



Melbourne Victory agree to sell Mark Milligan to Saudi Arabian club Al-Ahli



Australian international Mark Milligan has played his last game for Melbourne Victory after finalising a \$1 million transfer to Saudi Arabian giants Al-Ahli on Sunday. Victory are understood to have reluctantly agreed to sell their star player after receiving an offer they could not reject while the player pushed to gain a lucrative move to the cashed-up club in Jeddah.

The 32-year-old was seeking a move to Al-Ahli and is understood to have agreed to terms in principle for a contract that would

dwarf his current marquee salary at Victory. Club sources suggest the football department was eager to keep hold of Milligan for the rest of the season, especially with their Asian Champions League campaign beginning in a fortnight.

Saudi bound: Mark Milligan is set to join Al-Ahli.

However, Milligan is in the final four months of his contract with Victory and is yet to be offered a new deal. With no certainty

around his long-term future with the club, Milligan sought the chance to sign with Al-Ahli where he would earn a significant salary boost in the latter stages of his career, play in arguably the best league in the Middle East and in the Asian Champions League.

Victory declined to comment when contacted by Fairfax Media but confirmed they had received the increased offer from Al-Ahli. It's expected Victory will make an announcement in the coming days.