

Article 1: FFA chief Gallop's bitter in another swipe over dispute



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The Matildas went on strike in September and skipped a planned tour of the US as Professional Footballers Association (PFA) pushed for a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA), which is yet to be ratified even though the A-League is underway.

Last week, FFA announced the national team will tour China later this month as part of their Rio Olympics preparation, after an interim deal was accepted by PFA. "I've got to say we were totally underwhelmed with the fact that we missed an opportunity to play the world champions, the USA," Gallop told the audience, which included Matildas 2015 FIFA World Cup stars Lisa De Vanna, Kyah Simon, Lydia Williams, Katrina Gorry and Caitlin Foord.

"There were a number of PR stunts run around that unfortunate event ... we were not happy with what happened, particularly some misinformation where indeed even the subject of motherhood got used against us. I can tell you now, we do not cut pregnant players, that was the nonsense that came out in the press." Gallop reiterated his views that the women's national team had been dragged into a dispute surrounding pay in the men's game, having previously accused the PFA of using the Matildas as a bargaining chip.

After the launch, he said he felt it was important to remind people of what he saw as a largely fruitless boycott. "Today is the launch of our national club competition," Gallop said. "It's also the flagship for our whole approach to the women's game, and we missed a big opportunity to play the world champions ... it didn't necessarily lead to any advance in the negotiations that we were in."

The Matildas stand to be the biggest beneficiaries of the new four-year, whole-of-game CBA that also takes in the A-League and Socceroos, with the new deal set to make them full-time professional players for the first time. Goalkeeper Williams said the situation had been largely resolved and the team were back in camp, while she was looking forward to kicking off her W-League title defence with Canberra United away to Brisbane Roar on Sunday.

However she added that while the team were on board with the whole-of-game approach, the issues they were pushing were separate to those of male players. "We had different things that we wanted to work on, but all the girls were really passionate about getting an outcome," she told AAP. "It was all 100 per cent our own decision."



Article 2: Matildas players say pay dispute is about future of women's sport



Source: ABC Radio.
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MARK COLVIN: Players from the Australian women's football side say their bitter industrial dispute with soccer's governing body is about the future of the women's game, and not just pay. The Matildas haven't been paid since their collective bargaining agreement with Football Federation Australia expired two months ago. On Wednesday, the team called off its two-match tour of the US.

The team captain and a handful of other players have since said they want the games to go ahead, but the majority of the team are standing firm. Angela Lavoipierre reports.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: The pay dispute that's been building for months reached a crescendo this week when the Matildas downed tools. First, they cancelled training. Then, their tour of the USA. This afternoon the chief executive of Football Federation Australia, David Gallop, confirmed the tour is off.

DAVID GALLOP: The reason it won't be going ahead is because the FFA and the PFA have been unable to reach agreement regarding the A-League salary cap position and the extraordinary demands that the PFA have made in relation to the A-League salary cap has found the Matildas caught up in something that they shouldn't be caught up in.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: He claims the Players Federation Australia is using the women's side as a bargaining chip in broader negotiations.

DAVID GALLOP: The Matildas' agreement is a factor that is caught up in payments to the Socceroos and to the A-League. It shouldn't be. Today we endeavoured to resolve just the Matildas' position, we believe we put a very fair position that would've resolved that but we were told even if we had agreed to that, there would be no deal while ever we haven't agreed to the A-League salary cap.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: Team morale has taken a hit.

KATE GILL: Pretty low, to be honest, I mean the girls always want to play football and it's been an incredibly tough decision to have to make but a necessary one.



ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: Kate Gill is a long standing player in the squad, and an executive member of PFA (Professional Footballers Association). As the dust settled on the players' decision to cancel the tour, a split emerged in the team.

The captain Lisa De Vanna and at least five other players still want the games to happen. Gill describes their decision as a slap in the face, and says the majority of team is sticking with its original call. She doesn't think the decision will hurt preparations for the Olympics.

KATE GILL: I don't think so. I think obviously the girls are fairly adamant that they would like a CBA in place, because it's about protection and protecting the players. And currently there is none of that. There's no insurance if the girls get injured - they're pretty much uncontracted. So just makes it extremely hard for them to commit to a program and commit to an employer who's not paying a wage.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: The Matildas are currently paid \$21,000 a year. Player Melissa Barbieri says they're asking for more, but not a lot.

MELISSA BARBIERI: We don't want the same pay as men, you know that's what we're getting thrown under the bus about, is that we want the same pay as men. No, we want certain conditions that help us be better professional footballers and pay is one of those things because that's how you can ply your trade to the best of your abilities. People can't pay bills at home whilst they're borrowing money for the mortgage for the time that they're away, then you can't ply your trade to the best of your ability, you've got those things hanging over your head.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: She says the dispute is about more than money, it's about the future of women's football in Australia.

MELISSA BARBIERI: It's not like we're just going to get it good for ourselves up until the Olympics, we're thinking about the next generation and the next CBA is six years down the track. And you have to start thinking well in six years time where do you want to be? We want to be winning the World Cup, we want to be gold medallists at the next Olympic Games.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: Kate Gill believes it could be a turning point for women's sport at large.

KATE GILL: I think this is probably a bold move from the girls and it's one that should probably be respected but it could be one that could change the game of women's sport in Australia as well.

ANGELA LAVOPIERRE: David Gallop says other teams will be found to stand in on the Matilda's planned games in the US next week.

Question 1

Consider the examples of language used in the two articles above. In pairs, discuss how each article uses language differently or presents events in a different light through language choices. Note down your thinking in the third column.

Language use in Article 1	Language use in Article 2	What is different?
FFA chief Gallop's bitter	bitter industrial dispute	
another swipe over dispute	pay dispute	
Australia's national women's team pulling out of a United States tour	the team called off its two-match tour	
The Matildas... skipped a planned tour	the Matildas downed tools	
a largely fruitless boycott	a bold move	
we were totally underwhelmed with the fact that we missed an opportunity to play the world champions, the USA	it's one that should probably be respected	
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we were not happy with what happened, particularly some misinformation where indeed even the subject of motherhood got used against us.	it extremely hard for them to commit to a program and commit to an employer who's not paying a wage.	
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Question 2

How is the same event represented differently by the two articles?

Question 3

How is language used in the articles to empower and disempower the Australian Women's National Football Teams?

Question 4

Why are language choices important when it comes to representing an event?

Reflection: Why is it important to use your voice?

Extension: Why do you think the author of Article 1 chose this image of David Gallop?

