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**BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE**  
**SUNDAY 20TH MARCH**  
**3PM**

**FIXTURES, LADDERS**

**MATCH PREVIEW**

**REVIEWS, TEAM LISTS**



**2022 - ROUND 03**

# CLUB WELCOME

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The first two rounds of the NPL1 Men's competition have been eventful to say the least for Blacktown City FC. Blacktown held on for a gutsy win over Rockdale in the opening round, despite playing the second half with ten men and the last fifteen minutes with nine courtesy of a few yellow cards.

Last Sunday was another great win for Blacktown City featuring Blacktown City FC and cross town rivals Mt Druitt Town Rangers. This was the first leg of the Mayors Cup, a trophy set up by former Blacktown Mayor Stephen Bali. For the second week in a row, Blacktown City FC displayed a gutsy – 'Never Say Die' effort with a 4-2 win in the first leg of the keenly sought after 'Mayor's Cup'. Blacktown trailed 2-1 at the half and that score line remained until the 87th minute of the game when Charles Mendy found the back of the net for the equaliser. 60 seconds later new recruit Jordan Smylie put Blacktown in the lead. In extra time, Smylie once again scored to put the game out of reach for a 4-2 win.

Round 3 sees the Marconi Stallions visit Blacktown City Sports Centre for Blacktown's third home game in a row. One of the most well-known teams in NSW and a heavyweight in the NPL 1 Men's competition, Marconi FC always brings their 'A' game when they take on Blacktown City. Marconi knocked off the Sutherland Sharks in the opening round of the season but fell to a young Sydney FC line-up, 1-0, in the second round of the competition. Mitch Mallia, a Blacktown City Junior who played the last three seasons with Marconi, will be primed for a big game against his former club.

In the Mayor's Cup last week it was Mitch Mallia who opened the scoring in splendid style after just four minutes, when set up by new Japanese sensation Hiroaki Aoyama, to blast a left-footer past Goalie Matthew Symes. 17-year-old Blacktown goal keeper, Alex Robinson has been another shining

light in the first two rounds of the competition. The youngster has been put to the test as he fills in for the injured Tristan Prendergast. Although he gave up two goals in the first half last week, he was rock solid in the second period to hold an aggressive and confident Mt Druitt team scoreless.

New recruit Jordan Smylie put everyone on notice that he will be a force through the year with two goals in five minutes to seal the win over Mt Druitt. Smylie wasn't the only standout for Blacktown in that game as Japanese import Hiroaki Aoyama contributed a man-of-the-match performance with some splendid ball skills that kept the Rangers defenders off guard.

In another first for Blacktown City FC, the Senior women played a double header last week by hosting their own cross town rivals Hills United FC. In only their first season in the competition, the League leading Hills outfit were too strong with Blacktown going down 5-0. New recruit and goal keeper, Kiara Rochoaix, showed total class as she had countless tremendous saves from the talented and aggressive Hills outfit.

Round three of the NPL1 Men's competition against Marconi will be another solid test for Blacktown and Head of Football, Mark Crittenden. "Marconi and Blacktown City always create one of the best games of the season and this Sunday will be no different", said Coach Crittenden. "The two wins to start the season have been great but it is the attitude and culture of Blacktown City that has stood out for me. We never give up as we have proved in the first two games", Crittenden added.

## ***Go Blacktown City!***

Bob Turner  
Executive Chairman  
Blacktown City FC

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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 Tristan Prendergast
- 3 Daniel Collins
- 4 Lachlan Campbell
- 5 Grant Lynch
- 6 Matthew Lewis
- 7 Jordan Smylie
- 8 Jak O'Brien
- 9 Jake Trew
- 10 Mario Shabow
- 11 Mitchell Mallia
- 12 Tyren Burnie
- 15 Ryan Attard
- 14 Caleb Jackson-Brown
- 16 Ben Berry
- 17 Dakota Askew
- 18 Nicholas O'Brien
- 19 Adam Berry
- 20 Cayden Henderson
- 21 Charles Mendy
- 22 Carlos De Oliveira
- 23 Charles Eriku
- 24 Jackson Bandiera
- 30 Alex Robinson
- 32 Hiroaki Aoyama
- 40 Dylan Niski

Head Coach: Mark Crittenden  
Assistant Coach: Matthew Bingley  
Assistant Coach: John Carnevale  
Team Manager: Graham Crawhall



- 1 Nenad Vekic (GK)
- 2 Nathan Millgate
- 3 Giorgio Speranza
- 4 Roberto Speranza
- 6 Domenico Costanzo
- 7 Christopher Hatfield
- 8 Connor Evans
- 9 Thomas James
- 10 Marko Jesic
- 11 Charles Lokolingoy
- 12 Stefan Nikolic
- 13 Samuel Gulisano
- 14 Jarrod Mckinley
- 16 Liam Youlley
- 17 Martin Fernandez
- 18 Adrian Valenti
- 19 Zac Cairncross
- 20 Dion Shaw (GK)
- 22 Taylor Mcdonald
- 23 Brandon Vella
- 24 Dominic Brischetto

Head Coach: Peter Tsekenis  
Assistant Coach: Peter Papoythis  
Assistant Coach: Manny Spanoudakis  
Team Manager: Frank Mammoliti  
Strength & Conditioning Coach:  
Brett Studman  
Gear Steward: Rob Filipin  
Gear Steward: Rob Tolomeo

**Referee:**

**Adrian Arndt**

**Assistant Referees:**

**Ivica Covic and Alessandro Llana**

**Fourth Official:**

**Ayad Naji**



# MATCH PREVIEW

A dominant Blacktown City squad will match up against Marconi Stallions this week in what is set to be a great match.

A nine-man Blacktown City squad still managed to take an opening-round win over Rockdale Ilinden and backed up to secure an entertaining victory over Mt Druitt Town Rangers, with three goals in the final minutes of the match to claim a convincing win.

Jordan Smylie will be looking to continue his form after a two-goal performance and Team of the Week selection, but in a strong and deep Blacktown City outfit, there will be plenty of players to keep an eye on.

Marconi managed to find their attacking form in Round 1 after they struggled to get out of a record-breaking run of draws last season.

With a dynamic attacking line featuring in a strong squad all over the park, the Stallions will be looking to bounce back after a one-goal loss to Sydney FC in Round 2.

Charles Lokolingoy, Connor Evans and Marko Jesic have worked well for Marconi so far and will be ones to watch, along with promising young-gun Dom Costanzo.

In a big clash between two Western Sydney teams, this match is a must-see for NPL NSW fans.



# 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	FF	F	A	GD	PTS
1	APIA Leichhardt FC	2	2	0	0	0	6	3	3	6
2	Blacktown City FC	2	2	0	0	0	5	2	3	6
3	Sydney FC	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	2	6
4	Sydney United 58 FC	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	2	6
5	Wollongong Wolves FC	2	1	0	1	0	4	1	3	3
6	Marconi Stallions FC	2	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	3
7	Manly United FC	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
8	Rockdale Ilinden FC	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	-1	1
9	Sydney Olympic FC	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	-1	1
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	2	0	0	2	0	4	6	-2	0
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	2	0	0	2	0	5	9	-4	0
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	2	0	0	2	0	2	7	-5	0

# FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

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## **Blacktown City FC 4 – Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2 at Blacktown City Sports Centre**

Local derbies are always hotly contested but nothing prepared the fans for the grandstand 4-2 victory for Blacktown City over Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Blacktown City Sports Centre on Sunday evening.

An early goal from Mitch Mallia opened scoring for the home side, but the visitors were quick to retaliate with first-half strikes to Bul Juarch and Jack Stewart cancelling out City's opener and giving Mt Druitt a 2-1 lead.

Three incredible late goals to Blacktown City, one from Charles Mendy and two from new recruit Jordan Smylie, saw them take away a sensational 4-2 win over the Rangers.

The Rangers travelled to Blacktown City Sports Centre to open their 2022 NPL NSW Men's campaign, after being washed out in Round 1, to tackle a buoyant Blacktown City side and it was a thoroughly entertaining contest.

To add extra spice to this hotly-contested Western Sydney derby, as if needed, it was also the first leg of the keenly sought after 'Mayor's Cup' played between the two clubs each season for local

bragging rights, with Blacktown City now holding the advantage.

Blacktown City have proved they are real contenders for the 2022 Premiership with two wins in their opening two matches, while Mt Druitt will have to continue to develop to show fans what they are capable of this year.

## **Sydney FC 1 – Marconi Stallions 0 at Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre**

One goal was all it took for Sydney FC to overcome the Marconi Stallions at Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday night.

Having held on to a clean sheet in the first half, the dynamic duo of Jaiden Kucharski and Zac Sapsford impressed for the second week in a row, with Sapsford grabbing his second of the season for the sole goal of the match.

For Marconi, they certainly had their chance but couldn't break through a brave Sydney defence.

Sydney FC now move into Round 3 of the competition with two wins from two games, while Marconi will be moving forward with one win and one loss and will be hoping to find their form against Blacktown City next week.



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# U20 TEAM LISTS



- 27 Shayden Sampow
- 28 Jett McCue-Shore
- 29 Daniel Helweh
- 33 Alvin-John Khoshaba
- 34 Zachary Farmer
- 35 Jaidyn Dunn
- 36 Sunday Yona
- 37 Rhys Westwood

Coach: Jeff Suzor  
Manager: Craig Schofield



- 25 Jackson Andrews
- 27 Dean Efstathiou
- 28 Jordan Ford
- 29 James Hilton (GK)
- 31 Dylan Kanjo
- 32 Marcelo Martellotta
- 33 Matthew Martignago
- 34 Johnny Tsimigos
- 35 Justin Vidic
- 36 Cooper Widdup
- 37 Liam Gregory
- 38 Stefano D'Amico

Head Coach: Ante Moric  
Assistant Coach: Peter Vrilic  
Team Manager: Frank Mammoliti

# U20 LADDER

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2	Sydney FC	2	2	0	0	0	5	3	2	6
3	Marconi Stallions FC	2	1	0	1	0	4	3	1	3
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10	Manly United FC	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	0
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PHOTO GALLERY

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# GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Jason Romero (APIA)	2
Sean Symons (APIA)	2
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	2
Charles Lokolingoy (Marconi)	2
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	2
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	2
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	2
James Andrew (Sutherland Sharks)	2
Jason Madonis (Sutherland Sharks)	2
Zachary Sapsford (Sydney FC)	2



**NATHANAEL BLAIR**

# NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

<b>MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC V SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC</b> FRI, 25TH MAR 2022 / 7:00 PM POPONDETTA PARK
<b>APIA LEICHHARDT FC V BLACKTOWN CITY FC</b> SAT, 26TH MAR 2022 / 3:00 PM LAMBERT PARK
<b>WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC V SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC</b> SAT, 26TH MAR 2022 / 5:00 PM ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

<b>MARCONI STALLIONS FC V ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC</b> SAT, 26TH MAR 2022 / 7:00 PM MARCONI STADIUM
<b>NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC V SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC</b> SUN, 27TH MAR 2022 / 3:00 PM SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE
<b>SYDNEY FC V MANLY UNITED FC</b> SUN, 27TH MAR 2022 / 6:30 PM ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE



# FIXTURES

## 2022 HOME GAMES



**HOME GROUND - Blacktown City  
Sports Centre 5 Quinn Ave, Seven Hills**

<b>Sun, 6th Mar</b>	3:00 PM	Rockdale Ilinden FC	<b>R1</b>
<b>Sun, 20th Mar</b>	3:00 PM	Marconi Stallions FC	<b>R3</b>
<b>Sun, 3rd Apr</b>	3:00 PM	Sydney United 58 FC	<b>R5</b>
<b>Sun, 17th Apr</b>	3:00 PM	Sydney FC	<b>R7</b>
<b>Sun, 1st May</b>	3:00 PM	Sutherland Sharks FC	<b>R9</b>
<b>Sun, 15th May</b>	3:00 PM	Sydney Olympic FC	<b>R11</b>
<b>Sun, 12th Jun</b>	3:00 PM	APIA Leichhardt FC	<b>R15</b>
<b>Sun, 26th Jun</b>	3:00 PM	Northbridge Bulls FC	<b>R17</b>
<b>Sun, 10th Jul</b>	3:00 PM	Manly United FC	<b>R19</b>
<b>Sun, 24th Jul</b>	3:00 PM	Wollongong Wolves FC	<b>R21</b>



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