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FINAL SERIES ROUND 2  
LAMBERT PARK



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26TH AUGUST 2017



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# FIRST GRADE

## Blacktown City 2 – Rockdale City Suns 4 at Lily's Football Centre

A devastating first half spell from Rockdale City Suns was enough to defeat Blacktown City at Lily's Football Centre in Sunday's PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition Finals Series Preliminary Semi-final at Lily's Football Centre.

Paul Reid's side were handed the perfect start when Jonathan Grozdanovski pounced on a goalkeeping error from Tristan Prendergast and raced to a 3-0 lead before the half-hour mark thanks to an expertly taken double from Jordan Figon.

Blacktown pulled a goal back through Matthew Lewis on the cusp of the interval and restored genuine optimism when Yuta Konagaya added another early in the second half but the visitors survived several scares and made sure of the victory late on through Harris Gaitatzis' penalty.

The result means Rockdale will play premiers

APIA Leichhardt in next Saturday's major semi-final at Lambert Park.

Blacktown meanwhile will need to muster their strongest league performance in some time against Manly United when they return to Lily's for Saturday's do or die clash.

Week one of the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition finals series started with a bang.

It was edge of your seat action in both the Elimination Semi-Final and the Preliminary Semi-Final as Manly United ousted Sydney Olympic, while Blacktown City's late season form slump was extended another week thanks to a loss at the hands of Rockdale City Suns.

There was lots of big moments in both games and sets the tone for the competition to take it up a notch next week for the Major and Minor Semi-finals.





S	B	#	NAME	
■	■	1	NECEVSKI	Ivan
■	■	2	MILLGATE	Nathan
■	■	3	GALIMI	Paul
■	■	4	SYMONS	Joshua
■	■	7	O'CONNELL	Sean
■	■	8	BICZO	Corey
■	■	9	WEST	Matthew
■	■	10	PARISI	Franco
■	■	11	MURRAY	Jordan
■	■	12	COX	Dominic
■	■	13	D'APUZZO	David
■	■	14	TUXFORD	Blake
■	■	15	MUATA-MARLOW	Themba
■	■	16	SYMONS	Sean
■	■	17	VLASTELICA	Adrian
■	■	18	UCCHINO	Adrian
■	■	19	LUNDY	Brandon
■	■	20	SEKIYA	Tasuku
■	■	21	STEPHAN	Cameron
■	■	22	TURNBULL	Luke
■	■	23	COOK	Mathew

Head Coach: Danial Cummins  
Coach: Bronislav Jasiczek Von Castello  
Assistant Coach: John Calleja  
Manager: Sergio Bucciarelli  
Manager: Emanuele Ziino  
Gear Steward: Ben Viviani  
Head of Senior Football: Billy McColl



S	B	#	NAME	
■	■	1	BRADASEVIC	David GK
■	■	2	PETKOVSKI	Daniel
■	■	3	HESKETH	Steve
■	■	4	MCCLENAHAN	Trent
■	■	5	REID	Paul
■	■	6	RICCIUTO	Blake
■	■	7	UROSEVSKI	Alec
■	■	8	CANAK	Alec
■	■	10	GAITATZIS	Harris
■	■	11	GROZDANOVSKI	Jonathon
■	■	12	EL HAFIANE	Idriss
■	■	14	SORGE	Brayden
■	■	16	SAVOR	Issac
■	■	17	ALAMEDDINE	Toufic
■	■	18	SARIC	Daniel
■	■	19	SAVOR	Patrick
■	■	21	LOUPIS	Michael
■	■	22	COVIC	Ante
■	■	23	FIGON	Jordan

Player Coach: Paul Reid  
Coach: Michael Grbevski  
Assistant Coach: Matthew Ribarovski  
Goalkeeper Coach: Spiro Parameritis  
Physiotherapist: Jerry Fillipatos

Referee: S. Lucas  
Assistant Referees: M. McOrist & J. Park  
4th Official: K. Ams

# MATCH PREVIEW

Newly crowned PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Premiership winners APIA Leichhardt will be determined to secure their spot in this season's grand final when they host Rockdale City Suns on Saturday.

After a well earned week off, the boys from Lambert Park's campaign for a historic Premiership and Championship double is set to begin in earnest.

But against Rockdale City Suns it isn't going to be an easy clash for Danial Cummins APIA side.

Rockdale come into the match full of confidence after last week notching a shock 4-2 win against last year's grand final winners Blacktown City.

Paul Reid's side raced out of the blocks at Lily's Football Centre and will likely use a similar gameplay this week.

Rockdale will go into the match without attacker Aleks Canak who is suspended, while talismanic player coach Reid might be forced to watch the

match from the sideline as he battles a thigh strain.

Powerful striker Jordan Figon found his shooting boots last week to score a double and he is sure to want to continue his goal scoring ways.

APIA will look to Sean Symons, Jordan Murray and Tasuku Sekiya to drive their attack, while Corey Bizco's pace outside is also set to cause headaches.

Ivan Necevski's experience in goal will make it that little bit harder for Rockdale to score.

Rockdale will feel they should've won their last clash against APIA in the final round of the regular season when both sides shared the points after the Suns conceded a goal midway through the second half.

There is plenty of passion when these teams face-off and with a grand final ticket on the line the stakes are even higher.

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25	Aedon	KYRA
26	Christian	THEUMA
28	Benjamin	MCCARRON
29	Mathew	BARKHO
30	Rainer	SMAHEL
31	Jordan	MORFITIS
32	Stephan	ADATTINI
34	Nicholas	POGONOWSKI
35	Jackson	VOLARICH
36	Jack	ARMSON
37	Dominion	NASRABADI
38	Samuel	GULISANO
39	Samuel	PASLIS

Coach: Franco Cosentino  
 Assistant Coach: Jonathan Keepie  
 Manager: Mario Guerrera



24	Daniel	SESTAN
25	Connor	POWERS
26	William	SALAS
28	Ante	VRILIC
29	Matthew	ZANON
31	Emilio	MANOS
34	Liam	IVANCIC
35	Lawrence	HANNA
36	Ante	MARKOVIC
37	Josh	BRISKOSKI
38	Anthony	TRIMBOLI
39	Samuel	DE OLIVIERA
40	Lucas	PERVAN
41	Anthony	POLJAK
42	Daniel	DIAZ
43	Tony	YANG
44	Luke	VLASTELICA

Coach: Ante Tomic

# MATCH PREVIEW UNDER 20s

Sydney United 58 will be looking for their eighth win on the bounce to maintain their championship bid when they take on APIA Leichhardt Tigers on Saturday afternoon at Lambert Park.

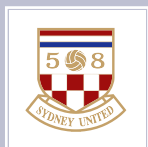
The Reds were dark horses entering the finals series and a 1-0 knockout win over Blacktown City last weekend only furthered their positive momentum generated in the final third of the regular campaign.

Their current form mirrors the 2016 finals series for reigning champions Sydney Olympic who also scraped into fifth position on the back of a late season dash which will prove an ominous sign for opponents APIA Leichhardt – who were knocked out by the eventual winners in this exact stage last year.

United 58 will be soaring with confidence



following back to back wins against competition heavyweights Blacktown City and will in particular be pleased with their ability to keep their opponents scoreless for the first time since round eleven (ironically in a 0-0 stalemate with City).



1	Jacob	CHAPMAN
2	Adam	GASPAROVIC
3	Christian	ZEBEC
4	Jack	GATALLARI
5	Cole	MUTTON
6	Todd	BENNISON
7	Junghee	CHO
8	Ryan	FAHEY
9	Hamish	LAMBERTON
10	Nikolas	LAI
11	Joshua	DE ROSSI
12	Aiden	TOBIN
13	Ali	KARIMI
14	Athony	PEDAVOLI
16	Joshua	JOHNSON

Coach: Tony Sekulic



1	Samuel	BENTON
2	Ben	VARVARESSOS
3	Nicholas	SIMPSON
4	Mattias	ZERVAS
5	Samuel	WILLIAMS
6	Luca	CAVALIERI
7	Rhys	VORILLAS
8	Tallon	ZAHRA
9	Oscar	CASTEIGT
10	Jake	CHIDIAC
11	Mathew	EVANS
12	Matthew	CAISLEY
13	Benjamin	BURTON
14	Ryan	CHAMBERS
15	Oliver	KOVARIK
16	Alec	VINCI

Coach: Adam Griffiths  
Assistant Coach: Marty Judge  
Manager: Tony Cavalieri

Ante Tomic's side have looked increasingly dangerous in transitions where the likes of Sam Perre (five goals in six matches) and Samuel De Oliveira (who scored an 85th minute winner against Blacktown last Sunday) have offered great supply to frontman Liam Ivancic but have also been patient and disciplined in the final third in longer spells of possession.

APIA will be wary of the considerable threat the Reds pose on the break and must be eager to respond to what was a disappointing 3-0 result against Sydney FC in their qualifying final last Saturday.

The Tigers were previously unbeaten in five and come off back to back 4-1 wins over Rockdale and Blacktown to cement their championship credentials and claim second place at the conclusion of round 22.

Franco Consentino's men drew a rare blank in last week's defeat and will be banking on top scorer Aedon Kyra to return to goal scoring form at Lambert Park, an arena that has proven a successful stomping ground for APIA this season.

The two sides have beaten each other once over the course of the year with Sydney United 58 claiming a 2-0 opening day victory over the Tigers before succumbing to a 5-1 defeat in round 12.

The winner of Saturday afternoon's clash will take on the loser of this weekend's major semi-final between Sutherland Sharks and Sydney FC with the defeated side eliminated from competition.

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# GRAND FINAL

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SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

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Kick-off 3pm