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GULLS SWOOP IN EXTRA TIME TO CLAIM CUP

Paul Price's resilient Sorrento has claimed the 2011 Donate Blood Cup Final after needing extra time to defeat Perth SC 1-0 at Macedonia Park.

A massive crowd in excess of 3,100 people was on hand to witness Sorrento's historic triumph over favourites Perth.

A surging run and shot from winger Jack Doyle sealed the title for the Gulls, as his shot deflected off Perth defender Shaun Kilkelly and into the back of the net with just nine minutes to go.

"The players did fantastically well today, I thought we were the better side on the day, dominated possession and created the better chances," said Sorrento coach Paul Price.

"Perth is a good side, but today I thought we deserved to win it.

"We've defended well all season and we've started to knock a few goals in recent week's which is pleasing.

"We only got the one today, but we got the ball into a dangerous area and got the reward."

Unfortunately Football West guest of honour Fabio Cannavaro had to leave after 90 minutes for a pre-arranged Al-Ahli team meeting which didn't take into account the possibility of extra time.

Despite not presenting the winner's Cup, the Italian legend was still presented to the crowd at half time and left plenty of fans very happy by posing for photos and signing autographs throughout the afternoon.

Cannavaro will also be present at Tuesday night's match between Perth Glory and Al-Ahli at nib Stadium, where kickoff will be 8pm.

In the Reserves Cup Final it was ECU Joondalup who claimed the title after an injury time stunner from Shane Pickering gave his side a 2-1 win against Shamrock Rovers. To complete a day of late winners, Floreat's Mark McLaughlin left it late to give Athena a 2-1 victory against Bayswater City in the opening Under 18's Cup Final.

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Donate Blood State League Cup Final

Saturday 20 August, 2011

Perth SC 0

Sorrento 1 (OG 111')

Venue – Macedonia Park

Crowd – 3,113

Referee – Joe Fusari

Assistants – Josh Mihevc and Michal Jasinski

Fourth Official – David Costello

**Attached is a photo courtesy Alan McDonald of 2011 Cup winners Sorrento*



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