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**NATIONAL  
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**BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE  
SUNDAY 24TH APRIL  
5PM**

**FIXTURES, LADDERS**

**MATCH PREVIEW**

**REVIEWS, TEAM LISTS**



**2022 - ROUND 08**

# CLUB WELCOME

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## **Blacktown City Climbs to Third with Home Game Changed to this Sunday VS Manly!**

Following a team Covid outbreak after Round Two, Blacktown City are now back on track with wins over Sydney FC, Northbridge and a draw with Marconi in the last eight days. Next on the schedule was to be Manly away but due to construction complications, Blacktown City and Manly have swapped home dates.

On Easter Sunday, Blacktown City hosted League leaders Sydney FC in a crucial match for both teams. Blacktown Head of Football, Mark Crittenden, had his side pumped for an aggressive start and the team did not disappoint with three early goals in the first ten minutes of the game. This set the tone for the game which was eventually won by Blacktown City 4-2. Former Central Coast Mariner, Jordan Smylie, continued his pace setting play with two goals to bring his season total to six. His nose for the goal area has put him in numerous scoring opportunities to the delight of Coach Crittenden.

Manly is hot on the heels of Blacktown and is coming off a 1-1 draw with Marconi last weekend. Prior to that Manly has had solid wins over Northbridge, 3-0, and Wollongong, 2-0, to bring their season total to 3 wins, 2 draws and two losses for a current sixth place on the NPL 1 Men's competition with 11 points.

The game today against Manly was scheduled to be played away but due to construction issues at Manly's home ground, the teams have agreed to swap their home and away fixtures. The bonus for Blacktown City is that we are once again able to

organise a double header at home with the Senior Blacktown Women. The Women will host UNSW FC at 3pm followed by the Men at 5pm. UNSW FC are currently second on the ladder and will pose a difficult opponent for Blacktown.

Manly is always a difficult opponent for Blacktown City! One of the strongest football associations in NSW, Manly always seems to find their best form against proven Blacktown Association. This game will pit third VS sixth in the early stretch of the competition and Blacktown at home will be looking for another solid effort.

On Wednesday, April 27th, Blacktown City FC will host APLA Leichhardt in the opening round for both teams of the newly named Australia Cup. Formerly known as the FFA Cup, The 2022 version will be the ninth season of the Australia Cup, the main national soccer knockout cup competition in Australia. This will be the first season under the new name of the "Australia Cup" following the renaming of Football Australia from the Football Federation Australia.

APLA Leichhardt are the current leaders in the NPL 1 Men's competition with five wins and two losses, and are coming off a solid 3-0 win over Sutherland Sharks last weekend. APLA inflicted the first loss of the 2022 NPL 1 season for Blacktown City, 1-0, in Round 4 of the competition so a crueelling encounter is on the cards. Game time is 7:30pm.

### **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 Sam Benton
- 2 Kieran Paull
- 3 Jesse Piriz
- 4 Jimmy Oates
- 5 Tom Fay
- 6 James Georgaklis
- 7 Seiya Kambayashi
- 8 Dom Ferguson
- 9 Ben Koop
- 10 Luca Kmet
- 11 Matt Sim
- 12 Finn Ashton
- 14 Dejan Pandurevic
- 15 Kristian Santich
- 17 Zenden Hart
- 18 Lucas Rainbird
- 19 Alen Aganovic
- 20 Jack Greenwood
- 21 Nick Rainbird
- 22 Bruno Mendes
- 23 Hugo Cornish
- 24 Mitch Mattison

Head Coach: Adam Griffiths  
Assistant Coach: Marty Judge  
Goalkeeper Coach: Elvis Demarchi  
Head Physio: Steve Felsher  
Team Manager: Ida Rigoni  
Lead Physio: Christian Bate  
Strength and Conditioning: Alex Berger

**Referee:** Michael Weiner

**Assistant Referees:** Joon Park and Jackson Mackie

**Fourth Official:** Rebecca Mackie

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# MATCH PREVIEW

In the Round 8 Match of the Round Blacktown City will host Manly United on Sunday evening.

With two wins and a draw from their last three matches, Blacktown City are gaining some momentum and will be using it as they look to take down the Northern Beaches outfit.

The midfield strength of both teams will likely be the shining light of the match after imports Bruno Mendes and Hirokai Ayoyama both featured in the Team of the Week for their clubs after impressive showings in Round 7.

A Lucas Rainbird screamer against Marconi put the Manly United young gun on the map but the incredible feat will be hard for the 21-year-old to replicate.

Manly United are unbeaten from their last four games and will be chasing a fifth as they head out west and look to jump up the league ladder with a big win.

It's certain to be an entertaining match between these two and Mark Crittenden and Adam Griffiths will be using their high-calibre tactical methodology to make what should be a quality game of football.

A must-see for any football fan, this match is anyone's game.



# 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	APIA Leichhardt FC	7	5	0	2	16	9	7	15
2	Sydney FC	7	4	2	1	18	16	2	14
3	Blacktown City FC	7	4	1	2	15	10	5	13
4	Rockdale Ilinden FC	7	3	3	1	11	8	3	12
5	Manly United FC	7	3	2	2	9	6	3	11
6	Sydney Olympic FC	5	3	1	1	7	3	4	10
7	Sydney United 58 FC	6	3	1	2	10	11	-1	10
8	Marconi Stallions FC	6	1	3	2	9	10	-1	6
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	7	2	0	5	12	17	-5	6
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	6	1	2	3	15	18	-3	5
11	Wollongong Wolves FC	6	1	1	4	7	9	-2	4
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	7	1	0	6	9	21	-12	3

# FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

## Blacktown City FC 4 – Sydney FC 2 at Blacktown City Sports Centre

An incredible six-goal thriller ended Sydney FC's unbeaten run as Blacktown City secured a 4-2 victory over the young sky blues on Sunday afternoon at Blacktown City Sports Centre.

A double from Jordan Smylie and goals from Hiroaki Aoyama and a deflected own goal from Sydney FC gave the hosts a 4-0 lead at the half time break, and despite Jaiden Kucharski and Zac Sapsford getting Sydney FC back into the game in the second half, it was too little too late for the league leaders to salvage any points from the battle.

Sky Blues coach Jimmy Van Weeren had to also contend with losing several of his usual starters to the senior squad currently playing in the AFC Asian Champions League.

Adrian Segecic, Patrick Wood, Corey Hollman, Jake Girdwood-Reich, Clayton Taylor and Adam Pavlesic were all absent from the squad.

The loss will see Sydney FC drop out of the top spot as Blacktown City add a valuable three points to their tally after a tough start to the 2022 season.

## Marconi Stallions FC 1 – Manly United FC 1 at Marconi Stadium

Marconi Stallions and Manly United played out a 1-1 draw at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night in Round 7 of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition.

In a game that could be best described with the old cliché 'game of two halves', Manly United tended to have the better of the first half, while Marconi clearly won the second stanza of play.

A spectacular goal to Lucas Rainbird was cancelled out by a Taylor McDonald finish to give the sides a goal apiece.

It was a crucial three points for Marconi that went begging in some ways, even though they have a game in hand as the Stallions face the daunting task of playing four games in two weeks: Blacktown City, Manly United, Sydney United 58 FC and Mount Druitt Town Rangers – as well as an FFA Cup clash.



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ROUND 7

  
ROY O'DONOVAN

  
JORDAN SMYLIE

  
ALEC UROSEVSKI

  
BRUNO MENDES

  
HIROAKI AOYAMA

  
FUMOTO KAMADA

  
WALTER SCOTT

  
THEMBA MUNDA-MARLOW

  
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PURCHASE FROM:

# 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



- 26 Tom Chidiac
- 27 Hunter Elliot
- 28 Yannis Frerck
- 29 Marcus Lal
- 30 Daniel Solsky
- 31 Max Martinello
- 32 Jack Mason
- 33 Lachlan Mills
- 34 Tian Rae
- 35 Stefano Rossello
- 36 Adam Shaheen
- 37 Kyle Devine

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**Team Manager:** John Rae  
**Head Physio:** Steve Felsher  
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PHOTO GALLERY

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# GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	6
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	6
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	6
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	6
Jason Romero (APIA)	5
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	5
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	5



# NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**  
7:00 PM / SAT 30 APR  
POPONDETTA PARK

**MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**  
7:00 PM / SAT 30 APR  
MARCONI STADIUM

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS  
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 1 MAY  
BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS  
SYDNEY FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 1 MAY  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS  
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**  
4:00 PM / SUN 1 MAY  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**  
5:15 PM / SUN 1 MAY  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND



# 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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