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FIRST GRADE

Hakoah Sydney City East 0 - 1 Manly United FC at Hensley Athletic Field

A FIRST half goal from Scott Balderson helped Manly United beat Hakoah Sydney City East FC 1-0 during their PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues clash on Sunday afternoon at Hensley Athletic Field.

The visitors knew a win was essential if they were going to potentially finish inside the top three - and have the all-important two chances come the semi-finals next weekend.

In the end, Rockale's 1-1 draw with league champions APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park saw Manly finish in fourth spot.

Still it was a solid performance from Manly with Balderson's 28th minute strike enough to give them the win and a timely confidence boost going into the finals.

Hakoah struggled to match it with their opponents and suffered a disappointing loss with their crunch FFA Cup clash with Melbourne City looming.





Sutherland Sharks FC 1 - 2 Sydney Olympic FC at Seymour Shaw

Sydney Olympic came from behind to defeat Sutherland Sharks 2-1 in an entertaining PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's final day encounter at Seymour Shaw on Sunday afternoon.

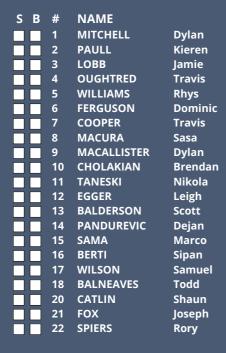
Sutherland took the lead inside five minutes when Nathan Elasi beat Paul Henderson at the near post but the visitors equalised shortly after the interval when Mitchell Stamatellis converted from the spot following Takuya Murayama's handball.

Olympic continued their excellent recent run of form and crafted an excellent winner when substitutes Mohammad Rahimi and Nikolas Tsattalios combined for the latter to hand Gorka Etxeberria's side the three points.

The Blues were winless in their first four matches under the Spaniard but have now won three in a row and enter the finals series with considerable momentum having recovered their early season steel.

Grant Lee's Sutherland turned in a spirited performance in what was club veteran Nathan Denham's final match of a superb nine-year spell at Seymour Shaw, but they were unable to crown what was a disappointing campaign with a win.





Coach: Warren Grieve

Assistant Coach: Robert Catlin and

Andrew Christiansen Manager: Eda Rigoni

Physiotherapist: Steve Felsher



S	В	#	NAME	
П	П	1	HENDERSON	Paul
П	П	3	DE MARIGNY	Jake
П	П	4	WHITESIDE	Tom
		5	SPYRAKIS	Yianni
П	П	6	STAMATELLIS	Mitchell
		7	ANGEL	William
		8	MADONIS	Jason
		9	PAVICEVIC	Radovan
		10	MAKRILLOS	Peter
		11	AN	Jinya
		12	KUBOKI	Yu
		14	RAHIMI	Mohammad
		15	MALFARA	Sebastian
		16	TIMOTHEOU	George
		19	BURGESS	Darcy
		23	MOURDOUKOUTAS	Tass
		24	GLIGOR	Hagi
		25	YOULLEY	Liam
		33	TSATTALIOS	Niko
	Π	99	KATSETIS	Paul

Head Coach: Gorka Etxeberria Assistant Coach: Peter Zorbas Goalkeeper Coach: Stacy Alogdellis Team Manager: Parry Hatzi

Referee: C. Young

Assistant Referees: J. Adabjou & N. Wotton

4th Official: M. Weiner

MATCH PREVIEW

The equation is simple for Sydney Olympic FC and Manly United FC. Win or face an early offseason.

The pressure is on the fourth and fifth placed sides to keep their Championship dreams alive and Saturday's clash is sure to be an absolute blockbuster.

Manly United come into the match on the back of consecutive wins but suffered a comprehensive 5-0 loss to APIA Leichhardt in Round 20.

Warren Grieve's side has bounced back from that defeat and has steeled themselves for a solid showing in the finals series.

Scott Balderson has been a star performer for Manly this season and is a dangerous customer out wide for the Northern Beaches outfit.

United's midfield is anchored by Sasa Macura and his finals experience during his time at Blacktown City will put him in good stead to lead his teammates in there upcoming key matches.

A return to winning ways during the final three weeks of the season helped Sydney Olympic scrape into the top five after a midseason drop in form.

The Belmore side has had three head coaches this season but new gaffer Gorka Etxeberria seems to have Olympic fighting back to their best.

Yu Kuboki has been the Blues go to in attack, while Jason Madonis and Will Angel's contributions will be imperative to their chances.

Olympic claimed a 1-0 win against Manly at Cromer Park in Round 6, but it was Manly who claimed a 2-1 victory when they traveled to Belmore in Round 17.

With a chance to take on either Blacktown City or Rockdale City Suns, nothing short of a complete performance will be enough.

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24	Shaho	ISMAEEL HASAN
25	Aedon	KYRA
26	Christian	THEUMA
28	Benjamin	MCCARRON
29	Mathew	BARKHO
30	Rainer	SMAHEL
31	Jordan	MORFITIS
32	Stephan	ADATTINI
34	Nicholas	POGONOWSKI
35	Jackson	VOLARICH
36	Jack	ARMSON
37	Dominion	NASRABADI
38	Samuel	GULISANO
39	Samuel	PASLIS

Coach: Franco Cosentino Assistant Coach: Jonathan Keepie Manager: Mario Guerrera



24	Nikola	UJDUR
25	Jack	STEWART
26	Leo	MALFARA
27	Cooper	COSKERIE
28	Finn	BALLARD-MCBRIDE
29	Ben	VAN MEURS
31	Paolo	BONNANI
32	Harry	VAN DER SAAG
33	Guiseppe	TILIO
34	Perry	THOMAS
35	Alex	GOLLAN
36	Daniel	BLACHURA
40	Jerry	SKOTADIS
51	David	MALISHEV
	Duro	DRAGICEVIC

Head Coach: Rob Stanton Manager: Ian McKenzie

MATCH PREVIEW UNDER 20s

Aqualifying final date with premiers Sutherland Sharks next weekend awaits the winner of an exciting preliminary clash between second-placed APIA Leichhardt Tigers and third-placed Sydney FC in the Northern Beaches on Saturday afternoon.

With the APIA first grade team securing the premiership last Sunday and Franco Consentino's U20's side hitting their best form of the season over the last six matches the Tigers are likely to enter the encounter as favourites.

The Lambert Park outfit endured a rocky middle third of the campaign and needed to beat Rockdale City Suns on the final day of the season to absolutely confirm their position in the top five but Consentino's men should strongly be considered as championship contenders, a label that will only stick further if they prevail over Sydney on Saturday.

APIA have no shortage of firepower as their joint best attacking record attests and boast two of the competition's standout performers in attackers Jordan Morfitis and Aedon Kyra who have combined for 29 of the Tigers 58 goals.

Centre-forward Kyra clinched the golden boot with another brace in round 22 and has spearheaded the frontline expertly this year in contributing 18 goals. Formerly a midfielder by trade, the APIA frontman possesses the skillset of a genuine all-rounder and will not only offer a direct threat in the penalty area but through a range of intelligent passing in the final third.

On the other hand, former Western Sydney Wanderer Morfitis has terrorized defences this season with his lightning change of pace and ability to dart between defenders. The attacker's combination play with the likes of Kyra and fellow attacker Samuel Gulisano on



1	Brendon	KRCANOSKI
2	Andrew	BOVA
3	Daniel	CHICHARO
4	Louis	CONNELL
5	Ekoue	D'ALMEIDA
6	Thomas	DARJANI
7	Luke	DAY
8	Jordyn	DELLA VEDOVA
9	Andre	DIAS
10	Riley	HINDS
11	Emanuel	HONDROUDAKIS
12	Jack	HOOPER
13	Brendan	MITROVSKI
14	Benjamin	RIACH
15	Joel	STARR

Coach: Richard Lloyd



1	Samuel	BENTON
2	Ben	VARVARESSOS
3	Nicholas	SIMPSON
4	Mattias	ZERVAS
5	Samuel	WILLIAMS
6	Luca	CAVALIERI
7	Rhys	VORILLAS
8	Tallon	ZAHRA
9	Oscar	CASTEIGT
10	Jake	CHIDIAC
11	Mathew	EVANS
12	Matthew	CAISLEY
13	Benjamin	BURTON
14	Ryan	CHAMBERS
15	Oliver	KOVARIK
16	Alec	VINCI

Coach: Adam Griffiths Assistant Coach: Marty Judge Manager: Tony Cavalieri

the edge of the penalty area has proven hugely successful this season.

Opponents Sydney FC comprehensively outplayed the Tigers in their last meeting in round 17 but since that evening the Sky Blues have stumbled to the finish line. The departure of manager David Zdrilic following that match and first team promotions to leading scorer John Iredale and midfield lynchpin Samuel Mcillhatton disrupted what looked like a strong claim to the premiership and Sydney went on to lose three of their next five matches, conceding 14 goals (nearly half their total for the season) in the process.

For this reason the Sky Blues may be inclined to adopt a more conservative approach particularly in light of APIA's red hot form of late and a crazy 6-4 win over Wollongong Wolves last week. But the third-placed finishers will still fancy their chances at regaining their

early season steel and can force a meeting with Sutherland if they recapture the verve displayed against the Tigers in their most recent meeting.



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Sunday 10th September, 2017 Leichhardt Oval, Leichhardt Kick-off 3pm