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Blacktown City 0 – Sutherland Sharks 2 at Lily Homes Stadium

Blacktown City have limped into the finals series after going down 2-0 to Sutherland Sharks at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

The loss was Blacktown's second defeat in as many weeks with both losses coming against teams in the bottom three.

In an at times uninspiring contest, Sutherland stung Blacktown with two second half goals courtesy of Nick Littler and Adrian Vranic.

The result was a winning send off for Sharks coach Grant Lee who announced his decision to leave the club at the conclusion of the regular season.

For Blacktown they will need to rediscover the form which had them at the top of the table during the opening rounds of the competition when they host Rockdale City Suns in next week's elimination final.



Rockdale City Suns 2 – Sydney FC 2 at Ilinden Sports Centre

Rockdale City Suns has scraped into the 2018 National Premier Leagues NSW finals series after a 2-2 draw with Sydney FC at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

A brace from Rockdale's Jonathan Grozdanovski helped the side to a 2-1 lead at the half-time break, before a 91st minute equaliser from Sydney's Jeremy Cox levelled the scores.

Despite coming away from the match with only a point, it was enough for Paul Reid's side to secure a top five finish thanks to Wollongong's 3-0 thrashing of Marconi Stallions.

Sydney FC finish the season on the bottom of the ladder but have secured their safety in the NSW top flight for another season by their overall performance on the Club Championship ladder.

Rockdale will next week take on fourth placed Blacktown City in the first elimination final.



TEAM LISTS



1 TRISTAN PRENDERGAST
3 GIORGIO SPERANZA
4 ROBERTO SPERANZA
5 GRANT LYNCH
6 MATT LEWIS
7 DEVANTE CLUT
8 DANIEL ARAUJO
9 JOEY GIBBS
10 CONNOR EVANS

11 DANNY CHOI
14 MITCH MALLIA
16 MARK RODIC
17 DAKOTA ASKEW
18 MASON VERSI
19 ZACH CAIRNCROSS
20 STEVAN SAVICIC
22 YIANNI SPYRAKIS
23 DANIEL BRAGG

COACH: MARK CRITTENDEN ASSISTANT COACH: LUKE ROODENBURG
MANAGER: GRAHAM CRAWHALL ASSISTANT MANAGER: ROSS BOURKE
S & C COACH: SHANNON CODD PHYSIOTHERAPIST: REBECCA GONZALEZ



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 IDRIS 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
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1ST GRADE MATCH PREVIEW

The equation is simple for Blacktown City FC and Rockdale City Suns. 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.

Fourth placed Blacktown City have limped into the finals series after back-to-back defeats to bottom three sides.

Mark Crittenden's side will need a massive bounce back performance if they are to stand a chance of progressing in the finals.

Connor Evans has been a consistent performer in the centre of midfield for City this season and will be the backbone of the Seven Hills based side throughout the playoffs.

Injury has plagued Blacktown this season and they will be without key midfielder Mitch Mallia for the remainder of the campaign.

As a result the pressure will be heaped on Devante Clut and Danny Choi, himself returning from a long injury layoff, to carry the creative burden for Blacktown.

Their opposition this week will be a Rockdale side who have bounced back from a horror start to the season.

The Paul Reid coached side rediscovered their winning form during the second half of the campaign but only snuck into the finals with only two points from their last three games.

The Ilinden Sports Centre based side has struggled to solidify their defence this season conceding a whopping 43 goals which was the second worst record behind wooden spooners Sydney FC.

A free scoring attack has been the Suns saving grace with Alec Urosevski the leading light.

Blacktown claimed an incredible 5-3 victory on the road against Rockdale in round 9, but it was a different story when the two teams faced-off during a cagey affair in round 20 which ended locked a 1-1.

With a chance to take on either APIA Leichhardt Tigers or Sydney United 58 in the next round of the finals, nothing short of a complete performance will be enough.

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TEAM LISTS - U20'S

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1 Mitchell Evans
5 Patrick Scibilio
9 Daniel Maskin
11 Luke Ivanovic
13 Jordan Swibel
14 Joel King
17 Marco Tilio
18 Benjamin Koop
19 Guiseppe Tilio

22 Harry Van Der Saag
23 Callum Talbot
24 Daniel Blachura
26 Benjamin Van Meurs
27 Hamish Lambertson
28 Paolo Bonnani
29 Thomas Fay
31 Ryan Teague
32 Evan Tsakos
40 David Malishev (GK)

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



3 Richard Stewart
6 Lachlan Everett
12 Blair Brown
16 Ryoga Suyama
17 Leroy Jennings
21 Niki Loe
23 Deren O'Brien
24 Adam Massoud

25 Blake Currey
26 Harry Sutherland
27 Harrison Quirk
31 Gabriel Contigiani
32 James Temelkovski
33 Thomas Papa
53 Kuot Maliet

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

U20'S - MATCH PREVIEW

The Grand Final is in touching distance for both Sydney FC and Sutherland Sharks, and the title ambition of each will firmly come to the fore when the two competition heavyweights clash at Lily's on Saturday afternoon.

These two sides have consistently set the bar in the past two seasons and have supplied some titanic contests throughout their rivalry – including at this very stadium, in last year's major semi-final, which saw the Sharks book their Grand Final ticket in extra time.

It is sure to be another close encounter on this occasion as the two giants tussle it out to take on Blacktown City in the major semi-final next weekend.

For Sutherland, the raised stakes must help return the Sharks back to their best. It's been a disappointing season for the 2017 double winners. Nick Dimovski's side were seemingly on course to repeat the feat after a flawless

start, but they've faltered for two thirds of the season and have won just three of their last 10 matches heading into this game.

Sydney FC have been similarly enigmatic throughout the year. The Sky Blues have been far and away the competition's most deadly strike force with 65 goals (21 more than second-best Sutherland), but have failed to marry this ability to score freely with a battle-hardened rear-guard.

This soft underbelly has been exposed several times throughout the year, including by Sutherland who defeated Sydney FC 6-1 back in round two.

Sydney's approach will make this contest an intriguing affair – don't miss it!



- 1 Dylan Niski
- 2 Alen Aganovic
- 3 Ryan Duffy
- 4 Blake Richards
- 6 Ethan Pollard-Smith
- 7 Alexander Purves
- 8 Bradley Tapp
- 9 Suleyman Bangura

- 10 Carlos De Oliveira
- 11 Matthew Caisley
- 12 Kai McLoughlin
- 13 Jack Hutchings
- 14 Dean Pelekanos
- 15 Samuel Webb
- 16 Luka Zanko

Coach: Andrew Montgomery
Manager: Trevor Keayes



- 46 Jacob Botic
- 47 Vinko Gacic
- 50 Joshua Jenicek
- 51 George Marangos
- 53 Daniel Geroski
- 54 Jackson Angelou
- 56 Adrian Neoklis
- 57 Mouhamed Hanache

- 58 Mohamed Ahmed
- 59 Sam Shainfield
- 60 Jay Hirshowitz
- 61 Noah Botic
- 62 Adam Sukar
- 63 Ellis Bellos
- 65 Brandan Stefanovski (GK)

Coach: Steve Zoric
Assistant Coach: Gary Departo
Team Manager: Jack Bulic

U18'S MATCH PREVIEW

On Saturday afternoon, Blacktown City FC who finished second in the regular season, will host third placed side Rockdale City Suns FC at Lily Homes Stadium.

Despite finishing just behind the Premiers, Blacktown's closing season campaign was quite a bumpy ride for the side.

City have lost two of their last five matches and finished the season last weekend with a draw against the Sutherland Sharks.

This weekend the side will host their third placed opponent in the Rockdale City Suns FC at Lily Homes Stadium.

Blacktown will be relying on the efforts of key individuals such as Luka Zanko, Carlos De Oliveria and more notably Suleymon Bangura.

Bangura has been a momentous force this season for the City side, scoring 18 goals in 22 appearances for the side. Although this weekend, Suleymon will meet is match in Noah Botic.

Noah too has found the back of the net 18 times this season and will certainly test Blacktown's defence this weekend.

For the Suns, their run to finals has been much like their opponents this weekend, losing three of the last five.

This final is guaranteed to be a close fixture, with their last two meetings in the 2018 season proving that.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Round 9 – Rockdale City Suns 0 v Blacktown City FC 2

Round 20 – Blacktown City FC 1 v Rockdale City Suns 0



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