

# GUE GRAND-FINAL

## Key player match-ups

### Blacktown City



**Luke Roodenburg**

Captain courageous Luke Roodenburg is the epitome of hard work. The restless midfielder has been instrumental in Blacktown City's return to the finals series with his work ethic and leadership on the playing field. The experience of the Blacktown City number 7 has been a massive boost for coach Aytak Genc, with the introduction of young players Bernie Ibini, Travis Major and Joel Chianese to the playing roster. Along with the side's more experienced campaigners, Roodenburg has lifted the standard of football, and has brought the side back to challenging for silverware following a lean few seasons.



**Tolgay Ozbey**

The Premier League's golden boot has been in great touch for his side this season. Concerns do surround the striker's fitness after he was forced to miss the recent defeat of Bonnyrigg White Eagles due to a hamstring injury. Ozbey's presence in the final will certainly have the White Eagles defence on notice, with the speedy striker more than capable of resolving a match in a split second, with his silky skills on the ball and venomous right boot.

### Joel Chianese

Joel Chianese has been a real find for Blacktown City FC over the past two seasons. The young midfielder has been in great touch, consistently figuring amongst the goals and assists for his side. Chianese has a bright future ahead of him, not only for his talents on the field, though his level-headed attitude off it, arguably a player well ahead of his young years.

### Mirko Jurij

Blacktown City's rearguard will be tough to break down with the experience of Mirko Jurij calling the shots from the backline. Jurij has returned to Blacktown City after a stint away from the club, and has brought back with him the winning mentality that has seen the side do so well in 2010. Jurij will have his hands full with the likes of Brad Boardman and Nathan Elasi to contend with on Sunday, though the experienced campaigner will be confident in his abilities to handle all that Bonnyrigg throw at the Blacktown City defence.

## Comments from the Players

### Luke Roodenburg (Blacktown City FC)

"We have a real battle ahead of us as Bonnyrigg is a side that we have great respect for, and they will be very difficult to break down.

Going forward, they have so much firepower out of midfield and of course their strikers, they pretty much can come at you from any angle, so we will need to be on our game to get a result in our favour.

For me personally, this is my fourth grand-final, and I never take a grand-final for granted. It has been great returning to Blacktown City, I love this club, and to step out as captain each week for this club is a real honour – I really hope to be able to lead the team to another victory on Sunday.

We have some great young talent at this club, and quite simply, our results for both the first team and Grade-20 team speak volumes for what this club is about."

### Paul Cotte (Bonnyrigg White Eagles)

"The boys are all very pleased with the way things went against Sydney United, we played with a lot of character and we really worked hard to get the result.

Of course we were disappointed losing against them (Blacktown City FC) two weeks ago, it wasn't the way we wanted it to go. Perhaps the weekend off prior to that match hurt us, though we are coming off a big victory against Sydney United, and we will be looking to make up for the recent loss against them with success in the grand-final.

The season has been great for the boys, we've worked hard and achieved a lot, though of course the job is not yet complete, and we will need to bring our best game on Sunday as we know this will be the only way to beat them.

We will also look forward to playing at Parramatta Stadium, it will have a big feel and a great surface, so we are all really looking forward to the challenge."



By Joseph Calucci - Mark Stavroulakis - Bruce Da Silva

Photos: By Carlos Fourtato - Gavin Leung - Damian Briggs

## Key player match-ups

### Bonnyrigg White Eagles



**Brad Boardman**

The 2009 Gold Medal winner is hoping to make it two grand-final triumphs in a row following last season's win with Sutherland Sharks. Boardman, following a slow start with his new club, has really come of age with some fine performances, and goals, in 2010. The striker has proven his ability to hold the ball and play the lay-off to a teammate consistently well this season, and is a nightmare for defenders to mark in the final third. Much weight will be carried on the burly striker's shoulders on Sunday as Bonnyrigg go in search of victory.



**Daniel Severino**

Arguably the best left-peg in the competition, Severino's set-pieces strike fear for all opposing teams. Blacktown City will be better off avoiding any unnecessary fouls around the penalty-area, with Severino almost certain to find the back of the net with each attempt. The attacking midfielder's open play has also been commendable, with his trusted left foot an excellent avenue for a defence splitting pass to his strikers.

### Jamie McMaster

Jamie McMaster has been another breath of fresh air for the club this season with his work ethic second to none. McMaster's running out of midfield, along with his ability to make and score goals has been a real feature in 2010. The experience of McMaster has been a huge plus for the team, assisting with the bleeding of many young guns in the team, David Gullo one notable example of this.

### Wade Oostendoorp

Wade Oostendoorp's move from Marconi Stallions has proven to be a very successful one with the defender slotting in nicely alongside captain Paul Cotte in the defensive line. Oostendoorp has oozed his confidence across the backline, and will be eager to make amends for the recent White Eagles 'black out' in the 4-0 loss against Blacktown City two weekends ago.