







#### CLUB WELCOME



Welcome to Belmore Sports Ground for our Round 1 fixture of the 2018 season against Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC.

Today we celebrate Paul Henderson's 200th game for Sydney Olympic Football Club and acknowledge the many years of quality service he has provided. Congratulations Paul and we wish you the very best for today and the Season ahead

We also celebrate Female Football week and acknowledge the strong contribution female's make not only within our Club at all levels but the entire game. Our Women's program commences today and we wish our squads the very best for the 2018 season. We also would like to thank our Women's Program partner Special K for their ongoing support.

This year is shaping up as an exciting season and today we will see our Senior program in action, with First Grade under the leadership of Hall of Fame Legend Abbas Saad for the first time. We wish Abbas all the best, as well as Anthony Harb and Tom Bazdaric with our Under 20 and 18 squads respectively. We also acknowledge our Men's Youth squads that kick off their season this weekend against APIA

Leichhardt Tigers FC, we wish them all the best for the season ahead.

At our Season Launch during the week the Club had the honour of inducting Peter Raskopoulos into our Hall of Fame. Peter has made a wonderful contribution to our Club both on and off the field and this accolade is very well deserved. Peter joins an illustrious list of legends in our Hall of Fame and we thank all these people for what they have done for both the betterment of Olympic and football in this Country.

Today we welcome our Boys and Girls SAP programs to Belmore Oval, where we will introduce them to the crowd to present their Home jersey's. These players are the stars of the future, we welcome them and their families to the Club and hope they enjoy the day and the season ahead.

We would like to welcome all our sponsors, season pass holders and supporters today and thank them for their ongoing support. A club cannot exist without these people and we look forward to working with you to continue the growth of our Club both this season and into the future.





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# **TEAM LISTS**



- PAUL HENDERSON 1 2 **TOM WHITESIDE** 3 **IAKE DE MARIGNY** 4 **GEORGE TIMOTHEOU** 5 **RAFAEL JIMENEZ** 6 **NICOLA KULESKI** 7 **WILLIAM ANGEL** 8 **IASON MADONIS** 9 RADOVAN PAVICEVIC
- 11 **IINYA AN** 13 YAHYA ELHINDI

**MAX BURGESS** 

10

- 14 **ALEJANDRO SANCHEZ**
- **BEN MORRISON** 17
- 19 **DARCY BURGESS**
- 20 **EZEQUIEL CONSONI** 21 STEPHEN ATHANASERIS
- 23 RILEY WOODCOCK
- 24 **CHRISTOPHER GLIGOR**
- 25 CALLUM FITZPATRICK
- **BILLY PATRAMANIS** 26
- **LACHLAN WATSON** 30 33 **NIKOLAS TSATTALIOS**
- 99 **PAUL KATSETIS**

COACH: ABBAS SAAD ASSISTANT: KERIM BABA CONDITIONING COACH: NAVID ABDI, GOALKEEPER COACH: STACEY ALOGDELLIS MANAGER: PARRY HATZI



- 1 JAMES CHRONOPOULOS (GK)
- 21 DAVID BRADASEVIC (GK)
- 2 **ARRON AVERY**
- DAVID VRANKOVIC 3
- **NIKOLA KRLJAR** 4
- 5 **ADAM JENNER**
- 6 **NIKOLA ZONIIC**
- **TYNAN DIAZ** 7
- **JACOB OTT** 8
- 9 **AARON PETERSON**
- SHERVIN ADELI 10
- 11 **ASMIR KADRIC**

- 12 **DEAN BEREVESKOS**
- 13 **IAMES MCKENZIE**
- 14 **BRADIE SMITH**
- 15 **RAY MILLER**
- 16 **SAM GALLAWAY**
- 17 **IAMES O'ROURKE**
- 18 MUN-SOO GIL
- 19 **GREG KONDEK**
- 20 **BEN TOSI**
- 22 **JAE WOOK**

COACH: BRIAN BROWN ASSISTANT COACH: MILAN SUSAK **MANAGER: IAN ARNOTT** 

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# 1ST GRADE MATCH PREVIEW

The surprise departure of coach Gorka Exteberria has thrown Sydney Olympic's round one preparation with the Belmore side fighting to not let the sudden change impact their title chances.

A win against Bonnyrigg White Eagles is important if Olympic is to show Exteberria's exit hasn't undone all the strides the side made in the offseason.

New signings Alejandro Sanchez, Rafael Jimenez Serrano and Nicola Kuleski lead the charge at Belmore oval as does the returning Max Burgess.

Bonnyrigg will be just as driven to win on Sunday as they look to put last season's horror campaign behind them.

Coach Brian Brown enters his tenth campaign as White Eagles boss and has brought in new signings David Bradasevic, Ben Tosi, James O'Rourke, Brady Smith, Tynan Diaz and Dean Bereveskos as he sets out to return the club to the top.

Both teams have plenty to play for ensuring an entertaining clash to open the season.

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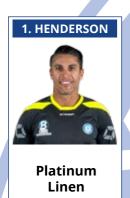


























































### **FEATURE STORY**



#### **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.





#### **TEAM LISTS - U20'S**





- 27 Tae Jung
- 28 Ali Dulleh
- 29 Ericson Ehiozee
- 31 Liam Flack
- 32 Adam Hristodoulou
- 34 Josh Hronopoulos
- 35 Luke Okuda
- 36 Mortaza Safdari

Coach: Anthony Harb Assistant: David Nicotra

- 37 Ahmad Safdari
- 38 Brian Sutomo
- 39 Theph Theph
- 40 Dylan Wozniczka
- 41 Louis Zachrapolous
- 42 Wahid Hamayoun 43 Kamran Qayumi



- 23 Amar Adilovic
- 24 Michael Borg
- 25 Taylor Cambaz
- 26 Jordan Cracknell
- 27 Damian Cupac
- 28 Peter Kim
- 29 Nikola Kremenovic
- 30 Daniel Krkovski

Coach: Hamis Brown Manager: Neven Cupac

- 31 Dean Krkovski
- 33 Francesco Terranova
- 34 Alexander Zarafetas
- 35 Milan Parenta
- 37 Ishtiyak Shah
- 38 Tanweer Shah
- 40 Max Rowston (GK)

### **U20'S MATCH PREVIEW**

The opening match of the round for 2018 takes place in Belmore where Sydney Olympic and Bonnyrigg meet at Belmore Sports Ground on Sunday afternoon.

Both sides will relish the clean slate of the new season following a disappointing year previous for both for different reasons.

Sydney Olympic were 2016 championship winners but struggled to find form in the 2017 campaign and were rooted to the lower reaches of the table. However the new season and the continued development of the club should provide a renewed sense of optimism when the Blues kick off their season on Sunday.

Bonnyrigg White Eagles on the other hand will be looking to get their year off to the best possible

start after a horror beginning in 2017 which saw the side lose six of their first seven matches. The slow start and litany of defensive issues for Hamish Brown's side ultimately prevented the White Eagles from sneaking into the top five – they'll be hoping to come out all guns firing on Sunday.

#### **TEAM LISTS - 18'S**

- Aiden Kenny
- James Antoniou
- Ellis Bellos
- Keiran Churchin
- Dean Fllis
- Samuel Harb
- 2 4 5 3 6 7 Jay McGowan
- 8 Jack McLoughlin

Coach: Tom Bazdaric Assistant: Paul Oliveri

- Christian Sinacori
- 10 **Andre Taouil**
- 11 Mitchell Ward
- Fadil Easa Hasnawi 12
- 13 Damian Hill
- 14 **Bradley Rapaport**
- 15 Connor Bellman
- 16 Peter Patsiavoudis



- 65 Bao Nguyen
- 66 Ljubisav Bogicevic
- 67 Joshua Bourke
- 68 **Ngor Deng**
- 69 Pavle Drca
- 70 Connor Evans (GK)
- Jayden Whittle
- Lachlan Hancock 72

Coach: Ray Mandic Manager: Tom Vucicevic

- Peter Harb
- 74 Marko Krljar
- 75 Joseph Leto
- 76 Max Rowston (GK)
- 77 Michael Martone
- 78 **Nenad Romic** 80
- Nikola Stegnjaic Callum Garrett



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# **STORY**



#### **MAX BURGESS READY TO LEAD OLYMPIC IN 2018**

BEFORE securing a professional contract with Portugal's Uniao de Madeira in July last season, Max Burgess was without doubt the form player of the National Premier Leagues NSW men's competition.

The attacking midfielder was scoring goals for fun and providing assists most weeks as Sydney Olympic FC charged to a top five finish.

Playing professionally abroad was always the dream, so after agreeing to terms, Burgess packed his bags and prepared for his next life adventure.

Football doesn't always go according to plan, so when the former Newcastle Jets utility decided to return to Australia, Olympic was always going to be his destination.

"I never entertained the thought of playing for someone else," Burgess told Football NSW.

"I rate the coaching staff very highly as well as the vision and vibe at the club.

"Having my brother (Darcy) at Olympic is great, as kids we always dreamed about playing first grade together somewhere.

"We have recruited well, I'm very confident we will hold our own this season."

Burgess is equally talented away from the pitch, studying a degree in political economics and social sciences at Sydney University.

"It is a mouthful to say, and the content is equally as tough," he said with a laugh.

"I'm in my first year, hopefully I can finish this course, it just depends what happens with football I guess."

Burgess is tipping crafty midfielder Hagi Gligor to be a standout at Belmore Oval this year as well as evergreen goalkeeper Paul Henderson.

"I've always rated Hagi and Hendo, he offers so much experience," he said.



"Riley Woodcock has also slotted in well, he is a quality player and Will Angel offers that x-factor we need.

"Every team will have their strengths, there is a real air of anticipation with the season just a few weeks away."

Sydney Olympic FC host Bonnyrigg in a juicy first up encounter on Sunday, March 11 from 3pm.

By Andrew Prentice





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#### **HOME GROUND -BELMORE SPORTS GROUND**

**Edison Ln, Belmore** 

**ROUND 1** 

Sunday 11th March @ 15:00 **Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC**  **ROUND 3** 

Sunday 25th March @ 15:00 **Manly United FC** 

**ROUND 4** 

Friday 30th March @ 19:00 Hakoah Sydney City East FC **ROUND 6** 

Sunday 15th April @ 15:00 **Blacktown City FC** 

**ROUND 10** 

Sunday 13th May @ 15:00

**ROUND 8** Sunday 29th April @ 15:00

Sydney FC **Wollongong Wolves FC** 

**ROUND 13** Sunday 3rd June @ 15:00

**ROUND 7** 

Sunday 22nd April @ 15:00

**Rockdale City Suns FC** 

**APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC** 

**ROUND 16** 

**Lambert Park** Saturday 23rd June @ 19:45 Marconi Stallions FC

**ROUND 20** 

Sunday 29th July @ 15:00 **Sutherland Sharks FC** 

**ROUND 22** Sunday 12th August @ 15:00

Sydney United 58 FC























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