



ROUND 1 LAMBERT PARK SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 7.45PM



NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES

KICKOFF

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Round 1 is finally here and I for one am very excited for the challenge ahead in this season's NPL Men's competition.

This competition is not to be taken lightly, as we learnt last season, but following a season of development in the Foxtel National Youth League I'm expecting my players to more than rise to the occasion.

With some younger players in the squad this year I'm looking to see how they develop and grow throughout the year, and while titles are always nice, my main aim is to produce the next crop of players for Hyundai A-League Head Coach Graham Arnold.

I've got a lot of faith in this playing group to progress to the next level when called upon and I'm eager to see what they can produce.

I'd like to thank all our Members and fans for their backing during the NYL and into this season. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the stands again for tonight's opener.

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Head Coach Rob Stanton



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TEAM LISTS



1	MITCHELL EVANS (GK)	11	LUKE IVANOVIC
2	BRENDAN CURTIS	12	JACKSON BANDIERA
3	PATRICK FLOTTMANN	14	JOEL KING
4	LIAM MCGING	15	JEREMY COX
5	PATRICK SCIBILIO	16	WILLIAM MUTCH
6	ANDREA AGAMEMNONOS	17	MARCO TILIO
7	JERRY SKOTADIS	18	BENJAMIN KOOP
8	SAM MCILLHATTON	23	NIKOLA UJDUR
9	HASSAN JALLOH	24	DANIEL BLACHURA
10	CAMERON DEVLIN	30	DURO DRAGICEVIC (GK)

HEAD COACH: ROBERT STANTON ASSISTANT COACH: GIANCARLO ITALIANO
TEAM MANAGER: MICHAEL SWIBEL GOALKEEPER COACH: BRODY CRANE



1	ANTHONY BOUZANIS	13	ROBBIE EZEKIEL
2	CONNOR SHADDDOCK	14	ANTHONY FRANGIE
3	MICHAEL KOUTA	15	STEVEN KATSIONIS
4	BRADLEY WALKER	16	JOSHUA ORCHARD
5	MITCHELL STAMATELLIS	17	HARRY JONES
6	CAMERON DRAPER	19	DOM COX
7	JACK GREEN	20	JAMES COMBES
8	OLIVER GREEN	21	DUNCAN STEWART
10	ANDRE DE JONG	60	TAKAYUKI NOJI
11	JORDAN CRIGHTON		
12	NATHAN ROBERTS		

HEAD COACH TD: GAVIN RAE ASSISTANT COACH: ZLATCO ARAMBASIC
GOAL KEEPER COACH: TRINITY ALLEN MANAGER: BRIAN REE - ALEX ROBERTSON

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1ST GRADE MATCH PREVIEW

With an impressive first season in the NPL NSW Mens competition under their belt, Sydney FC come into the 2018 season in good shape to take their game to another level.

This newfound competitive edge and confidence among the youthful Sydney squad will no doubt be chiselled further thanks a litany of exciting arrivals, particularly in Bonnyrigg pair Luke Ivanovic and Hassan Jalloh who have both been earmarked as the two of the competition's most talented young forwards.

A home game against eastern suburbs rivals Hakoah Sydney City East is the perfect platform for coach Robbie Stanton to test his young Sky Blues.

For Hakoah, round one marks the chance to debut a young and enthusiastic new squad.

With Gavin Rae hanging up his boots to focus on his responsibilities as head coach and Neil Jablonski's decision to leave the club, Hakoah will need to find a new inspirational leader on the field in 2018.

Rae will hope new signing Mitchell Stamatellis will be the man to take on that mantle among Hakoah's youthful squad.

A win in round one could be an important momentum builder for both sides as they set the tone for the season ahead.

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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.



TEAM LISTS - U20'S

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13 Jordi Swibel
19 Guiseppe Tilio
21 Finn Ballard-McBride
22 Harry Van Der Saag
25 Mason Ingram
26 Benjamin Van Meurs
27 Hamish Lamberton

28 Paolo Bonnani
29 Thomas Fay
31 Ryan Teague
32 Jacob Vasiliou
40 David Malishev (GK)

Head Coach: Giancarlo Italiano
Assist. Coach: Robert Stanton
Goalkeeper Coach: Brody Crane



18 Jordan Koton
22 Mitchell Knight
23 Jake Jovanovski
24 Brad Paikin
25 Max Ephraim
26 Matthew Mizzau
27 Jordan Makridopolus
28 David Ustimenko
29 Fikret Berisha
30 Connor Eldridge

31 Satchel Kolt
32 Jacob McDonald
33 Jordan Lewis
35 Dairai Mahachi
36 Reece Kilpin
37 Dominic O'Brien
38 Finley Hayhurst
39 Riley Kovkin
40 Michael Figueira

Coach: Paul Hubbard Assistant Coach: Andy Norman
Goalkeeper Coach: Trinity Allen Manager: David Shaddock

U20'S MATCH PREVIEW

The evening kick off on Saturday features a Sydney FC side looking to nail their championship ambitions to the mast from the get go against Hakoah Sydney City East.

Sydney FC were one of the most impressive performers of the 2017 campaign and appeared destined to challenge leaders Sutherland Sharks but imploded in the qualifying final against APIA Leichhardt in what was a disappointing conclusion to their season.

The Sky Blues always showcase a catalogue of young talent and this season should be no different when Giancarlo Italiano's side take the field against Hakoah.

It will be interesting to see what the 2018 season holds for Hakoah Sydney City East who has firmly

established itself as a competitive top tier club across all senior grades in the past few seasons.

In 2017 Hakoah narrowly missed the finals positions by a margin of three points but the continual improvement of the club and development under Paul Hubbard might just propel the team toward more impressive results in 2018, especially if talented marksman Connor Eldridge continues to find his way toward goal.

TEAM LISTS - 18'S

39 Jaiden Kucharski
 40 Aaron Gurd
 41 Mitchell Mattison
 57 Tyson Savas
 78 Alex Masciovecchio
 79 Harry Mccarthy
 80 Sam Amey

81 Callum Talbot
 83 Paolo Laxamana
 90 Bailey Togiavalu
 94 Fletcher Mcfarlane
 97 Rocco Chisari
 98 Jake Hollman



Head Coach: Jim van Weeren
 Assistant Coach: Jason Rea
 Goalkeeper Coach: Mizuki Ito
 Manager: Richard Paddle

1 Marley Beeston
 3 Aiah Michel
 4 Blake Ilitch
 5 Daniel Goni
 6 Kane Roberge
 7 Aswin Adinanto
 8 Jake Gannon
 9 Jonny Ress

10 Maximilien Balard
 11 William Borten
 12 Jacob Ritchie
 13 Paul Apostolopoulos
 14 Henry Bickerstaff
 15 James Tanoski
 16 Fox Bengtsson



Coach: Mark Gannon
 Assistant: Jason Conroy
 Goalkeeper Coach: Trinity allen
 Manager: Matt Beeston



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HOME GROUND -
LAMBERT PARK Marion St, Leichhardt



ROUND 1

Saturday 10th March @ 19:45
Hakoah Sydney City East FC

ROUND 3

Saturday 24th March @ 19:45
Wollongong Wolves FC

ROUND 5

Saturday 7th April @ 19:45
Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC

ROUND 7

Saturday 21st April @ 19:45
Manly United FC

ROUND 9

Saturday 5th May @ 19:45
Marconi Stallions FC

ROUND 11

Saturday 19th May @ 19:45
Rockdale City Suns FC

ROUND 13

Saturday 2nd June @ 19:45
Sutherland Sharks FC

ROUND 15

Saturday 16th June @ 19:45
Sydney United 58 FC

ROUND 17

Saturday 30th June @ 19:45
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC

ROUND 19

Saturday 21st July @ 19:45
Sydney Olympic FC

ROUND 21

Saturday 4th August @ 19:45
Blacktown City FC

YOUNG GUNS READY TO FIRE

Sydney FC coach Robbie Stanton says his young Sky Blues outfit are stronger and wiser from last season's fledgling year in the competition and have serious designs on going all the way when the 2018 NPL NSW season commences in a month's time.

Stanton has run last year's eleventh-placed finishers through a rigorous power and strengthening course in the off season which has unearthed a new level of confidence throughout the squad.

The Sky Blues gaffer says this development alongside the experience of playing among stronger and seasoned veterans of the game in 2017 has made Sydney one of the most competitive and hungry teams in the competition.

"We were grateful and happy for last season, I don't think we were anywhere close to struggling technically or tactically, we were difficult to beat and certainly caused a lot of issues for other teams", he said.

"One of the areas we've improved on is the physical strength of our players, we've had them on programs that underpins their development in their power, speed and agility.

"This gives them more confidence so they feel like they can compete with men, especially for the younger ones who have stepped up to another level."

This newfound competitive edge and confidence among the youthful Sydney squad will no doubt be chiselled further thanks a litany of exciting arrivals, particularly in Bonnyrigg pair Luke Ivanovic and Hassan Jalloh who have both been earmarked as the two of the competition's most talented young forwards.

The addition of Sutherland Sharks starlet Jeremy Cox supplies considerable stock to Sydney's firepower while Australian Institute of Sport pair Joel King and Patrick Scibilio have also been recruited into the Sky Blues squad alongside ex-Wanderers fullback Jackson Bandiera.

Key departures in the form of Christian Gonzalez, George Timotheou, Juan Zapata and Leo Malfara will provide Stanton with the chance to promote from within with the likes of Jerry Skotadis, Alex Gollan, Ben Koop and Marco Tilio all joining the first-grade squad from Sydney's successful U18 and U20 teams.

Although the Sky Blues' primary aim is to offer a pathway into A-League football Stanton says this year's roster has the potential to go all the way in the NPL NSW.

"We're very happy with the group – we feel we've got a more complete group and been able to add some experienced players into the mix in addition to our experience gained last year.

"We're a little different as a club in that we're trying to develop players but we believe we can win against anyone we play against and win every game we play in."

By Jacob Windon



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