

# KICKOFF



**NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES**  
NSW

**BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE  
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH  
3PM**

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**2022 - ROUND 01**

# CLUB WELCOME

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After a disappointing close to the 2021 season, Blacktown City FC Senior Men are fired up to get back on the field. Leading the NPL 1 Men's competition last year after 17 of 22 rounds, Covid put an end to the 2021 season as Football NSW made the call to terminate the season.

Kicking off the 2022 season in style, on Thursday, the 17th of February, Blacktown City FC held its season launch at Bowman Hall, courtesy of Blacktown City Council. It was a significant and historical evening with Blacktown City featuring its first Senior Women's team to coincide with the Men's 2022 season launch. The two teams were welcomed by Blacktown Mayor Tony Bleasdale, former Mayor, and now state member for Blacktown, Stephen Bali, Deputy Mayor Brad Bunting, Councillors Carol Israel and Julie Griffiths, as well as special guest MC, Stephanie Brantz.

The combination of the two teams enters a new era for Blacktown City FC. The Men's programme has earned a National reputation for developing young talent and always being competitive in the Football NSW NPL 1 Men's competition. From Current Socceroo Captain, Mat Ryan, to over 30 Socceroos who started their National journey through Blacktown City, our credibility on the pitch is exceptional.

It took 69 years, but in 2022 Blacktown City is fielding its first Senior Women's team with a goal to match the men's development credibility within three years. An immediate enhancement for the women, was the announcement prior to Christmas by Mark Taylor, State Member for Seven Hills, that Blacktown City had been successful in their grant application for female changerooms under the main grandstand.

Senior Men's Coach, Mark Crittenden has primed his team with an extensive pre-season schedule. Commencing with a training camp in preparation for the FFA Cup qualifier against Central Coast Mariners last November, Coach Crittenden continued a rigorous training schedule including a total of ten practice games, as he prepares for an extremely competitive 2022 season. Blacktown City were victorious in all ten games played against a mixed variety of opponents.

The Men will kick off the season this Sunday, March 6th, at home against Rockdale. Rockdale is touted as a Top Three finisher in the competition so the opening game of the season for Blacktown City will test the extensive pre-season work. All home games will be played at the newly named Blacktown City Sports Centre (formerly Lily Homes Stadium) located at 5 Quinn Avenue, Seven Hills. Blacktown City FC has taken over full operational control of their stadium, regarded as one of the most well-known and used stadiums in the country and are constantly making improvements to the ground and its facilities.

We are unapologetic in our Blacktown centric approach. Our signature says it all that we are proud of our name and proud of the city we represent. Blacktown City FC has the history, credibility, competition status and now control of one of the best football stadiums in the state to make a major impact for the city it represents.

2022 is a big year for Blacktown City with the launch of our first ever Senior Women's team (after 69 years), construction of new \$1m Change rooms under the main grandstand thanks to the NSW Government, and of course full operational control of our home Stadium, 'Blacktown City Sports Centre'.

Now that we control our stadium, we are ready to build – and Build fast! 2022 is a year to "Bring It Home Blacktown"!

## **Go Blacktown City!**

Bob Turner  
Executive Chairman  
Blacktown City FC

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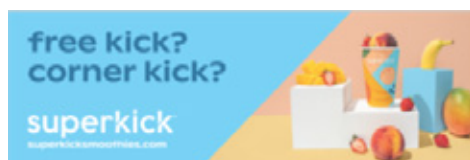


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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 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 David Bradasevic (GK)
- 2 Daniel Petkovski
- 3 Lachie Griffiths
- 4 Mitchell Stamatellis
- 5 Will Mutch
- 6 Daniel Araujo
- 7 Alec Urosevski
- 8 Nikola Kuleski
- 9 Bai Antoniou
- 10 Tomoki Wada
- 11 Peter Kekeris
- 14 Brayden Sorge
- 15 Jamie Perceveski
- 16 Mo Ahmed
- 19 Patty Savor
- 20 Matthew Marrum (GK)
- 23 Jaden Casella
- 25 Alex Masciovecchio
- 88 Chris Mcstay

Head Coach: Steve Zoric  
Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato  
Goalkeeper Coach: Trinity Allen  
Head of Football: Matthew Ribarovski  
Physio: Michael Koutzoumis  
Gear Steward: Jovan Ckorovski  
Stats: Giulio Martone

**Referee:**

**Christian Verdicchio**

**Assistant Referees:**

**Aaron Bloch and Alexis Johnson**

**Fourth Official:**

**Alessandro Llana**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# MATCH PREVIEW

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It's finally here - the return of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition!

After the 2021 season was cut short due to Covid, our 12 teams have been working hard for months to prepare for Round 1 and are eager to get back on the pitch this weekend.

Let's hope the weather eases off as the best NPL competition in Australia kick's off.

Two of the favourites for this season will match up in Round 1 at Blacktown City Sports Centre in a clash that will give some real insight into the Premiership hopefuls.

Steve Zoric's side has focussed heavily on creating a squad with plenty of depth to get them through the season, while bolstering their attacking forces to give them some real impact on the park.

The likes of Peter Kekeris, Will Mutch and Nicola Kuleski to name a few will all make their first official appearances for the club with Ilinden bolstering its squad from 2021.

Mark Crittenden has supplemented his already strong squad with several talented players in the hopes that they can pick up where they left off in 2021 and get an early lead in the competition.

Anyone that's in the know understands Blacktown City are always the benchmark for many in the NPL and 2022 will be no different.

All eyes will be on the club's Japanese star Hiroaki Aoyama who has earned big wraps in pe-season.

Who will come out on top and let the league know that they mean business?

## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

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**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**

**7:00 PM / FRI, 11TH MAR 2022  
POPONDETTA PARK**

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**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**

**7:30 PM / FRI, 11TH MAR 2022  
LAMBERT PARK**

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**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS  
SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC**

**3:30 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SEYMOUR SHAW MAIN**

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**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**

**7:00 PM / SAT, 12TH MAR  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE**

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**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC**

**4:00 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND**

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**SYDNEY FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**

**6:30 PM / SUN, 13TH MAR  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS**

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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



- Lucas Ramirez
- Kristopher Jovanovski
- Jason Cakovski
- Dylan Sacco
- James Tanoski
- Jake Mendez
- Ryan James
- Adam Manoski
- Kayde Richards
- Marcus Anevski
- Alex Casella
- Phillip Dimitriev
- Harry Skotadis
- Dean Siadaresi
- Paul Soravia
- Rahim Kamara
- Vincent Fede

Coach: Adrian Meneses

Assistant Coach: Alejandro Araujo



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# 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, 29th May</b>	3:00 PM	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	<b>R13</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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