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**NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES  
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**BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE  
SUNDAY 12TH JUNE  
3PM**

**FIXTURES, LADDERS**

**MATCH PREVIEW**

**REVIEWS, TEAM LISTS**



**2022 - ROUND 15**

# CLUB WELCOME

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## Crunch time for Blacktown City FC!

Unlike last season where Blacktown City led the League by ten points with five rounds to go, the Championship race for 2022 is one of the tightest in League history. A win last week against Marconi, rather than a draw, would have catapulted Blacktown to the top of the competition table. Three points, or a single win, separate the top six teams in the NPL 1 Men's competition with the leader changing each week. After Round 14 it is Sydney Olympic and Manly tied at the top with 27 points. Marconi and Apia are in second with 26 points with Blacktown on 24. This Sunday's game with Apia Leichhardt sets up a bumper clash with Blacktown in Round 15.

The last two weeks have been trying times for Blacktown City Senior Men as they look to remain in contention with a congested ladder entering the second half of the season. After a solid 3-0 win over Rockdale in Round 12 of the NSW Men's top competition, Blacktown has not only struggled to score goals but their much lauded defense has had difficulty holding out the opposition in the dying minutes of games.

Round 13 of the main Football NSW competition featured Blacktown City against arch rivals Mt Druitt Town Rangers in the Blacktown Mayoral Cup. Blacktown took out the first leg of the Cup in Round 2 with a 4-2 victory at Blacktown City Sports Centre. The Rangers were out to square the series on their home at Popondetta Park and scored a late goal to give them a chance. In the end it was a 1-1 draw with Blacktown once again retaining the Cup but gaining only one point on the championship ladder.

Last week set up a huge test for Blacktown City as they played away to the hottest team in the competition – Marconi. The Stallions were on top of the table with four wins in their last five games and a 5-3 win the previous week against then League leading Sydney FC to elevate Marconi to the top position on 25 points. Blacktown and Marconi had a 2-2 draw in Round 3 and with the Championship

race so tight a win was critical for both teams. In a hotly contested game, Marconi Stallions stole a point from Blacktown City with a sensational 96th minute goal to equal the score at 1-1. The physical, and at times aggressive, match saw plenty of action as Blacktown looked to control most of the game, but they were unable to hold out the Stallions who applied pressure until the final moment of the match.

Round 14 saw APIA Leichhardt defeat Rockdale Ilinden 2-0 in a game that truly showcased two of the best teams in the league at Lambert Park on Saturday evening. APIA secured the win thanks to two goals from set piece corners in the first half – one to Michael Kouta and the other to Sean Symons – before Rockdale Ilinden were forced to play a man down in the second half after Nikola Kuleski was sent off for a second bookable offence. In the end APIA deserved to win as the home side had more clear-cut opportunities that were presented on a cold night at Lambert Park.

Blacktown Senior Women continue to improve and gain experience in their first year of competition with three wins in their last five games. The win last week over SD Raiders, 3-0, was a clear sign that the Senior Women are gaining ground on the rest of the competition.

The Blacktown Under 20 Men continue to dominate their competition with an 8-3-1 record for 27 points. Sydney FC and Wollongong are equal second on 23 points. The success of both Blacktown Men's team, results in Blacktown leading the Football NSW Club Championship on 150 points.

Next Home Game for Blacktown City FC is Sunday, June 26th in Round 17 Vs Northbridge. Game time is 3pm with the Under 20 Men at 1pm. See you at the Park!

## 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 Ivan Necevski
- 3 Paul Galimi
- 4 Josh Symons
- 5 Nick Azzone
- 6 Simon Nicholas
- 7 Matthew Cahill
- 8 Diego Celis
- 9 Jason Romero
- 10 Franco Parisi
- 14 Jack Armson
- 15 Themba Muata-Marlow
- 16 Sean Symons
- 18 Adrian Uccchino
- 19 Fabian Monge
- 20 Nathanael Blair
- 21 Michael Kouta
- 22 Luke Turnbull
- 23 Walter Scott
- 38 Yianni Nicolaou

Head Coach: Danial Cummins  
Assistant Coaches: John Calleja and Valerio Silvestro  
Goalkeeper Coach: Bronislav Jasiczek  
Club Physios: Michael Sawan and Isaiah Martins  
Club S and C: Stelios Pikoulis  
Club Official: Andrew Mandaglio  
Data and Analysis: Steve Callas

**Referee:** Michael Weiner  
**Assistant Referees:** Matt Staples and Amirhossein Hosnani  
**Fourth Official:** Brodie Merchant

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# MATCH PREVIEW

In a huge clash, Blacktown City will host APIA Leichhardt on Sunday afternoon as the two league heavyweights head into battle.

With two points separating fourth-placed APIA Leichhardt and sixth-placed Blacktown City, it's set to be a high-calibre, high-intensity clash.

Blacktown City dropped points in their draw with Marconi last round after a 96th minute goal took away their one-goal advantage, and they will certainly be looking to bounce back.

APIA Leichhardt had a different fate, with a 2-0 win over Rockdale with Sean Symons and Michael Kouta getting on the scoreboard in the victory.

Daniel Collins, Themba Muata-Marlow and Sean Symons all had impressive Round 14 performances, earning their places in the Team of the Week and the seasoned players will likely be key to the action on Sunday.

This game is a must-see for NPL fans and is set to be a cracking game.



# 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney Olympic FC	14	8	3	3	27	17	10	27
2	Manly United FC	14	8	3	3	22	13	9	27
3	Marconi Stallions FC	14	7	5	2	33	22	11	26
4	APIA Leichhardt FC	14	8	2	4	33	23	10	26
5	Sydney FC	14	7	4	3	43	33	10	25
6	Blacktown City FC	14	7	3	4	26	18	8	24
7	Rockdale Ilinden FC	14	6	3	5	23	22	1	21
8	Sydney United 58 FC	14	5	3	6	22	32	-10	18
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	4	3	7	25	25	0	15
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	3	0	11	16	28	-12	9
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	14	1	5	8	24	41	-17	8
12	Northbridge Bulls FC	14	2	2	10	24	44	-20	8

# FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

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## **Marconi Stallions FC 1 – Blacktown City FC 1 at Marconi Stadium**

The Marconi Stallions have stolen a point from Blacktown City in an intense 1-1 battle at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night.

A sensational 96th minute goal from Roberto Speranza cancelled out a 65th minute penalty from Grant Lynch to wrap up the hard-fought match in a draw.

The physical, and at times aggressive, match saw plenty of action as Blacktown looked to control most of the game, but they were unable to hold out the Stallions who applied pressure until the final moment of the match.

## **APIA Leichhardt FC 2 – Rockdale Ilinden FC 0 at Lambert Park**

National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Round 14 saw APIA Leichhardt defeat Rockdale Ilinden 2-0 in a game that truly showcased two of the best teams in the league at Lambert Park on Saturday evening.

APIA secured the win thanks to two goals from set piece corners in the first half – one to Michael Kouta and the other to Sean Symons – before Rockdale Ilinden were forced to play a man down in the second half after Nikola Kuleski was sent off for a second bookable offence.

In the end APIA deserved to win as the home side had more clear-cut opportunities that were presented on a cold night at Lambert Park.



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ROUND 14

 BRUNO MENDES	 JACK STEWART	 LEROY JENNINGS	
 SEAN SYMONS	 DARCY BURGESS	 ADRIAN SEGECIC	
 ROBERTO SPERANZA	 THEMBA MUTA-MARLOW	 DANIEL COLLINS	 NIKOLA UJDUR
 ANTHONY BOUZANIS			



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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



- 24 Sebastian Boffa
- 25 Massimo Melissari
- 26 Joshua Azzopardi
- 27 Dylan Chau
- 28 Marcus Apostolakis
- 29 Daniel Azzone
- 30 Gene Marantos
- 31 Matt Lee
- 32 Alex Bardas
- 33 Harry Stavris
- 34 Cooper Stormonth
- 35 Dylan Susovic
- 37 Alexander Zinnato
- 39 Anthony Kyriazis
- 40 James Khoury
- 41 Konstantin Petkovic

Coach: Anthony Mazza  
Assistant Coach: Johnathan Webb  
Manager: Pierre Sassine  
Official: Joe Mirigiani

# U20 LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	12	8	3	1	26	7	19	27
2	Sydney FC	11	7	2	2	30	12	18	23
3	Wollongong Wolves FC	13	7	2	4	22	14	8	23
4	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	10	6	2	2	31	16	15	20
5	Manly United FC	12	6	1	5	18	15	3	19
6	Sydney Olympic FC	12	6	1	5	17	16	1	19
7	Northbridge Bulls FC	14	5	2	7	19	26	-7	17
8	APIA Leichhardt FC	13	4	4	5	18	19	-1	16
9	Marconi Stallions FC	12	4	2	6	14	21	-7	14
10	Rockdale Ilinden FC	14	3	5	6	21	31	-10	14
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	13	4	2	7	15	28	-13	14
12	Sydney United 58 FC	14	2	0	12	12	38	-26	6



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PHOTO GALLERY



# GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

Name (Team)	Goals
Marko Jesic (Marconi)	14
Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)	14
Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)	12
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	11
Jason Romero (APIA)	10
Bruno Mendes (Manly United)	9
Sean Symons (APIA)	9
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	9
Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)	8
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	7
Zachary Sapsford (Sydney FC)	7
Chris Payne (Sydney United 58)	7
Patrick Antelmi (Sydney United 58)	7
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	7



# NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC**  
7:00 PM / FRI 17 JUN  
POPONDETTA PARK

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**  
3:00 PM / SAT 18 JUN  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS  
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 19 JUN  
ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS  
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 19 JUN  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**  
4:00 PM / SUN 19 JUN  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

**SYDNEY FC VS  
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**  
6:30 PM / SUN 19 JUN  
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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