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Rangers End 2013 with Cup Glory

The 5th installment of the Justin Fashanu Cup kicked off under perfect blue skies on Saturday 5th October 2013 between hosts Melbourne Rovers and Sydney Rangers FC as part of the Pride Football Australia tournament in Melbourne. Coached by Billy Kennedy and Captained by Akio Matsui, Rangers sent a strong squad of experienced and new members to the club and for the first time was represented by players from all three of its winter comp teams.

After seeing the Flying Bats Women's FC go down to the Rovers women's team 3-2 earlier in the Julie Murray Cup, Rangers knew they would need to play at their best to reclaim some honor for the travelling Sydney contingent against a strong and talented Rovers men's team who had played together all season.

The first 20 minutes saw both sides have a real go at each other with the Rangers midfield and defence doing extremely well to limit Melbourne to only a few shots on goal. Duncan Jones and Nick Nurlan expertly commanded the Rangers midfield linking well with forwards Daniel Wilson and Adam Rose who both worked tirelessly to keep the Melbourne defence under pressure. A beautiful ball over the top by Duncan and Nick went clean through on goal only to see the shot narrowly miss at the last second. As the half wore on, Rangers looked the team more committed in the stifling Melbourne heat with Dooky Dook particularly ferocious in the tackle when trying to win the ball back. Daniel Wilson's pace was causing the Rovers defence all sorts of problems and as he raced onto another ball into the box, Melbourne defender Tom Tonkin tellingly clipped him with the referee pointing straight to the penalty spot. Cool as ice, up stepped Duncan Jones who struck the ball decisively to give Rangers a deserved 1-0 lead going into the half time break.

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Half time in the soaring heat and a chance for the boys to down some much needed fluids and listen to the last instructions and motivational wisdom of coach Billy Kennedy, who was extremely pleased with the Rangers first half performance.

Continuing where they left off, Rangers started the more composed team and looked to keep Rovers playing in their own half. Tom Dougherty shrugged off his pre-match knee injury concerns with several marauding runs up and down the right flank. An intricate piece of play from midfield maestro Duncan Jones saw him put an inch perfect ball over the top to Daniel Wilson who showed sublime pace and then supple skill to chip the advancing keeper and score a wonderful goal to rapturous applause from the Rangers faithful. Rangers 2-nil up with 30 minutes to play. As expected, the Melbourne Rovers boys showed just what grit and determination they are made from to claw their way back into the match. Peter Devine, Melbourne's dread-locked player/coach was instrumental in providing the creative spark missing from their first half performance. Time and again the rotating Rangers defence of Daniel O'Raw, Hiro Tsuchiya, Mark Robinson, Daryn Vanstone and Ryan Lambert held firm against the increasing waves of Melbourne attacks. Another forward run by Melbourne and Hiro was harshly judged to have given away a free kick on the edge of the box. Rangers keeper Bruce Nagle, who had a brilliant afternoon between the posts, could only watch as the resulting free kick was expertly placed into the top corner of the goals. The gap had closed but Rangers still led 2-1 with fifteen to go.

As both teams tired, Melbourne threw everything they had to score the equalizing goal but in one of the most committed defensive displays by a Rangers team ever, the Sydney boys in blue held out for another famous Justin Fashanu Cup victory. This, interestingly also meant that no home team has ever won the JF Cup in five years of the tournament being played but Sydney Rangers are firming as favourites for 2014.

Former Matilda's Captain Julie Murray and AFL player Jason Ball, the ambassadors for the 2013 Pride Football Australia tournament voted Duncan Jones as a worthy man of the match, closely followed by Sydney's Daniel Wilson.

The tournament received some excellent radio coverage on Joy FM's gay sports program "The Locker Room," conducting three interviews on match day – Julie Murray (-33:05), Sydney Rangers Vice-President Joseph Roppolo (-27:55) and former Sydney Ranger John Player (-24:23). To listen to those interviews click on the link: <http://joy.org.au/lockerroom/2013/10/14/what-do-snowboarding-lawn-bowls-and-a-soccer-tournament-have-in-common/>

Sydney Rangers FC is looking forward to hosting the 3rd Pride Football Australia tournament in 2014 with the Flying Bats Women's team. If any player has any input for next year's tournament, please contact Joseph Roppolo at joseph@xlfruit.com.au

Below: Victory is sweet as Rangers become three times Justin Fashanu Cup winners.



Above Left: Man of the Match Duncan Jones. Above Right: Proud Sydney Rangers JF Cup Coach Billy Kennedy holding the Justin Fashanu Cup.



Above: Players from Melbourne Rovers Men & Women, The Flying Bats and the Sydney Rangers. Pride Football Australia gets bigger every year.



The Midnight Shift: Sponsors of the Sydney Rangers Football Club

2013 Sydney Rangers Awards Night

The Sydney Rangers Football Club celebrated the 2013 season in style on Saturday 19th October at Club sponsor venue The Midnight Shift. The awards night was the biggest end of season night that Sydney Rangers have ever held. The night was brilliantly organized by Ben Bagshaw, Mark Robinson, Duncan Jones and Adam Rose. The crowd was kept well entertained by hosts Ben Bagshaw and Duncan Jones. Sydney Rangers also celebrated the recent victory in the Justin Fashanu Cup at the Pride Football Australia tournament in Melbourne with a passionate speech from Coach Billy Kennedy and Captain Akio Matsui. A lifetime achievement was also awarded to Club President Gavin Mears.

The award winners for 2013 were:

Rangers A

Players Player: Duncan Jones & Hiro Tsuchiya

Coach's Award: Daniel Wilson

Golden Boot: Duncan Jones

Rangers B

Players Player: Tom Dougherty

Coach's Award: Riccardo Ingle

Most Improved: Adam Rose

Golden Boot: Tom Dougherty & Jon Leng

Rangers Over 35's

Players Player: Stewart Mills

Golden Boot: Joseph Roppolo

Coach's Award: Bruce Nagle



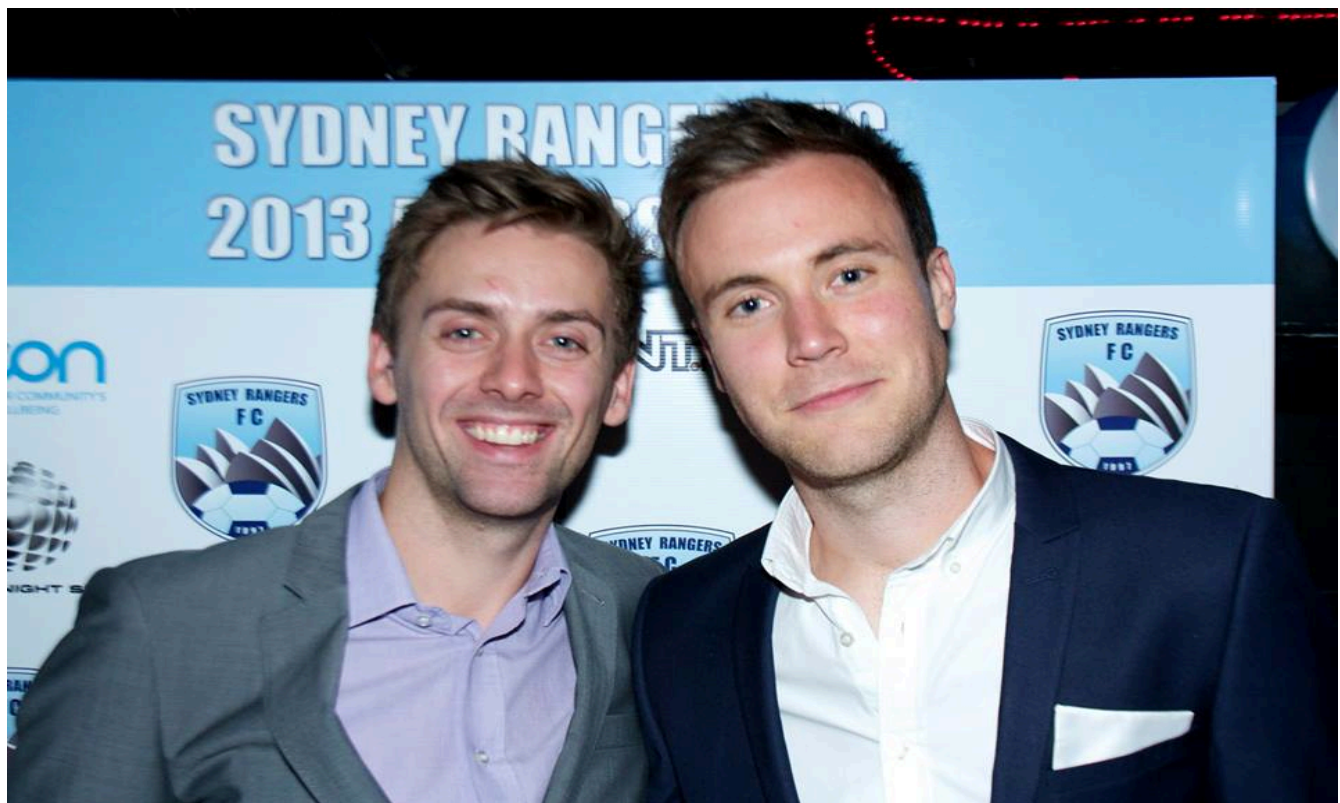
Above: Awards Night 2013 - Sydney Rangers A Team



Above: Awards Night 2013 - Sydney Rangers B Team



Above: Awards Night 2013 - Sydney Rangers Over 35's Team



Above: 2013 Awards Night hosts' Ben Bagshaw & Duncan Jones



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Sydney Rangers Helping End HIV on World AIDS Day

This year's World AIDS Day is fast approaching & our community sponsor ACON would love some volunteers from the Sydney Rangers to help out with the Annual Red Ribbon Appeal. This year, the Red Ribbon Appeal is all about ending HIV. That's because recent advances in HIV treatments and testing technologies mean we have the ability to virtually eliminate HIV transmission in NSW by the end of this decade. After 30 years of battling HIV/AIDS, the fact that we now have the capacity to end the epidemic within 10 years is incredibly significant.

With support from Sydney Rangers, ACON can raise much-needed funds for programs & services that are vital to ending the HIV epidemic. ACON are seeking volunteers for the Red Ribbon Appeal street collection on Friday 29 November and Sunday 1 December. The more volunteers on the street means more money can be raised to help end HIV. You can volunteer for a shift on either day or both days and if you grab a few teammates you can work as a group & select your preferred location.

You can register at: committee@sydneyrangersfc.com.au or at www.endinghiv.org.au



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**Summer Nights
Football is back!**

**Starts Wednesday
Nov 6 2013**

Sydney Rangers F.C. Summer Nights Soccer is back every Wednesday starting 6 November. There are still spots available so if you are keen to play in the shortened form of the game then let Gavin know at info@sydneyrangersfc.com.au

Kick off is 6.45pm sharp on the grassed area opposite the Hordern Pavilion on Driver Ave, Moore Park.

Important Dates for Sydney Rangers FC

- 6 Nov – Mar 14: Summer Nights 6-a-side comp (2 week break over Xmas/NY)
- 1 Dec 2013: Winter Competition Online Registration Opens
- 14 Dec 2013: Club Christmas get together @ Bronte Beach
- 18 Jan 2014: Winter Comp (2014) Registration Day @ Bronte Beach
- 19 Jan 2014: Winter Comp (2014) Registration Day @ Social Soccer
- 9 Feb 2014: Mardi Gras Fair Day

Keep an eye on Facebook, the Sydney Rangers website & Twitter for more detailed information on the above dates. You can also email the Sydney Rangers Club at info@sydneyrangersfc.com.au for more information.



Birthday Celebrations November

4 Rangers celebrate a birthday in November:

- Evin Marinili – 2nd November
- Tom Thawornwannasin – 14th November
- Filipe Cruz Vergara – 26th November
- Joseph Roppolo – 26th November



Sydney Rangers Football Club wishes all these gents a very Happy Birthday!

Reminder – Sydney Rangers Membership

If you have forgotten to renew your membership for Sydney Rangers Football Club, you can still do it by going to www.sydneyrangersfc.myclubmate.com. All Sydney Rangers memberships expired on the 30 June 2013 so you will need to renew it for the 2013/2014 season. Once your payment has been received you will receive your new membership card for the next 12-month period. This card will enable you to receive discounts and benefits from our sponsors and supporters.

