









CLUB WELCOME



We welcome our players, sponsors, members and guests to the llinden Sports Centre for round 1 of the NPL NSW Men's competition. What a way to kick off our season with a derby against our local rivals, the Sutherland Sharks.

Today's game is the first official game on our brand new state of the art synthetic playing surface.

Our teams have been training the house down and we simply cannot wait for them to get on the field against the Sharks. Our visitors have strengthened their squad considerably during the off season and so it should be a great game.

We are delighted to have virtually all of our 2017 squad with us again as well as a few new faces in the form of Mick Neill, Bai Antoniou and Jake Soutter.

Our expectations for the season ahead are high with the goal of going one better than where we finished last season.

We are delighted to have on board nearly all of our 2017 corporate partners as well as some welcome additions. We would like to thank each of them for their support of the club. In particular:

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Go the mighty Suns!

Dennis Loether- President





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- 1 ANTE COVIC
- 2 DANIEL PETKOVSKI
- 3 STEVEN HESKETH
- 4 TRENT MCCLENAHAN
- 5 PAUL REID
- 6 BLAKE RICCIUTO
- 7 ALEC UROSEVSKI
- 8 ALEX CANAK
- 9 BAI ANTONIOU
- 10 HARRIS GAITATZIS
- 11 JONATHAN GROZDANOVSKI

- 12 IDRISS EL HAFIANE
- 14 BRAYDEN SORGE
- 15 NICHOLAS PETRILLO
- 16 ISAAC SAVOR
- 17 TOUFIC ALAMEDDINE
- **19 PATRICK SAVOR**
- 21 MICHAEL NEILL
- 22 NICHOLAS SORRAS
- 23 JORDAN FIGON
- 25 JAKE SOUTTER

COACH: MICHAEL GRBEVSKI PLAYER COACH: PAUL REID ASSISTANT COACH: MATTHEW RIBAROVSKI PHYSIO: JERRY FILIPATOS GOALKEEPER COACH: SPIRO PARAMETIS MANAGER: ZORAN STEFANOVSKI MANAGER: ANGELO SALLIS TEAM STEWARD: JOVAN CKOROVSKI



- 1 RYAN NORVAL
- 2 JACOB TRATT
- 4 HAYDEN MORTON
- 5 BRADLEY BARTELS
- 6 LACHLAN EVERETT
- 7 STEPHEN KAYES
- 8 LACHLAN HUGHES
- 9 ADRIAN VRANIC
- 10 JOSHUA DA SILVA
- 11 HRISTIJAN TONOSKI
- 12 BLAIR BROWN

- 13 ROBERT WATSON
- 14 LEO MALFARA
- 15 NICK LITTLER
- 16 RYOGA SUYAMA
- 17 LEROY JENNINGS
- 18 JUAN FELIPE ZAPATA
- 20 KEISUKE HAYASHI
- 21 NICK LOE
- 22 NICK OLSEN

COACH: GRANT LEE ASST: HARRY PARAS MANAGER: JOE RIGGIO GOALKEEPER COACH: PETR SESTAK PHYSIOS: KIERAN ROONEY & MICHAEL GABRIEL

1ST GRADE MATCH PREVIEW

The opening round of the season comes to a close with a Southern Sydney derby as Rockdale City Suns host Sutherland Sharks.

Rockdale's finished the season last year in third position but couldn't find form when it mattered most in the finals.

This season it is all about taking their game to a new level, starting on Sunday.

New players for the Suns this season include Bai Antoniou and Michael Neil, but the most important addition from the offseason will be the club's new artificial surface at their llinden Sports Centre home.

The impressive new facilities will allow coach Paul Reid to get his side playing their preferred slick passing style. Their opponents, Sutherland Sharks, will be out to demonstrate their improvement with signings Hayden Morton, Jacob Tratt and new shot stopper Ryan Norval adding steel to last season's league worst defence.

Grant Lee has a challenge on his hands this season and if Sutherland can return to finals contention this year they must start winning from the opening round.

Rockdale will be out to entertain their fans and snatch a vital round one win, but a determined Sutherland team could upset the party.

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FEATURE STORY

FOOTBALL NSW LAUNCHES NPL 2018 SEASON

The National Premier Leagues NSW 2018 Season was launched by Football NSW at Ultra Football in Alexandria on Saturday where media and representatives from the NPL community attended.

A cocktail function for 120 guests with Master of Ceremonies and Fox Sports' very own Adam Peacock took control of proceedings which also included representatives from all Football NSW National Premier League Clubs, FFA Directors Simon Hepworth and Daniel Moulis, Football NSW Board Members, Major Sponsors as well as Ron Hoenig – Member for Heffron and Dr Hugh McDermott – Member for Prospect.

A player's panel representing all five competitions took shape as Manly United skipper Jamie Lobb (NPL NSW Men's), Football NSW Institute captain Jada Whyman (NPL NSW Women's), Rydalmere FC Lions skipper Ahmad Elrich (NPL NSW Men's 2), Bankstown City FC's Nikola Todoroski (NPL NSW Men's 3) and Sydney Olympic FC's Madeline Costanzo (NPL NSW Women's 2) all promoted the key role the NPL has played with the continual development of the world game in NSW.

Football NSW Chief Executive Officer Stuart Hodge stated that the event accomplished its intention in celebrating the launch of all National Premier Leagues NSW competitions.

"I'm thrilled to be able to enjoy the launch of this season with so many of those that champion this competition. The NPL in New South Wales is a very important part of the football landscape and player pathway in Australia and I know it will continue to strengthen with what will be a solid 2018 football season for all involved.

"Season launches are wonderful occasions to come together socially and catch up with old friends, and even adversaries, but in football terms they are a time for optimism, for positivity, for anticipation, for expectation and hopefulness for the coming season.

"I would like to wish all the clubs the best of luck and we look forward to seeing another NSW club being honoured as the National Premier League Champions following in the footsteps of previous winners Sydney United 58 FC (2013, 2016) and Blacktown City FC (2015)."

The National Premier Leagues NSW Men's commences on Saturday the 10th of March with three matches planned as the 2017 Grand Final replay takes centre stage with Manly United facing APIA Leichhardt Tigers, newly promoted Marconi Stallions will be up for a huge match when they entertain neighbours Sydney United 58 while Sydney FC battle Hakoah Sydney City East. Three matches will follow on Sunday to conclude Round 1 with Sydney Olympic v Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Wollongong Wolves v Blacktown City and Rockdale City Suns take on Sutherland Sharks to end the opening round.

The National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's competition kicks off this Sunday the 4th of March while the National Premier Leagues Women's (Sunday 11th March), Women's 2 (Sunday 11th March), and Men's 3 (Saturday 10th March) conclude the NPL competition openers in NSW.







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TEAM LISTS - U20'S





- 26 Jake Trajkovski
- 27 Nathan Manno
- 28 Giuliano Airoldi
- 29 Caleb Bartier 30 Nathan Separov
 - 0 Nathan Separovic 2 Callum Kermack
- 32 Callum Kerma 33 Perry Thomas
- 34 Alexander Malfara
- 35 Jared Kadar

Coach: Stamati Glaros Assistant Coach: Halil Boz

- 36 Benjamin Riach
- 37 Dimitrios Petratos
- 38 Kyle Sarigiannis
- 39 Peter Turrall
- 40 Mathew Nikolovski (Gk)
- 41 Joshua Tasevski
- 42 Joshua Gould
- 43 Nathan Hancock
- 44 Jordan Pyne



- 23 Deren O'brien 24 Adam Massoud
- 25 Blake Currey
- 26 Harry Sutherland
- 27 Harrison Quirk
- 28 Noah Chia
- 29 George Vagerakas

Coach: Nick Dimovski Assistant Coach: Steven Gordon Manager: Craig Simmons

- 30 Joshua Briskoski
- 31 Gabriel Contigiani
- 32 James Temelkovski
- 33 Thomas Papa
- 38 Jacob Forster

U20'S MATCH PREVIEW

Sutherland Sharks begin the defence of their 2017 crown against Rockdale City Suns at llinden Sports Centre on Sunday afternoon.

Nick Dimovski's Sharks were comprehensive premiership and championship winners last season after expertly navigating their way throughout the normal season and confidently claiming the Grand Final at a canter over APIA Leichhardt.

While some losses in personnel could prove costly in some areas Sutherland will be very pleased by the acquisition of promising forward James Temelkovski who should make his debut when the Sharks take on Rockdale.

The City Suns will get their first official run out on the new surface at llinden and must aim to start the new season in more convincing fashion than the last to mount a challenge at the right end of the table. Rockdale showed they could match it with the best sides in the competition during their height of form last season but were handicapped by a poor start that proved insurmountable.

Stamati Glaros' side won't get a better chance to show they mean business in 2018 when they welcome the Sharks to Ilinden.



TEAM LISTS - 18'S

- 47 Vinko Gacic
- 48 James Nikolovski
- 49 Peter Patsiavoudis
- 50 Joshua Jenicek
- 65 Brandan Stefanovski Gk
- 46 Jacob Botic
- 51 George Marangos Vincent Fletcher
- 52 53 Daniel Geroski
- Coach: Steve Zoric Assistant Coach: Gary Departo Team Manager: Jack Bulic

- 54 Jackson Angelou 56
 - Adrian Neoklis **Mouhamed Hanache**
- 57 Mohamed Ahmed
- 58 59 Sam Shainfield
- 60 Jay Hirshowitz
- 61 Noah Botic
- 62 Adam Sukar



- 50 Louis Zabala
- 41 Lucus Camilleri
- 46 Luke Allen
- Nathan Cupitt 39 48 laden Casella
- 44 , Aidan Dennis
- 42 **Benjamin Raatz**
- 45 Luke Sauer

Coach: Jane Talcevski Assistant Coach: Nathan Denham Manager: Michael Camilleri

- 13 **Charlie Jones** 40 Bailey Pimentel
- 52 James Tsokos
- 49 Tristan Maher 47
 - Jacob Gjorsevski
- Thomas Sutton 38
- 51 **Thomas Potts**





2018 FIXTURES



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ROUND 1 Sunday 11th March @ 17:00 Sutherland Sharks FC

ROUND 3 Sunday 25th March @ 17:00 Sydney United 58 FC

ROUND 5 Saturday 7th April @ 19:00 APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC ROUND 9 Sunday 6th May @ 17:00 Blacktown City FC

ROUND 13 Sunday 3rd June @ 17:00 Wollongong Wolves FC

ROUND 18 Sunday 8th July @ 17:00 Sydney Olympic FC ROUND 15 Sunday 17th June @ 17:00 Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC ROUND 17 Sunday 1st July @ 17:00 Manly United FC

ROUND 10

Sunday 13th May @ 17:00

Hakoah Sydney City East FC

ROUND 19 Sunday 22nd July @ 17:00 Marconi Stallions FC ROUND 22 Sunday 12th August @ 15:00 Sydney FC





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