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On behalf of the entire Board of Management, we wish to welcome you to Lambert Park, the 'home of football' in Australia. We would like to welcome Blacktown City FC, supporters and staff to what will be a huge clash in our first Championship Series match in the NPL NSW Men's Competition.

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# **1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS**



1	lvan	Necevski (GK
3	Paul	Galimi
4	Josh	Symons
6	Chris	Payne
7	Tynan	Diaz
8	Corey	Biczo
10	Franco	Parisi
12	Sam	McIIIhatton
14	Lachlan	Hughes
15	Themba	Muata-Marlow
16	Sean	Symons
17	Sam	Gulisano
18	Adrian	Ucchino
19	Dom	Nasrabadi
20	Michael	Trajkovski
21	Michael	Kouta
22	Luke	Turnbull
23	Nicholas	Stavroulakis

Coach: John Calleja

Manager: Sergio Bucciarelli Manager: Sam Barletta Manager: Joe Calabro Manager: Vincent Leto Physio: Michael Sawan

1	Tristan	Prendergast
3	Daniel	Collins
4	Yianni	Spyrakis
5	Grant	Lynch
6	Matt	Lewis
7	Devante	Clut
8	Daniel	Araujo
9	Joey	Gibbs
10	James	Demetriou
11	Mani	Gonzalez
12	Lachlan	Campbell
14	Henry	Davies
15	Mason	Versi
16	Dale	Howarth
17	Dakota	Askew
18	Joshua	Bartolotto
19	Adam	Berry
20	Dylan	Niski
21	William	Mutch
22	Leroy	Jennings
23	Daniel	Bragg
24	Jackson	Bandiera

Coach: Mark Crittenden

Assistant Coach: Matthew Bingley Manager: Graham Crawhall Assistant Manager: Ross Bourke

Physio: Rebecca Gonzalez

Strength & Conditioning: David Maiolo,

Ioshua De Rooy

Referee: K. Patterson

Assistant Referees: N. Wotton, J. Adabjou

Fourth Official: S. Grasso





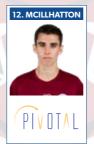


















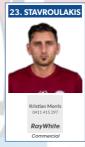














#### **MATCH PREVIEW**

Two of the league's heavy hitters will go toe to toe on Saturday night as APIA Leichhardt Tigers take on Black town city in the preliminary semi-final at Lambert Park.

Both APIA and Blacktown have featured regularly during the finals stage of the competition over the past five years and will be once aiming for nothing short of Championship success

Saturday's match will be the second time they have faced off this season with both matches being tightly contested 1-1 draws

A much changed APIA team suffered a shock loss to Mt Druitt Town Rangers in the final round which is sure to give coach John Calleja a few extra things to ponder coming into the finals.

One major concern for Calleja is key defender Josh Symons who suffered a hamstring injury in their 2-2 draw with Sydney FC.

He is unlikely to feature much during the finals if early reports prove accurate meaning Themba Muata-Marlow will return to marshal the centre of defence alongside Paul Galimi while Tynan Diaz will most likely fill the gap at right back.

Adrian Ucchino will also return to the starting line-up after playing off the bench against Mt Druitt.

One player that will want to make statement in this match will be the Tigers sharpshooter Chris Payne.

Payne missed out by a solitary goal for the Golden Boot award to Thomas lames and he will no doubt have that fire

in his belly to give it his all in earning his club a spot against the Wolves

Blacktown also dropped points in the final match of the regular season as they were held to a 1-1 draw against Hakoah Sydney City East.

City boss Mark Crittenden most likley won't take too much away from that result with a number of his regulars either rested or given less minutes.

A full strength team is expected to take the field on Saturday with veteran striker loey Gibbs key to their success.

After a slow start to the season, veteran striker Joey Gibbs has hit top form over the second half of the campaign and has played a massive role in Blacktown's climb to third.

Look to Pacy wingers such as Leroy Jennings to make the most of Gibbs hold up play while the number 9 will also be hoping to get on the end of a few crosses.

These two teams have been the gold standard in the NPL NSW Men's competition for the last few seasons and that has not ceased to be the case in 2019.

Expect a tense arm-wrestle with neither side giving much away.

Chances will be at an absolute premium and wasted opportunities could prove costly.

While defeat won't mean elimination, the pressure is still on and neither APIA or Blacktown will want to start their finals game with a loss.

#### **1ST GRADE REVIEWS**

#### Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2- APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 at Popondetta Park

Mt Druitt Town Rangers have narrowly missed out on a place in the National Premier Leagues NSW Mens finals series despite a brilliant 2-1 upset win against APIA Leichhardt at Popondetta Park on Sunday.

The Rangers needed victory and for Sydney United and Sydney Olympic to lose if they were to pull off a miracle top five finish, and while Aidan Desmond's side did their part the other half of the equation didn't.

Toufic Alamedddine gave Mt Druitt the early lead before Chris Payne equalised for the APIA with his 21st strike of the season.

However, the home side would bounce back as Mirjan Pavlovic sealed the deal for Mt Druitt in the second half with a clever goal.

It was a frustrating defeat for APIA ahead of the playoffs but with nothing riding on the final round tie coach John Calleja will scratch the result and hopes his team regroups before their match with Blacktown City next week.

#### Hakoah Sydney City East 1 – Blacktown City 1 at Hensley Athletic Field

A gallant Hakoah Sydney City East has wrapped up a horror season with an inspired fightback to claim a 1-1 draw with Blacktown City at Hensley Athletic field.

The Eastgardens based side gave their fans one final moment to savour ahead of their relegation to NPL2 showing plenty of grit in a match which lacked many flashpoint.

The game went scoreless until the 81st minute when youngster Suleyman Bangura finished calmly to send Blacktown in front.

However, Oli Green rained on their parade, taking two points from Blacktown with a last gasp header past Tristan Prendergast in the 90th minute.

The windy conditions meant neither team could get comfortable on the ball. Pinball action descended on Hensley Athletic Field with the ball acting restless in midfield and the players even more so.



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1	Courtney	Halpin
2	Jennifer	Bennett
3	Jen	Bisset
4	Lara	Bosnich
5	Olivia	Cicco
6	Lucy	Gilfedder
7	Carla	Canini
8	Cassidy	Chidgey
9	Logan	Garard
10	Filiz	Urkanci
11	Ashleigh	Palombi
12	Maddy	Latham
13	Sarah	Urquhart
14	Rebecca	Watts
15	Nicole	Carmichael
17	Kerrie	Ryan
18	Jessica	Fallah
24	Georgia	Bridges
50	Stephanie	Grimbilos

Head Coach: Matteo Maiorana

Coach: Matt Costantini

Assistant Coach: Roberto Maiorana Assistant Coach: Paul Costantini

Manager: Alex Cicco



#### RESERVE GRADE

16 Emma Mason 26 Ramona Spicer 27 Hannah **Bollom** 28 Bojana **Poletanovic** 29 Maddy Gray 30 Abbey Harrison 31 Tiarne Schuman 32 Marissa **Papoulidis** 33 Dione King 34 Emily Smith 35 Hannah Macri 36 Nicola Simmons 37 Kim Cozens 38 Amelia Griffin 39 Flizabeth Donnelly

Coach: Paul De Lucca Manager: Craig Mason



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#### U20'S TEAM LISTS



Michael	Van Walsum	(GK)
Cameron	Ward	
Nick	Azzone	
Peter	Nichols	
Zander	Regan	
Oscar	Bernauer	
Nathan	Mellino	
Alex	Graorovski	
Bradley	Dollins	
Anthony	Sparacino	
Zeke	Prisuda	
Jacob	Ritchie	
Camil	Abouchaaya	
Gian	Fiorese	
Joseph	Lameri	
Kashmir	Stelio-Prasad	
Harris	Fotopoulos	(GK)
	Cameron Nick Peter Zander Oscar Nathan Alex Bradley Anthony Zeke Jacob Camil Gian Joseph Kashmir	Cameron Ward Nick Azzone Peter Nichols Zander Regan Oscar Bernauer Nathan Mellino Alex Graorovski Bradley Dollins Anthony Sparacino Zeke Prisuda Jacob Ritchie Camil Abouchaaya Gian Fiorese Joseph Lameri Kashmir Stelio-Prasad

Coaches: Gerard Peacock Manager: Joe Garufi

Savas	Tyson	22
Hollman	Jake	24
Mattison	Mitchell	25
Amey	Sam	26
Gurd	Aaron	27
Mcfarlane	Fletcher	28
Pavlesic	Adam	30
Browning	Scott	31
Main	Thomas	32
Kucharski	Jaiden	33
Nieuwenhof	Calem	34
Kaye	Levi	40

Head Coach: Shane Smeltz Assistant Coach: Howard Fondyke Team Manager: Jarek Pacholski

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

It's all or nothing for APIA Leichhardt and Sydney FC when they come together for their elimination semi final at Lambert Park on Saturday afternoon.

These sides have met at this ground twice already this season, with each alternately winning in relative comfort.

The Sky Blues edged a 2-0 win in Leichhardt in May courtesy of goals from Tyson Wood and Patrick Savas, while the Tigers swept Sydney aside in a 3-0 win only a few weeks ago, with goals from Michael Trajkovski, Zeke Prisuda and Peter Nichols getting the job done for APIA.

That defeat was the last game Sydney FC played during the regular season, and the Sky Blues will be eager to make up for an embarrassing result at the hands of a close rival.

They smashed Sutherland Sharks in the first week of the finals last year, and could face another matchup against the Sharks next Thursday should they win at Lambert Park on Saturday afternoon.

APIA, meanwhile, make their first return to the finals since losing the 2017 Grand Final to Sutherland. They faced Sydney FC twice in that series, losing in the preliminary semi before beating the Sky Blues in the penultimate match of the season to go through to a decider against the Sharks.

They will be desperate to go one better this year but can't afford to look too far ahead, with only one place in the next week of the finals for the two teams here.



#### U18'S TEAM LISTS



52	Joe	Roddy	
54	Anton	Mlinaric	
55	Patrick	Yazbek	
56	Antonio	Saracino	
57	Jayden	Trenkoski	
58	Patrick	Wood	
72	Phil	Gigliotti	
75	Andrew	Vlahadamis	
76	Aiden	Simmons	
77	Stevan	Stanic-Floody	
78	Nectar	Triantis	
79	Kai	Kamikura	
80	Rocco	Fragale	
81	Cameron	Fong	
82	Cameron	Peupion	
90	Shakeet	Kumar	(GK)

Head Coach: Pat McCann Asst Coach: Jacques Sartor Team Manager: Jarek Pacholski

40	Ryan	Baker	(GK)
41	Ronan	Connolly	
42	Stefano	D'Amico	
43	Jordan	Devries	
45	Harry	Eland	
46	Nathan	Felsher	
47	Massimo	Forlico	
48	Bryce	Harry	
50	David	Lee	
52	Lachlan	Scheffers	
53	Jordan	Segreto	
54	Liam	Tachjian	
55	Nick	Rainbird	

Coach: Danny Beauchamp Assistant coach: Chris Abbott Manager: Raina Devries Head Physio: Steve Felsher

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