

Flashback: Milos Lujic



Milos Lujic was a Striker at South Melbourne from 2014-2018. In that time, he played over 150 games and scored over 120 goals.

Lujic arrived to South from Northcote City after winning the 2013 Victorian Grand Final. He had also previously played for Richmond, Altona Magic, Oakleigh and Springvale White Eagles.

However it was at South where Lujic made his biggest mark. In his first season at South he scored 24 goals from 32 games. His goal scoring helped secure South the 2014 Championship which was decided by a first past the post format that season. This saw South go onto compete in the NPL National Competition where they bowed out in the semi-finals.

Amazingly he continued to better this record, scoring 31 times in 2015, helping South to finish first on the table, but ultimately lost in the Grand Final to the Bentleigh Greens.

Lujic also scored a number of hatricks for South, six in total including a memorable one against Dandenong City in the final qualifying round for the FFA Cup.

In that remarkable game, South were down 4-1 against their lower league opponents before turning the game on its head.

With less than 10 minutes of normal time Milos helped the cause by converting a penalty at the 82nd minute and again at the 96th minute to secure a stunning 5-4 victory.

Lujic attracted significant attention during his time at South, with many in the football community questioning why he was never signed to an A-League team. His quality was obvious and he will always be a legend at Lakeside.



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South Melbourne vs Heidelberg United @ Lakeside Stadium

Derby Day at Lakeside!



South face Heidelberg in an always highly anticipated clash at Lakeside Stadium. Unlike the same fixture last year through... things are very different this time around!

The last time South played Heidelberg in the League at Lakeside, Hellas were walloped 3-0 and were coached by the soon exited Estaban Quintas, how things change!

This time it is the Bergers under pressures. Alexander have been in a horrible run of form recently, having been knocked out of the Australian Cup by North Sunshine and now facing elimination from the NPL finals placings.

The Bergers have dropped out of the top six and will be desperate for a result today to keep their finals hopes alive.

They face a rampant South Melbourne who, fan favourite Sinisa Cohadzic, has coached into strong form. However, with a huge Australia Cup game against Preston coming up, and finals already secured for Hellas, the question becomes... will South rest players against a desperate and capable Heidelberg? Let's go South!

About Blue and White Views

Blue and White Views is an unofficial source of news and opinion about the South Melbourne Football Club.

The platform was established in 2025 as a way to support the club ahead of its inaugural Australian Championship campaign. It has since provided fanzines, podcasts, blogs and even an annual magazine, free of charge, for fans of South Melbourne.

Blue and White Views has generated over 10,000 website hits and distributed nearly 1,000 physical fanzines at matches.

You can support Blue and White Views by following the platform on social media.

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Surprising merchandise



This month South announced a surprising and delightful merchandise partnership with... VicRoads!

The club has launched limited edition number plates which gives members the chance to drive around the city representing the mighty Hellas.

For \$750 many of the limited edition plates have already been picked up, with early indication that the merchandise has proven popular with fans.

We commend the club for the unique initiative which both shows professionalism and allows fans to spread the gospel of South on the roads for many years to come!

However, for those lucky enough to snag one of these limited plates, we advise against parking your cars near opposition away grounds!

Pop-up Review!



Last year's Australian Championship saw the club greatly improve its match day offerings. We take a look at a few of the pop-ups we've seen in recent times.

Souvlatia – A great enhancement on previous food offerings. The lines are long but have improved and delightfully, the smoke wafting across the ground has been a big plus!

Bougatsa – A sweet addition well liked by fans. The service is quick for the largely pre-prepared snack.

Ice cream – A good one for hot Australian Championship games, but not one we want to see during the winter NPL.

DJ – A huge plus for big fixtures, however can clash with the stadium PA at times making for an annoying noise clash. Side note, we'd like to see a return of Zombie Nation played loudly and instantly after South goals!

The SMFC Quiz

1 point per correct answer

Captain Questions:

1. Who is the captain of South Melbourne this season?
2. Who was the captain of South Melbourne in 2024?
3. Who was the captain of South Melbourne between 2017-2023?

Home Ground Questions:

4. Where did South play home games in 2010 and 2011?
5. When did South Melbourne return to Lakeside Stadium?

History Question:

6. What was Ange Postecoglou's last year as a South player?

Who am I?

- (5 pts) I am English.
- (4 pts) I played in the NSL for Sunshine George Cross.
- (3 pts) I coached South to two (2) championships.
- (2 pts) I was coach of the club from 2013-2018.
- (1 pt) I am currently coach of Oakleigh Cannons.

Answers: (1) Jankovic
(2) Sawyer (3) Norton
(4) John Cain Memorial Park
(5) 2012 (6) 1993
Who am I? Chris Taylor

Junior Program Update

There has been significant change in the Youth leagues this year and now that we approach the end of the season, we jumped onto Dribl to see how South's teams are doing in their respective leagues.

Boys Teams

U18 Boys – 7th out of 15
24 games, 38 points

U16 Boys – 15th out of 15
24 games, 13 points

U15 Boys – 9th out of 15
24 games, 35 points

U14 Boys – 8th out of 15
24 games, 31 points

U13 Boys – 15th out of 15
25 games, 12 points

Girls Teams

U17 Girls – 3rd out of 16
27 games, 63 points

U15 Girls – 1st out of 16
27 games, 64 points

U13 Girls – 8th out of 16
27 games, 41 points.

New Albert Park Facilities



In June South Melbourne's women's program saw the official opening of their new facilities at Albert Park. The purpose built temporary facilities are part of the ongoing works for the Albert Park Pit Building redevelopment which is being conducted for the F1.

This development was welcomed by the club who will now enjoy a modern and upgraded space for their programs in the near future.

Other local clubs also received new facilities with Middle Park Soccer club and the Powerhouse Rugby Union club accommodated with similar temporary infrastructure.

The use of Albert Park for community programs is always closely watched and a challenging workflow to manage. We hope that the new facilities enhance South's ability to enjoy its spiritual home.

Oh what a night, in the end!



South have progressed to the Round of 16 of the Australia Cup after defeating Fremantle City in a heart pounding game at Lakeside Stadium.

The visitors were coming into this game at the underdogs, having to fly into Melbourne from Perth and bearing only a meagre recent form record. Although Fremantle found themselves in the NPLWA top 4, their recent games had not been convincing and the club had relied on last minute goals against the run of play.

South started the game strong, peppering the goal with chances but eventually needing something magical to take an early lead.

11 minutes in, Cox cut the ball in line with the goal and unleashed a wicked shot from outside the box, beating the Fremantle keeper and giving South a well-deserved lead.

Soon after South doubled their lead at the 20th minute, when David Yoo tapped the ball in after a dangerous low cross from Painter-Andrews.

However, at the 30th minute, Jack Charlston bizarrely ran off his line to collect a through ball, only to foul the Fremantle striker in the box and give away a penalty. Freo scored the penalty to take the score to 2-1.

Again, against the run of play as the rain poured down at Lakeside Freo sent in another dangerous ball into the box, where another poor defensive error allowed the Western Australians to score. At half time the score was 2-2 and fans were shocked.

Another shock opened the second half, when Freo sent another long ball at the 50th minute where the striker was able to collect the ball and chip Charlston, giving Freo the lead. Three chances, three goals, South on the back foot.

Thankfully South managed to finally find some luck and were awarded a penalty when Juach was taken down in the box. Juach scored the penalty to equalise and ultimately sent the game into extra time.

Both teams failed to score in extra time leaving a frustrated South to take penalties for the result. South dominated the match with over 40 shots but the resolute Freo defended well and took their chances to push the match to the brink.

Thankfully Charlston was able to redeem himself with an incredible performance in the shootout. He saved three shots from the spot, helping South secure a nail-biting win!

SMFC Squad

See below the 2026 SMFC Senior Squad per the club's official website.

Goalkeepers	
1	Javier Lopez
20	Jake Charlston
Defenders	
2	Richard Nkomo
3	Jordan Lampard
4	Marco Jankovic ©
5	Hassam Razmani
23	Jacob Eliopoulos
27	Jack Painter-Andrews
?	Sam Fawcett
Midfielders	
7	David Yoo
8	Paolo Retre
11	Yuki Uchida
14	Alex Menelaou
17	Thomas Giannakopoulos
18	Andre Skapoulas
21	Sebastian Pasquali
22	Max Mikkola
Forwards	
7	Ishveer Singh
9	Jordan Swibel
10	Bul Juach
13	James Lackay
16	Arran Cocks
19	Andrew Mesourouni

Player Spotlight



Arran Cocks

Forward, Age: 20

Cox played his early senior football in Scotland for both Forfar Athletic in Scottish League Two and for the B team of Scottish Premiership side St Johnston. He then joined NSW side Broadmeadow where he shone in the Australian Championship.

South signed him ahead of the OPL where Cox made an instant impact, scoring four goals and managing four assists. Over the course of the season this dangerous left winger has grown into the squad offering flair and excitement in attack.

South Watch



Date	Opponent	Result
15/8	Melbourne City Youth	3-0
9/8	Fremantle City	3-3 W (P. 3-1)
2/8	St Albans	2-0 W
30/7	Adelaide United	2-0 W
24/7	Oakleigh Cannons	2-1 W

South have been in strong form as of late, shooting back up the table to secure an NPL finals spot and dominating recent league games against both St Albans, and a heavily refreshed Melbourne City.

However the most challenging games are yet to come with an Australian Cup round of 16 grudge match against Preston Lions and the NPL Finals. The question today will be if South rest players, or heavily rotate substitutes during the game.

Rival Watch



Date	Opponent	Result
15/8	Hume City	4-5 L
12/8	North Sunshine	0-0 L (P. 3-4)
8/8	Preston Lions	1-3 L
1/8	Avondale	1-2 L
24/7	Caroline Springs	0-0 D

What can we say about the Bergers? After an incredible year in 2025 they seem to have struggled this year. Commentators have speculated this could be for a few reasons – a failure to replace outgoing stars, fatigue from their previous campaign, and disappointment from having their ACL2 bid rejected.

Regardless of the reasons, Heidelberg are struggling, and in recent weeks have been knocked out of the Australia Cup, lost the Dockerty Cup final and have dropped out of the NPL top 6.