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2022 MINOR SEMI FINAL



BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTS CENTRE
SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST
4PM

CLUB WELCOME

Do or Die Sunday!

Welcome to what will be our last home game for the 2022 season against rivals Apia Leichhardt. Hopefully not our last game as a win today will see us play next week against either Sydney Olympic or Manly for a place in the 2022 Grand Final at Comm Bank Stadium. A loss today will end the season for either team as there is no second chance in this Second Round of the NPL NSW Men's Final Series.

Blacktown City FC had destiny in its own hands leading into the final week of the NSW Premier League season. Leading the competition with 40 points following solid wins over Sutherland 1-0 and Manly 6-1, Blacktown took care of business in Round 21 to dominate Wollongong 4-1 and take over first place with 40 points and one round to go.

Blacktown needed a win or a draw in the last round of the season against Sydney Olympic to close the 2022 season as the Championship winners and earn a first round draw in the playoffs. Sydney Olympic, in front of their biggest crowd of the season, came out of the blocks fired up to seal a 2-0 win over Blacktown and get the full 3 points. Manly also had a win in the last round to qualify second and push Blacktown to Third position.

Manly and Blacktown met last week in the first round of the playoffs with the winner to take on Sydney Olympic for an automatic berth in the Grand Final. Once again it was Blacktown that came out second best as Manly scored two late goals in overtime for a 2-1 win. Blacktown now has destiny in its own hands in its second round clash with Apia.

Apia had a tough 1-0 win over Marconi in Round One of the playoffs to set up today's crucial encounter. During the regular season Apia defeated Blacktown 1-0 in Round 4 and followed up with a similar 1-0 result in Round 15. The pressure is on both teams as a loss ends the season.

The Blacktown City Under 20 Men clinched the Championship on 52 points and a record of 16-

4-1. This result exemplifies the commitment and consistent approach Blacktown takes with its pathway programme. A win in their game today with Sydney FC will see them progress straight to the Under 20 Men Grand Final at Comm Bank Stadium. Combined with the Senior Men, Blacktown City FC have once again won the Football NSW Club Championship, a category that Blacktown has coveted a number of times in the last decade under Head of Football Mark Crittenden. Blacktown City amassed 264 points over the course of the 22 round Premier competition with Marconi in second place with 228 points.

In other news, 17 year old Blacktown City goal keeper, Alex Robinson, has been selected in the Football Australia Men's National Team extended squad for the U20 Young Socceroos. He was also selected in the Football NSW Team of the Year for the NPL NSW Men's competition. The youngster, made his debut at 16 for Blacktown in Round One of the 2022 season and held the Number One goal keeper position the entire season. His selection to replace injured Trent Prendergast is just reward for the faith Head Coach Mark Crittenden has shown in his young talent. Who knows, he could follow in the footsteps of former Blacktown keeper, Matt Ryan, the current Socceroo Captain and Goal Keeper.

On Friday, August 5th Blacktown Council, Blacktown Workers Club and Blacktown City FC combined to host the Blacktown Football Dinner. Former Matildas Head Coach, Alan Stajic, joined MC Adam Peacock, Socceroo Goal Keeper Coach John Crawley and Socceroo Goalie Andrew Redmayne in a huge line-up of football heavyweights. Over 200 guests were entertained through the night in a show of football strength by the Blacktown Community.

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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 Travis Major
- 8 Jak O'Brien
- 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
- 45 Danny Choi
- 89 Jordan Smylie

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 Uchino
- 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
Managers: Sergio Bucciarelli, Sam Barletta
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:

Craig Fisher

Assistant Referees:

Maddy Allum and Matt Staples

Fourth Official:

Ivica Covic

MATCH PREVIEW

Blacktown City will host APIA Leichhardt in the Minor Semi-Final on Sunday evening, with the winner talking on the loser of the Olympic v Manly clash, while the loser’s season will come to a close.

A late extra time double to Manly saw Blacktown City lose their lead in their Preliminary Semi-Final, but Mark Crittenden’s men will be giving everything they’ve got to ensure that doesn’t happen again.

With the return of former players Travis Major and Danny Choi, Blacktown bolstered their already strong squad in the lead up to the finals and have plenty of talent to lean on as they fight to stay in the finals.

Young goalkeeper Alex Robinson was selected as the league’s custodian in the Team of the Year, while experienced defender Grant Lynch was included on the bench.

APIA’s Jason Romero and Themba Muata-Marlow were both selected from the APIA squad for the Team of the Year after impressive seasons and will be likely to impress again in this clash, amongst the other talent and experience of the Inner West side.

After a less than ideal lead up to the finals, APIA bounced back with a big win over Marconi last week

in a fiery Italian derby and will be hoping to knock another team out of contention as they fight an uphill battle to get to the Grand Final.

Will Blacktown be able to fight another day in the NPL NSW finals, or will APIA continue to bump teams out of their way as they hunt for glory?



1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney Olympic FC	22	12	5	5	40	27	13	41
2	Manly United FC	22	12	5	5	36	24	12	41
3	Blacktown City FC	22	12	4	6	43	25	18	40
4	Marconi Stallions FC	22	11	7	4	43	31	12	40
5	APIA Leichhardt FC	22	10	5	7	41	33	8	35
6	Rockdale Ilinden FC	22	10	5	7	39	36	3	35
7	Sydney FC	22	8	8	6	53	45	8	32
8	Sydney United 58 FC	22	8	5	9	32	42	-10	29
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	22	4	8	10	37	42	-5	20
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	22	4	7	11	37	52	-15	19
11	Northbridge Bulls FC	22	5	3	14	32	57	-25	18
12	Sutherland Sharks FC	22	3	4	15	28	47	-19	13

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

Marconi Stallions FC 0 – APIA Leichhardt FC 1 at Marconi Stadium

In an incredibly intense and fiery game of football, APIA Leichhardt will progress to the Minor Semi-Final after securing a 1-0 victory over a 10-man Marconi at Marconi Stadium on Saturday evening.

Marconi goalkeeper Nenad Vekic was shown red in the 31st minute after an impressive opening period, leaving the hosts down a player for the majority of the match.

APIA Leichhardt found the back of the net just before half time through Jack Armson in what ended up being the lone goal of the match despite plenty of action throughout the full 90 minutes in a bustling Marconi Stadium.

The 10-man Stallions applied plenty of attacking pressure throughout the match and came close several times, but weren't able to convert, ending their season in a hard-fought battle in front of their home fans.



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POS	CLUB	PLAYED	U20	FG	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	43	104	160	264
2	Marconi Stallions FC	44	68	160	228
3	Sydney Olympic FC	44	62	164	226
4	Sydney FC	44	96	128	224
5	Manly United FC	44	54	164	218
6	APIA Leichhardt FC	44	52	140	192
7	Rockdale Ilinden FC	44	40	140	180
8	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	43	92	76	168
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	44	68	80	148
10	Sydney United 58 FC	44	18	116	134
11	Northbridge Bulls FC	44	52	72	124
12	Sutherland Sharks FC	44	36	52	88

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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



- 15 Luka Smyth
- 20 Max Vartuli
- 26 Aleksandar Duricic
- 27 Dejan Bakrdanikoski
- 29 Alen Harbas
- 31 Nathan Paul
- 32 Andrew Vlahadamis
- 33 Bailey Jacobs
- 34 Paolo Pusateri
- 35 Freddy Gagliano
- 36 Luke Nieuwenhof
- 37 Hayden Matthews
- 38 Brae Ovens
- 40 Steven Kriezis

U20 LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	21	16	4	1	56	14	42	52
2	Sydney FC	22	15	3	4	64	23	41	48
3	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	21	14	4	3	55	30	25	46
4	Wollongong Wolves FC	22	10	4	8	37	26	11	34
5	Marconi Stallions FC	22	10	4	8	38	32	6	34
6	Sydney Olympic FC	22	9	4	9	34	32	2	31
7	Manly United FC	22	8	3	11	31	36	-5	27
8	APIA Leichhardt FC	22	6	8	8	35	39	-4	26
9	Northbridge Bulls FC	22	8	2	12	24	38	-14	26
10	Rockdale Ilinden FC	22	5	5	12	31	55	-24	20
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	22	5	3	14	20	51	-31	18
12	Sydney United 58 FC	22	3	0	19	18	67	-49	9



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