in our club each year since we commenced in 2012, which is terrific to see.

I would also like to welcome Dimitri Panagis as our Reserves Coach and John Politis who will be in charge of our U18's along with all the Assistant Coaches, Goalkeeper Coaches, Sports Scientist, Physio's, Trainers and Team Managers.

This year is our 30th Anniversary which is a special milestone for our Club coming from a Club with 30 players in 1994 to almost 600 players in 2024. I would love to see

everyone come along and join us in celebrating our history at our Gala Ball on May 11 at the National Wine Centre.

The Club is looking forward to all teams doing well today in our season opener at what will be our home ground for this season, but also acknowledge that our opponents will be tough competitors. I would also like to acknowledge all our volunteers who make it all happen on match days.

The Club is disappointed with the outcome by the Adelaide City Council for our 1m high perimeter fence in order to host home games at Ellis Park. Moving forward, we will continue to work closely with the Council to resolve this issue for the future of our NPL and WNPL home games.

Good luck to all today and a reminder that hot food and drinks are available so please be sure to pick something up in between the games.

Jim

Jim Tsouvalas
Adelaide Comets President



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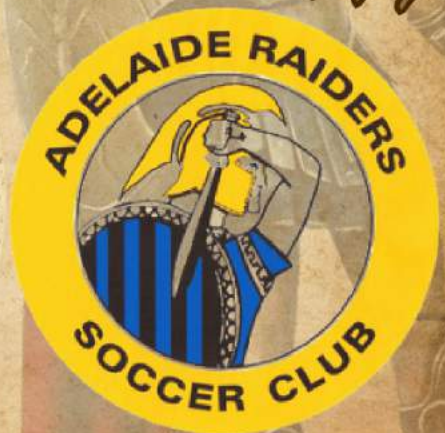
In 2024, Adelaide Comets celebrates its' 30th Anniversary and there has been significant changes on and off the pitch during this time. In the first instalment of ADELAIDE COMETS IN THE MAKING, let's look back at the changes in the CLUB LOGO over the years.



1994

Formed in 1994, as the Adelaide Raiders Soccer Club, the original club logo was a shield style emblem depicting a Greek Spartan warrior. The Greek flag was depicted in the shield to represent our heritage.

In 1999 the logo was updated to a circular design. The Greek flag on the warrior shield was replaced with our iconic black and blue stripes. This not only represented our home jersey, but was a better fit given the diverse backgrounds of our players and members.



1999

IN THE MAKING

2001



In 2001, the Club changed its name to Adelaide Comets, and with this came a new logo. An oval design, it was radically different to previous logos, giving a more modern, dynamic edge to our Club.

2017

In 2017, the Club's current logo was introduced. The shape of the logo represents the Spartan shield. The blue stripes on black background represent our home jersey colours. Rising above the 'T' is a comet, also taking the shape of a Spartan sword.



2024



This year, the Club's celebrates its 30th Anniversary with a Commemorative emblem. This insignia represents our history, illustrated by the Greek Spartan warrior.



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ANTHONY
VAKITSIDIS

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NATHAN
ANDIJANTO

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ATHAN
KAKAFIRIS

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ZACHARAKIS

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RYAN
COOK

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IKONOMOPOULOS

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ALLAN
WELSH

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IKONOMOPOULOS

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PARK

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LOBASSO

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NICHOLAS
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PHYSIO ELSIE KENNY
PHYSIO JONATHAN PANTELIOS
HIGH PERFORMANCE JOSHUA ALISON

ADELAIDE OLYMPIC



- 1 Cosmo Groff
- 2 Marko Torriani
- 3 Rasko Ljujic
- 4 Anthony Matosevic
- 5 Andrew Marveggio
- 6 Sean Henderson
- 7 Alessio Benvenuto
- 8 Liam Overall
- 9 Binyam Kebede
- 10 Tzoi Tsakani
- 11 Arbi Mollas
- 13 Teeboy Kamara
- 15 James Polli
- 16 Mamadi Kamara
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COACH'S COMMENTS

NPL



HELLO AND WELCOME ALL TO SERVICEFM STADIUM FOR ROUND ONE OF SEASON 2024.

Firstly, I would like to welcome all Adelaide Olympic staff, players and supporters. As a past player and coach of Olympic it's a very special occasion as we kick off our 2024 NPL season. To Olympic senior coach Kristi Vangjeli, I wish him a successful 2024 season as he starts his new role as a senior coach after a successful playing career both overseas and the last couple years in our very own NPL.

How quickly the new season comes around. Seems like not long ago we were here in our last competitive match versus Adelaide United in a thrilling elimination final. I welcome our new recruits, players and coaches and look forward working with you in a successful season.

During the pre season Adelaide Comets men's and women's teams travelled together to Melbourne, taking on Boroondara Soccer Club and South Melbourne. Personally, I found the experience very successful with both teams sharing the experience of travelling and enjoying each other's company. It was an invaluable part of

our pre-season and I would like to thank all involved for organising this amazing trip.

This year's NPL season promises to be a very exciting and even competition. The number of players from interstate and abroad that will be participating in the league promises to make it all the more thrilling.

To the Adelaide Comets family, board, sponsors, volunteers and players, I thank you for the opportunity to go around again coaching this proud club. Your attitude and commitment to pre-season sets us up for an exciting year. Our team is shaping up well and we will endeavour to do you all proud.

I hope you all enjoy the day and remember to support your team loud and proud.

George

George Tsonis
Men's Head Coach
Adelaide Comets FC



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U18'S
HEAD COACH

ASSISTANT COACH
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RESERVES TRAINER
U18 TRAINER

JOHN KATSABIS
GEORGE MAVROLAMBADOS
JOSH DAMINATO
PRATEEK SONTAKE
IAN NGUI

- 23 Omali Felix (U18)
- 25 Oscar Slattery (Res)
- 28 Rayhan Anwari (U18)
- 29 Joshua Lanzilli (Res)
- 30 Phil Spadavecchia (Res)
- 31 Isaak El Sayed (Res)
- 32 Thomas Stavrianos (Res)
- 33 Dion Patsouris (Res)
- 34 Panagiotis Politis (Res)
- 35 Alexander Lobo (U18)
- 36 Ruben Lawrie (Res)
- 37 Franklin Perre (Res)
- 38 Nathan Ung (U18)
- 39 Christian Tassotti (U18)
- 40 Ewen McGregor (U18)
- 44 Christian Kuna (U18) (GK)
- 45 Ricky Pericleous (U18)
- 46 Will Whiley Smith (U18)
- 47 Lucas Lim (U18)
- 48 Mayen Panchol (U18)
- 49 Ivan Bezbradica (Res)
- 51 Manolis Zaikis (U18)
- 52 Harrison Seiboth (U18)
- 55 Evan Dracopoulos (U18)
- 56 Nicolas De Felice (U18)
- 57 Gerald Howard (U18)
- 59 Stratos Loulas (U18)
- 60 Ethan Gifford (Res) (GK)
- 69 Thomas Higgs (U18)
- 71 Aaron Maru Desta (U18)
- 72 Francis Deng (Res)
- 73 Peter Palassis (U18)
- 74 John Matianos (U18)
- 75 Harry Edwards (U18)
- 77 Francesco Pangallo (Res)
- 78 Shunyo Otsuka (U18)
- 88 Jay Jung (Res)
- 92 Dom Perre (Res)
- 98 Jake Dorsi (Res)



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DIMI'S DIGEST



WELCOME BACK TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS, PARENTS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SPONSORS!

We would like to welcome Adelaide Olympic to ServiceFM Stadium on what is always an interesting battle between our two clubs.

I'm glad to announce that John Katsabis, George Mavrolambados and I will be coaching for the eighth season in our Senior set up. To have these men by my side and help me grow into the coach and man I am today is truly humbling. I owe a lot to both John and George. We are also glad to have John Politis join for the past two seasons into the Senior set up. His knowledge and experience has been vital to player development and John has helped us go to the next level. Lastly, young and talented Josh Damanato officially joins the coaching team and offers a lot of advice to our young players.

Our U18's are a talented young side, where the core group of the team have played with each other since the miniroo days. The majority of this group has come straight up from our Youth Team group (U16's) which was coached sensationally by Kieron, Pete and overseen by John Politis. The boys are fit and firing and we hope they can put together a strong campaign for 2024.

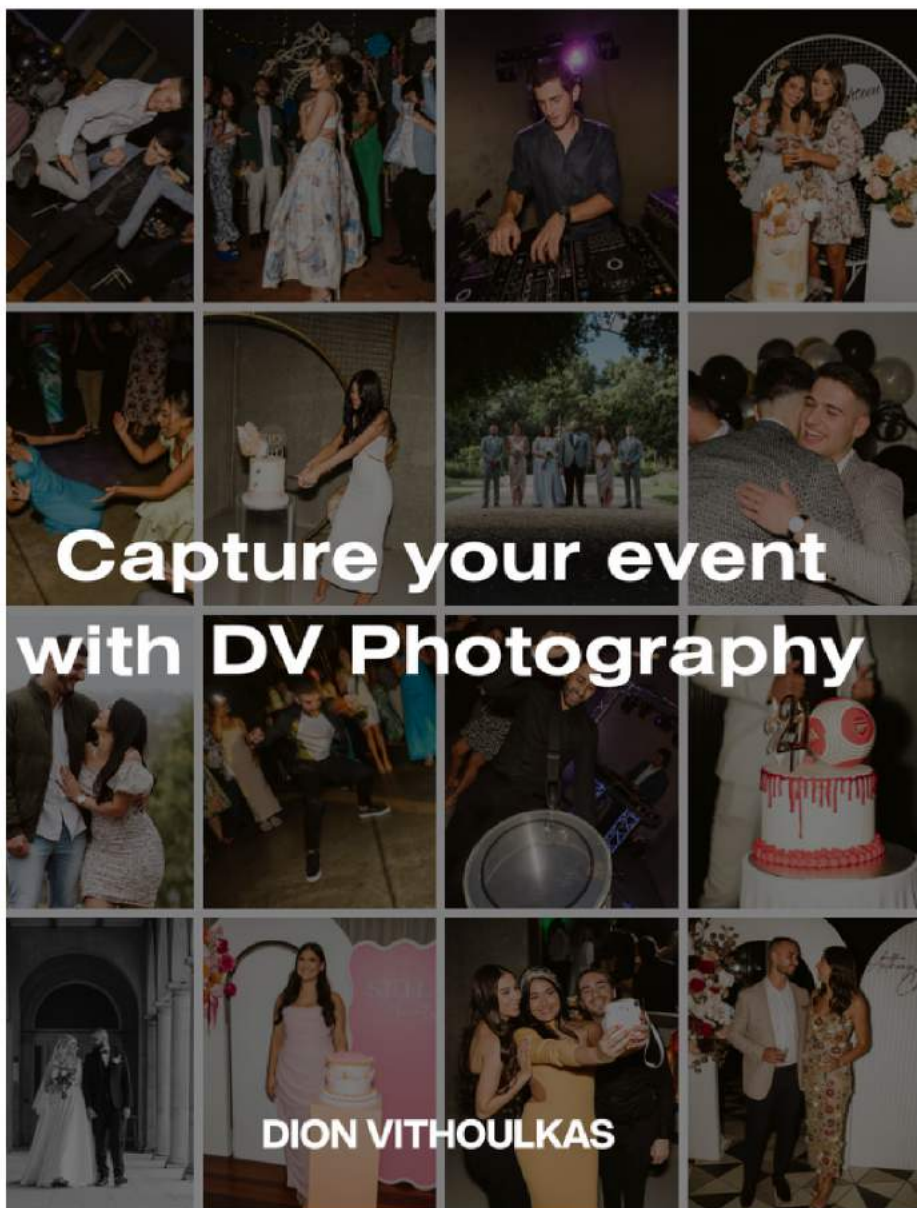
The reserves are a new look team for 2024, as we have moved on quite a few of our Premiership winning team from last year to go and get vital first team experience. It is great to see players from our U18's step into the side, also adding some new faces from other clubs who have come together and played some very nice football in the pre-season. The boys have bonded well and I'm proud to see their growth every week on the training track.

Lastly, we wish all the best to our Senior Group, including the Head Coach GT and new assistant Tony Sacca. Our relationship is a very strong and honest one and I'm glad to say that we are constantly improving ourselves every day. Let's hope we can take out 9 points today and pray that the council changes their mind and let's us put a fence around Ellis Park.

Enjoy the day, stay out of the sun!

Dimi

Dimitri Panagis
U20/U18 Head Coach, Adelaide Comets FC



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02	Friday, 1 March	South Adelaide	O'Sullivans Beach Sports & Community Centre
03	Saturday, 9 March	Adelaide City	ServiceFM Stadium
04	Friday, 22 March	Para Hills Knights	ServiceFM Stadium
05	Saturday, 30 March	FK Beograd	Frank Mitchell Park
06	Saturday, 6 April	Adelaide Croatia Raiders	ServiceFM Stadium
07	Saturday, 20 April	Campbelltown City	Steve Woodcock Sports Centre
08	Saturday, 27 April	Modbury Jets	ServiceFM Stadium
09	Saturday, 4 May	Adelaide United	ServiceFM Stadium
10	Saturday, 11 May	Croydon FC	ServiceFM Stadium
11	Saturday, 18 May	MetroStars	TK Shutter Reserve
12	Saturday, 25 May	Adelaide Olympic	Apex Football Stadium
13	Saturday, 1 June	South Adelaide	ServiceFM Stadium
14	Saturday, 8 June	Adelaide City	Adelaide City Park
15	Friday, 14 June	Para Hills Knights	The Paddocks
16	Saturday, 22 June	FK Beograd	ServiceFM Stadium
17	Saturday, 29 June	Adelaide Croatia Raiders	Croatian Sports Centre
18	Saturday, 13 July	Campbelltown City	ServiceFM Stadium

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ROUND 3



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