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FIRST GRADE

APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC 5 - 0 Rockdale City Suns FC at Lambert Park

It was a five star performance as 2017 PlayStation4 National Premier Leagues NSW Premiers APIA Leichhardt Tigers as they cruised their way into the Grand Final with a convincing 5-0 win over Rockdale City Suns at Lambert Park.

A Sean Symons goal broke deadlock for the home side before a lordan Murray double, as well as goals to Dominic Cox and David Dapuzzo helped secure the result for the Danial Cummins coached outfit.

Although the final score line was quite lopsided, it was a game that really slipped away from the visitors in the second half.

Rockdale will be disappointed with their second half showing but are sure to quickly shift their focus to a bounce back result next week's against Manly.

Blacktown City FC 0 - 2 Manly United FC

Manly United sealed a Preliminary Final date with the Rockdale City Suns next weekend after defeating 2016 PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Champions Blacktown City 2-0 at Lily's Football Centre on Saturday.

The Cromer Park outfit opened the scoring midway through the opening half through veteran striker Dylan Macallister and added a match-clinching second late on via Marco Sama to put the final nail in Blacktown City's faltering 2017 campaign.

It was a thoroughly merited triumph for Warren Grieve's side who weathered an early barrage of pressure before seizing control of

the match and ultimately cruised to their ninth win in their last 10 matches.

Manly United were eliminated by City at the same venue exactly a year previous, but will enter next weekend's battle with Rockdale City Suns with considerable momentum particularly with the Suns suffering a 5-0 drubbing from APIA Leichhardt in Saturday's other fixture.

Blacktown City meanwhile will entertain the APIA Leichhardt Tigers in this Tuesday's Westfield FFA Cup Round of 16 clash at Lily's with their 2016 championship defence all but over as a result of another off-colour performance.





S	В	#	NAME	
		1	BRADASEVIC	David GK
		2	PETKOVSKI	Daniel
		3	HESKETH	Steve
		4	MCCLENAHAN	Trent
		5	REID	Paul
		6	RICCIUTO	Blake
		7	UROSEVSKI	Alec
		8	CANAK	Alec
		10	GAITATZIS	Harris
		11	GROZDANOVSKI	Jonathon
		12	EL HAFIANE	Idriss
		14	SORGE	Brayden
		16	SAVOR	Issac
		17	ALAMEDDINE	Toufic
		18	SARIC	Daniel
		19	SAVOR	Patrick
		21	LOUPIS	Michael
		22	COVIC	Ante
		23	FIGON	Jordan

Player Coach: Paul Reid Coach: Michael Grbevski Assistant Coach: Matthew Ribarovski Goalkeeper Coach: Spiro Parameritis Physiotherapist: Jerry Fillipatos



В	#	NAME	
	1	MITCHELL	Dylan
	2	PAULL	Kieren
	3	LOBB	Jamie
	4	OUGHTRED	Travis
	5	WILLIAMS	Rhys
	6	FERGUSON	Dominic
	7	COOPER	Travis
	8	MACURA	Sasa
	9	MACALLISTER	Dylan
	10	CHOLAKIAN	Brendan
	11	TANESKI	Nikola
	12	EGGER	Leigh
	13	BALDERSON	Scott
	14	PANDUREVIC	Dejan
	15	SAMA	Marco
	16	BERTI	Sipan
	17	WILSON	Samuel
	18	BALNEAVES	Todd
	20	CATLIN	Shaun
	21	FOX	Joseph
	22	SPIERS	Rory
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Coach: Warren Grieve Assistant Coach: Robert Catlin and Andrew Christiansen Manager: Eda Rigoni Physiotherapist: Steve Felsher

Referee: K. Griffiths-Jones Assistant Referees: A. Giev & N. Backo 4th Official: C. Young

MATCH PREVIEW

There are no second chances at this point of the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition.

Rockdale City Suns and Manly United will go head to head to decide who will take on APIA Leichhardt Tigers in this season's Grand Final at Leichhardt Oval on September 10.

Rockdale will have their eyes on qualifying for their first Grand Final since 2013, but Paul Reid's side will have plenty of work to do if they are to bounce back from last week's comprehensive 5-0 loss to APIA in the Major Semi-Final.

Despite a solid performance in their 4-2 win a week earlier against Blacktown, Rockdale were not at their best last week.

A second half capitulation saw them concede four second half goals. A similar showing against Manly would result in a similar scoreline.

Rockdale though shouldn't be written off because of one off colour performance as they have the squad to take out this season's Championship.

The attacking trio of Jordan Figon, Alec Urosevski and Harris Gaitatzis have scored a combined total of 31 goals this season which is nearly three quarters of Rockdale's 46 goals this season.

Player-coach Paul Reid could also make a return to action this week after injury forced him to miss last week's match. The experience of the former England League One and A-League midfielder will be invaluable for the Suns in such a crucial match.

Rockdale's opponents Manly will come into the match beaming with confidence after winning two straight finals matches to make it 9 wins from their past 10 matches.

The Cromer Park based side has hit a purple patch over the closing stages of the season and are playing some of their best football as they set out to win the club's first Grand Final in over 20 years.

Brandan Cholakian's return to Manly's line-up after suspension has injected an extra wrinkle to his side's attack.

Flanked by Scott Balderson and Dejan Pandurevic, as well as veteran striker Dylan Macallister leading the line, Manly's attack know their way to the back of the net.

Manly's substitutes bench is arguably the strongest in the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition and boasts talented attacking players Nikola Taneski and Marco Sama.

It will be composure and focus which will prove the key to victory.

Will Rockdale be able to bounce back and curtail Manly's winning form, or will the boys from the Northern Beaches have too much momentum.

Either way it's sure to be a thrilling clash.

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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



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

MATCH PREVIEW UNDER 20s

Sydney FC and APIA Leichhardt Tigers return to Cromer Park on Saturday with the victor set to face Premiers Sutherland Sharks in next weekend's Grand Final.

Two sides finished third and second respectively after strong campaigns and met a fortnight earlier when the Sky Blues extended a favourable record against the Tigers this season with a 3-0 win.

Earlier in the year Sydney defeated APIA 4-0 in the final match of David Zdrilic's tenure following a 2-2 draw between the pair back in round six.

Despite entering the do or die encounter on the back of an extra time defeat to Sutherland and with poorer form overall than their Lambert Park counterparts, Sydney FC will be considered narrow favourites given both their excellent record over APIA and the impact of captain Samuel Mcillhatton and chief goalscorer John Iredale, who have returned to the side in the past two weeks to superb effect.

As a result Sydney FC are beginning to return to their strongest possible eleven and with the likes of Finn Ballard Mcbride, Guiseppe Tilio and Jerry Skodatis – whose set piece threat will prove dangerous for APIA – all hitting a strong patch of form in recent times the Sky Blues will be a difficult proposition for the Tigers.

Franco Consentino's side delivered some of their best performances of the season at the back end of the regular campaign and recovered from their 3-0 loss to Sydney FC by eliminating Sydney United 58 in last Saturday's minor semi-final.

The Tigers will have to overturn a poor recent



46 GK	Evan	DAVIS	
47	Kyle	SARIGIANNIS	
48	Jordan	KERRY	
49	Jake	TRAJKOVSKI	
50	Alexei	ROSSER	
51	Caleb	BARTIER	
52	Michael	BORG	
53	Nathan	MANNO	
54	Peter	PATSIAVOUDIS	
57	Harry	BROWEL	
58	George	MEDAKOVIC	
59	Nathan	HANCOCK	
60	Daniel	DIMITRIADIS	
61	Dimi	PETRATOS	
62	Kyle	ANGELOU	
65	Dom	BRESCHITTO	
Coach: Steve Zoric			
Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato			



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2	Adam	GASPAROVIC
3	Christian	ZEBEC
4	Jack	GATALLARI
5	Cole	MUTTON
6	Todd	BENNISON
7	Junghee	СНО
8	Ryan	FAHEY
9	Hamish	LAMBERTON
10	Nikolas	LAI
11	Joshua	DE ROSSI
12	Aiden	TOBIN
13	Ali	KARIMI
14	Athony	PEDAVOLI
16	Joshua	JOHNSON

Coach: Tony Sekulic

history against Sydney but have enough firepower to ensure they accompany the first team on Grand Final day next fortnight.

APIA forward Aedon Kyra has put forward a strong claim for player of the honours after guiding his side to 18 goals in 24 appearances while partner in crime Jordan Morfitis has also made a significant attacking contribution and netted 11 goals throughout the year.

Should Consentino's men offer a disciplined and organised defensive performance the Tigers will no doubt back themselves to outgun the Sky Blues and secure a date with Sutherland in the Grand Final. But with just one clean sheet in their last 13 matches APIA will need to muster their best collective effort of the year to keep dreams of another trophy alive.



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