



After being approached by Vince Cologuri (Football Mundial) requesting Inter Lions host this camp. The time had finally arrived. Months of organising / preparing /checking & re checking .The moment of truth had arrived & it did. During the month of January, the much anticipated arrival of the Inter Milan Coaches jetted into Sydney to commence a four day Coaching Clinic to be held at Ron Routley Oval from 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan through to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 07.Two Talented Juniors would be selected from the Elite Youth Camp to travel to Milano & train with the Inter Youth teams, watch the 1<sup>st</sup> team play & meet the players, all expenses paid. A dream come true .The travelling party were Led by Marco Monti (Assistant Technical Director), Roberto Samaden (Junior Coaching Director ) & Paolo Migliavacca ( Junior Coaching ).Also Piero Ausilio (Organisational Head) made the trip down under to supervise & ensure all was running smoothly. Two camps were running in conjunction with a coaches course which was also held.Elite Camp commenced 8.30am - 11.30am & juniors were held in the afternoon 4.30pm – 7.30 pm. To kick off the camp all players conglomerated to Concord RSL Club Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 07 to collect their gear. Vince Colagiuri (Football Director) Football Mundial who organised this event, opened proceedings, introducing the Inter Coaches to well over 500 faithful (Some travelling from Canberra, Wollongong & all over Sydney) with a well informed speech of what they could expect & what was expected from the players during the four day clinic. The excitement of the players faces were plain to see & an opportunity of a lifetime. They soon found out that this was not going to be a walk in the park, four days of hard intense work awaited them & the Inter Coaches did not disappoint with positional play / technical aspects / field position / ball control /discipline was the order of the day. Goalkeepers were also in the mix, as they received specialised training in their own group & participated in game time , applying their skills learnt. A great time was had by all , with the players going home exhausted but satisfied with the new wealth of knowledge & an opportunity to be coached by the worlds best. I'm sure there be plenty of talk around the shopping centres /cinemas & schools in the weeks ahead.

Finally the moment we have all been waiting for the selection of the two players. First of all it must be said that this was not going to be an easy task to choose from all the quality talent that was on show & all the players wanted to impress & they certainly did.

To avoid any conflict of interest is must be pointed out that neither Inter Lions or Vince Cologuri took part in any selection process, we felt in the best interests for all concerned that the INTER MILAN COACHES choose & make the final decision.

Inter has chosen the first 2 players to trial at Interello in Milan –Italy

- Matthew Bianco from Sydney
- Steven Lustica from Canberra

In regards to the selection of players to go to Italy Head Coach Marco Monti had this to say, "*We were pleasantly surprised by the number of players with good technical skill. We initially chose about 12 players selected from each age group. It was very difficult to select the final 2 but after considering, technical & tactical application in game situations for each specific age level we finally agreed on Matthew & Steven .*"

After a very successful week which included the Elite Youth Camp, Junior Camp & Coaches Course, the Inter Coaches return to Italy to plan their next visit.

It is hoped that the next visit possibly in April (yet to be confirmed) will include more camps & a senior coaching course as well.

Inter Lions would like to extend personal thanks to :

✓ FC Internazionale Personnel

- Ø Piero Ausilio (Organisational Head)
- Ø Marco Monti (Assistant Technical Director),
- Ø Roberto Samaden (Junior Coaching Director )
- Ø Paolo Migliavacca ( Junior Coaching )

for their professionalism & commitment. They were a pleasure to work with.

- ✓ Vince Cologuri (Football Director) Football Mundial, who put in a lot of hours in organising the camp & also coaching . Had a few grey hairs before, hopefully Vince will regain his natural colour in years to come.
- ✓ Cinzia Cologuri (Vince's better half) who provided all the background /behind the scene work that usually goes unnoticed. Rumour has it that Cinzia did in fact do all on Vince's work (only a rumour ?)
- ✓ Nutella – Sponsor of this great event. The camp could not have taken place without their generosity & commitment .Also who supplied countless Nutella snack bars to the players over the four day period , which I'm sure each player is very grateful for.
- ✓ City Canada Bay Council :
  - Ø Mayor –Angelo Tsirekas
  - Ø GM -Gary Sawyer
  - Ø Gemma Quomi
  - Ø Fiona MacColl
  - Ø Peter Sheehan

Ø /Craig Davis ,

for their understanding & support during this camp. Greatly appreciated

