





SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 3PM

CLUB WELCOME

Blacktown City FC welcomes our players and supporters along with those from the Sutherland Sharks, on what we hope will be a memorable day.

Club Captain Matthew Lewis celebrates his 300th game today and Blacktown City FC not only congratulates Matthew but thanks him for his loyalty over many seasons, some good, some not so good. Good luck mate and well done, and it would be great to see as many club supporters as we can at Lily Homes Stadium to help celebrate this occasion.

We arrive at Sunday's fixture with back to back wins, but still with some work to do, and come up against a very good Sharks outfit that contains former BCFC players in Blake Powell, Mason Versi, Jonathon

Grozdanovski and Blair Brown whom have all worn the BCFC jersey at some stage.

Good luck to our Youth lads this weekend when they come up against Hakoah Sydney City East FC, and to our Sap boys and girls who are heading up the freeway to meet the Central Coast Mariners.

Play well.

As always, at the completion of our home fixtures, venture across the bridge and enjoy a refreshing drink and fabulous meal at Lily's Function Centre. Pop into the Cocktail Lounge for the Player of the Match presentation.

Good luck to all and stay safe.





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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



1	Tristan	Prendergast (GK)
3	Daniel	Collins
4	Yianni	Spyrakis
5	Grant	Lynch
6	Matthew	Lewis
7	Hassan	Jalloh
8	Daniel	Araujo
11	Rhett	Desilva
12	Lachlan	Campbell
14	Alen	Aganovic
15	Jak	O'Brien
16	Charles	Mendy
17	Dakota	Askew
18	Suleyman	Bangura
19	Adam	Berry
20	Dylan	Niski (GK)
21	William	Mutch
22	Carlos	DeOliveira
23	Leroy	Jennings
24	Jackson	Bandiera

Coach: Mark Crittenden Assistant: Matthew Bingley

Managers: Graham Crawhall, Ross

Bourke

Physio: Bec Gonzalez

Strength & Conditioner: David Maiolo



1	Ryan	Norval
2	Adam	Massoud
3	Marc	Warren
4	Brad	Walker
5	James	Carli
6.	Lachlan	Everett
7	Peter	Siminovski
8	Pat	O'Shea
9	James	Temelevski
10	Blake	Powell (C)
11	Joey	Groenbast
12	Blair	Brown
13	Tom	Papa
15	Mason	Versi
16	Harry	Sutherland
17	Mario	Aleksic
18	Brodie	Clarkson
19	Gabriel	Contiagani
20	Connor	Shaddock
21	Oliver	Green
22	Jarrad	Wylie
99	Jonathan	Grozdanovski

Coach: Nick Dimovski

Assistant Coaches: Steve Gordon, Lewis

Contigani

Managers: Craig Simmons, Ian

Mckenzie, Barry Hansen

Physios: Kieran Rooney, Michael Gabriel

Referee: Assistant Referees: Fourth Official: H. Jomaa

N. Wotton, P. Teleki

C. Wright

Blacktown City will be out to mark captain Matt Lewis's 300th game with a win when they host Sutherland Sharks at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

City's veteran star has been at the core of the club's success over the past decade and it has been Lewis' goals which helped Blacktown to back-to-back wins to start this campaign.

Blacktown have been difficult to breakdown and have made the most of limited chances going forward.

The Mark Crittenden coached side are well disciplined and will give the Sharks very little.

Even though City went into the year minus a few big names with Joey Gibbs signing overseas and Daniel Araujo suspended, Crittenden has been able to marshal his squad very well.

Their opponents Sutherland have had a harder start to the 2020 season with a loss and a draw from their two games.

They did well too bounce back with a draw last week against Rockdale after being thrashed by Marconi in the opening round.

New club captain Blake Powell showed off his clinical finishing skills against Rockdale and will be very dangerous if given chances.

Dutch defender Joey Groenbast is starting to find his feet and has shown flashes of what he is capable of.

Sutherland will need to score early and force Blacktown to fight their way back. But if they don't, Blacktown will be more than happy to grind out another win with their suffocating defence.

Prediction: Blacktown City 1 Sutherland Sharks 0



1ST GRADE LADDER

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2	Blacktown City FC	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
3	North Shore Mariners FC	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
4	APIA Leichhardt FC	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
6	Sydney United 58 FC	2	1	0	1	5	1	4	3
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
8	Sydney FC	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
10	Sydney Olympic FC	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
11	Manly United FC	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
12	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

Sutherland Sharks 1 – Rockdale Ilinden 1 at Seymour Shaw Park

A Blake Powell strike in the closing stages has helped Sutherland Sharks fightback to claim a 1-1 draw against Southern Sydney rivals Rockdale Ilinden FC at Seymour Shaw on Saturday.

The result was a solid improvement from the Sharks after their round one drubbing at the hands of Marconi but new coach Nick Dimovski still has plenty to do in a performance which was still lacking at times.

After a scoreless first half, Rockdale thought they had done enough to claim the win when Sam Gulisano fired home from range with only 20 minutes left to play.

However, the Sharks rallied in the closing minutes with Powell finding the equaliser to ensure Sutherland went home with their first competition points of the campaign.

Manly United 0 - Blacktown City FC 1 at Cromer Park

For the second consecutive week, Matthew Lewis proved to be the match winner as his spot kick sealed a hardfought three points for Blacktown City against Manly United at Cromer Park on Saturday night.

For both sides the result offered a similar story to their season openers last weekend.

Manly often appeared disjointed in the final third and were punished for a momentary lapse of concentration.

On the other hand Mark Crittenden's men excelled defensively, allowing for them to grind out another victory by the narrowest of margins.

Sydney FC 0 – Marconi Stallions 4 at Ilinden Sports Centre

Marconi Stallions have given Sydney FC an early reality check in a dominant 4-0 win at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

The Young Sky Blues claimed a brilliant upset last week against Mt Druitt Town Rangers, but they were no match for the experienced Stallions who have now made it two wins from as many games.

A brace by Anthony Frangie was bookended by goals from Anthony Costa and Nathan Millgate as Marconi sent a clear signal that they will be one of the teams to beat this season.

The Stallions have now scored eight goals from their opening two matches further cementing their place on top of the NPL NSW ladder.

APIA Leichhardt FC 2 – Sydney Olympic 1 at Lambert

A late Chris Payne strike has helped APIA Leichhardt claim their first win of the season edging Sydney Olympic 2-1 at Lambert Park on Sunday.

It was a game of two halves but Payne's finish only three

minutes from full-time proved the difference between the two rivals from Sydney's inner-west.

APIA dominated what was a physical first half of football, taking the lead in the 17th minute through a David D'Apuzzo header.

Olympic hit the pitched refreshed after the break and took control of the second stanza, with Bai Antoniou netting the equalizer in the 60th minute.

The match looked likely to finish in a draw, but as the game came to a close Payne pulled off an 87th minute thriller that saw the home side take all three points.

Wollongong Wolves 2 – North Shore Mariners 3 at Albert Butler Memorial Park

North Shore Mariners secured a dramatic 3-2 victory over reigning National Premier Leagues NSW premiers Wollongong Wolves on Sunday afternoon at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

Mitch Smith's strike in the dying stages helped stun the reigning premiers as the Mariners secured their first win in the state league top flight.

Thomas James got the reigning premiers off to a fast start with a goal in the 12th minute but Panny Nikas, who made his debut with the club after a pre-season injury, curled one in on the cusp of the interval to level the score at the break.

Emmanuel Peters gave the visitors the lead with less than 20 minutes to play but James was on target yet again to have the game seemingly headed for a draw.

But North Shore were to have the final say as Smith found the back of the net with a composed finish in the final seconds to secure the unlikely triumph.

Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0 – Sydney United 58 5 at Popondetta Park

Sydney United 58 have powered to their first win of the NPL NSW thrashing Mt Druitt Town Rangers 5-0 at Popondetta Park on Sunday.

It was a coming out party of sorts for United 58 as they flexed their attacking muscle against an out of sorts Mt Druitt side who slumped to their second loss in as many weeks

Nearly everything went Sydney United's way in the first half.

A comical own goal from Rangers defender Travis Oughtred opened the scoring before Thomas Manos made a brilliant penalty save to stop Mt Druitt claiming an equaliser.

From then the floodgates opened with goals to Matt Sim, Devante Clut and a brace to Patrick Antelmi wrapped up a very one sided performance and Zeljko Kalac's first win in the NPL NSW as United head coach.



TEAM OF THE WEEK



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Matty Lewis set to join the 300 club with Blacktown City this weekend

Blacktown City skipper and stalwart Matt Lewis is poised to bring up the remarkable feat of 300 competitive matches for the club when they host Sutherland Sharks at Lily Holmes Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The 29-year-old is Blacktown through and through.

He played his grassroots football at Parklea Soccer Club before joining City at the age of ten.

Apart from a brief stint in the A-League with Central Coast Mariners, Blacktown is the only club that Lewis has represented and one "he wouldn't change for the world."

The left-footed midfielder earned his first-grade debut at the age of 17 on the 27th January 2008, a game against APIA Leichhardt at Sydney Olympic Park that he recalls vividly.

"I came off the bench for literally about five minutes and someone absolutely smashed me with a twofooted challenge," he recounted.

"It put me out for six weeks due to injury. After that injury I've touchwood been pretty lucky but that was a good welcome to first grade."

Lewis' 100th game took place in a local affair with Blacktown Spartans on 18th May 2013 and he brought up the double-century on the 19th June 2016 in a home fixture against Parramatta FC.

His immense consistency has been down to several factors including his technical ability to play a number of positions and a fortunate injury record to date.

Lewis once put together a remarkable run of playing 91 consecutive league and cup games.

Not many can claim that they reached game number 300 with the single club and even fewer boast this feat before they reach the age of 30.

But Lewis has deservedly earned the honour through his willingness and capability to assist the team no matter what the assigned role.

"I've don't think there's been a year where I've stayed in the one position," he said.

"I think probably the only position I haven't played is right-back.

"Especially as I've gotten older I've slowly made my way back, but I'm not a very different player now to when I was younger.

"I've been lucky that Critto always felt comfortable putting me in different positions which obviously helps your chances of starting every week."

There has been no shortage of change during Lewis' time at the Blacktown.

Back when he was a fresh-faced teenager, Blacktown's grass-turfed home ground was known as Gabbie Stadium, the club boasted the 'Demons' brand and their head coach was not yet longserving boss Mark Crittenden, but rather the great Ken Schembri.

Results-wise Blacktown were not yet the juggernaut they have established in recent times: in 2008 they finished in 12th.

"When I first started we were battling massively," Lewis recalled.

"It was tough times around then and I was given my debut as the club started playing some of the younger boys. At that time I was just happy to be playing.

"I think since then we have come a long way and the owners and board are doing their best for the club. We're just going onwards and upwards."

In his 299 matches so far Lewis has registered a total of 26 goals for the club.

That allows him to see the humour in the fact that after two rounds of the 2020 campaign, the Blacktown captain currently leads the standings for the golden boot race.

"It's been a bit of a laugh amongst the boys," Lewis said.

"I don't score goals let's be honest, and honestly can't remember the last goal I scored from open play.

"I'm happy to step up and take penalties but it's

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been quite funny because the boys are stirring me up and saying I could win the golden boot this year.

"I obviously took a screenshot of the standings before Sunday's game because I thought that will never ever happen again!"

While the golden boot may have never been on his radar, Lewis has won his fair share of silverware with Blacktown.

The period from 2014 to 2017 where the club won the Premiership, Championship, National Premier League and toppled A-League opposition on their way to the FFA Cup quarter finals, is one that Lewis "will never forget."

He is also confident the club have assembled a talented and united squad capable of challenging for the title again in 2020.

"Even after losing a few players over the last couple of years at Blacktown the aim never changes," Lewis claimed.

"No one's ever just happy to come third or fourth, we want to aim high and realistically I think we can win it.

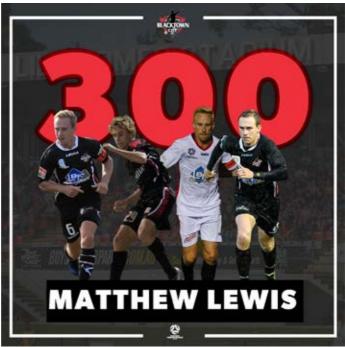
"When we won it in 2014 we had a fairly young team then and a lot of those boys have gone on to the A-League or doing very well elsewhere.

"We have a really good young team this year and I think they've all got a bright future ahead of them so like nothing says we can't go on and win it."

Upon reaching game number 300, Lewis would like to thank his inspirational coaches Mark Crittenden and Kenny Schembri as well as Luke Rudenberg, who he views as a role-model for him to emulate as captain.

He would also like to extend his gratitude to all of his teammates for the culture they have built and success they helped him enjoy.

Lewis is also thankful for the everlasting commitment of his parents who still attend all of his games, as



well as his wife Eliza for putting up with him after every disappointing session or result.

Lewis and Mark Crittenden have enjoyed a close relationship over the years and the Blacktown coach praised his captain ahead of his milestone day.

"You can't really express how good Matt has been for this football club," Crittenden said.

"He is the ultimate professional, he brings the boys together, and always has been a winner.

"He knows the Blacktown City culture and is very big on trying to make sure all the young boys that come through are fully aware of that.

"At the end of the day, it's been a pleasure as a football coach, a work colleague and a mate.

"I have nothing but the utmost respect for Matty and I hope things go really well for him on Sunday."

Blacktown City will be proudly honouring Lewis prior to kick off in their round 3 clash against the Sutherland Sharks with local fans encouraged to attend what will be an eventful day for the proud club man.

By Chris Curulli (Twitter handle @ChrisCurulli)



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U18's	U20's	1st	TOTAL
APIA Leichhardt FC	6	6	6	16	28
Marconi Stallions FC	6	0	4	24	28
Blacktown City FC	6	3	0	24	27
Sydney FC	6	6	8	12	26
Sydney United 58 FC	6	6	8	12	26
Wollongong Wolves FC	6	1	12	12	25
Rockdale City Suns FC	6	0	6	16	22
North Shore Mariners FC	6	1	0	16	17
Manly United FC	6	3	12	0	15
Sutherland Sharks FC	6	6	2	4	12
Sydney Olympic FC	6	3	6	0	9
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	6	0	2	0	2

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ROUND 4 FIXTURES

WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS MARCONI STALLIONS FC

2:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS NORTH SHORE MARINERS FC

3:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR LILY HOMES STADIUM

SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC

4:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS ROCKDALE CITY SUNS FC

6:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

SYDNEY FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC 6:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS MANLY UNITED FC

7:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR LAMBERT PARK

U20 TEAM LISTS



26 Michael Adomako

27 Alec Purves

28 Blake Richards

30 Thomas Bienasz

31 Stuart Gosling

32 Ryan Attard

Coach: Andy Montgomery Assistant: Dean Montgomery Manager: Steve Crawhall 34 Kai Mcloughlin

35 Ryan Duffy

36 Caleb Jackson-Brown

37 Jacob Casha

40 Jacob Gjorsevski



23 Jay McGowan

24 Luke Sauer

25 Zander Regan

26 Johnny Ress

27 Callum Watt

28 Tristan Maher

Coach: Nick Porreca

Assistant Coach: Mauricio Garcia

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31 Matthew Marrum

32 Jacob McDonald

33 Reece Kilpin

34 Charlie Jones

37 Lachlan Dick

U20 LADDER

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10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
11	Blacktown City FC	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
12	North Shore Mariners FC	2	0	0	2	3	7	-4	0

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U18 TEAM LISTS



1 Zane Cunico (Gk)

2 Corey Smith

3 Angelo Apokis

4 Ben Berry

5 Tyren Burnie

6 Shayden Sampow

7 Abbas Karnib

8 Iustin Chan Frias

Coach: Daniel Bragg Assistant: Luke Lambourne Manager: Steve Crawhall 9 Jacob Szymoniczek

10 Kai Denton

11 Cameron Veldhuizen

14 Bailey Jacobs

15 Ethan Smith

16 | Jed Drew

17 Sebastian Hernandez



29 Dean Borbilas

38 Julian Travato

39 Joshua Field

40 Evan Souris

41 Jordan Wang

42 Joel Hollingdale

43 Nelson Lam

44 Mitchell Heapy

Coach: Chris Naumoff

Assistant Coach: Sash Drijovski

45 Jarvis Patterson

46 Paul Araullo

47 Dylan Munoz

48 Marcus Russo

49 Nicholas Karavatakis

50 Taylan Skurtevski

51 Jordan Paull

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2020 HOME FIXTURES

HOME GROUND - Lilys Football Centre 5 Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

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ROUND 01	01/03	15:00	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 03	15/03	15:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 04	22/03	15:00	North Shore Mariners FC
ROUND 05	29/03	15:00	Sydney FC
ROUND 08	19/04	15:00	Rockdale City Suns FC
ROUND 10	03/05	15:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 13	24/05	15:00	Manly United FC
ROUND 17	21/06	15:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 18	28/06	15:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 20	12/07	15:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 22	26/07	15:00	Marconi Stallions FC

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