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CANNAVARO CONFIRMED FOR DONATE BLOOD CUP FINAL

Football West is thrilled to announce that Italy's 2006 World Cup winning captain Fabio Cannavaro will be present at Saturday's Donate Blood Cup Final at Macedonia Park.

Cannavaro is currently in Perth as a consultant and international ambassador for Dubai's Al-Ahli Club, who will be playing Perth Glory at nib Stadium on Tuesday 23 August.

The massive coup will see former FIFA World Player of the Year Cannavaro present the Cup to the winning captain. He will also be presented to the crowd during half time.

Football West Chief Executive Peter Hugg said: "Clearly it is a great honour to have one of the world's best players and most capped player for the Azzuri be present at one of our major matches for the season. The Al Ahli club has been very gracious and supportive to us during their time here and more activities will be announced over the next few days, leading up to their match on Tuesday evening against Perth Glory at nib Stadium.

"Visits like this cannot be over exaggerated. This training camp alone has contributed almost \$400,000 to the WA economy and over the weekend, I hope to take the chance to explore future opportunities for return visits and maybe even the possibility of some form of formal exchanges between the UAE and WA. In the mean time, let us all get to Macedonia Park on Saturday to welcome Fabio to Perth."

Joe Fusari has been named as the match referee with Josh Mihevc and Michal Jasinski his assistants. David Costello will be the fourth official.

Brazilian dancers, small sided football and a bouncy castle for the kids will be the entertainment for the main match, with small sided football taking place during the interval. The Australian Red Cross Blood Service will also be present for pledging in support of WA Socceroo Brad Jones and his ill son Luca.

State League Cup Finals

Saturday 20 August

Macedonia Park, 273 Albert Street, Balcatta

State League Under 18's Cup Final

10.00am: Bayswater City v Floreat Athena

State League Reserves Cup Final

12.30pm: ECU Joondalup v Shamrock Rovers

Donate Blood Cup Final

3.00pm: Perth SC v Sorrento

Entry Prices

Adults - \$10

Pensioners/Concessions - \$5

Under 15 - Free

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