

## FOOTBALL NSW

# NSW Premier League Finals Series Week 2 Review

The top two sides from the NSW Premier League regular season will lock horns on Sunday afternoon at NSW Premier League Finals Series Week 2 Review

The Blues didn't miss a beat in an entertaining encounter against the Reds as defenders Richard Luksic and Emmanuel Giannaros sealed the deal with well taken goals in front of a boisterous home crowd.

Luksic headed home Chris Triantis' corner prior to half-time before the captain diverted a David Gullo cross, shortly after the re-start, into the path of Giannaros who converted from close-range to double the Blues' lead. Sydney Olympic administered proceedings perfectly as the defensive line limited Luka Glavas & Co. to seeing very little of the ball.

Elsid Barkhousir had a chance late on to grab a consolation for the Reds, though the striker failed to hold onto the ball following Ben Vidaic's forward lob. Sydney Olympic will now

enjoy a weekend off from official duties to prepare the Monday long weekend Grand-Final, as Sydney United will need to bounce back quickly against a confident Blacktown City FC side that has eliminated both the Bonnyrigg White Eagles and Sutherland Sharks over the first fortnight of the finals series.

Reigning champions Blacktown City FC kept their hopes of reaching the 2011 Grand Final alive after recording a gripping 2-1 defeat of Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw on Saturday evening.

The defeat for the Sharks sees Robbie Stanton's men sign off from playing duty for 2011, meanwhile Mark Crittenden's men will now face off with Sydney Olympic in the season decider.

Despite conceding a lot

of possession against the Sharks, it was unyielding captain Luke Roodenburg who sent Blacktown City FC in at the break a goal to the good. A neat counterattack saw Travis Major pick out Roodenburg from the right-flank, and the striker made no mistake in side-footing the ball past Nathan Denham.

Following the break, Sutherland deservedly drew level via a Panni Nikas long-range effort that crept inside Symon Jaegar's post. The goal spurred the Sharks on, though Blacktown City kept their nerve and again showed their character in defending stoutly before hitting the Sharks on the break via Sean Rooney for the winner. The striker showed his skill and prowess to outwit his markers and convert in exceptional fashion to seal the win.

-By Joseph Carlucci

## MOUNTIES WANDERERS CAP OFF MEMORABLE 2011 SEASON WITH MAGIC GRAND FINAL VICTORY

Mounties Wanderers capped off a remarkable 2011 season when they overcame a stubborn Gladesville Ryde Magic 3-0 to win the State League Division One Grand Final on Sunday evening at Cook Park.

Incidentally, by also winning the Under 20s Grand Final, Mounties Wanderers captured the unique honour of the 'double-double' – the Premiership and Grand Final in both grades, 1sts and Under 20s – in what has been a season truly to remember for the club.

Mounties came into the match with just the one match in a month under their belt, having won a semi final two weeks ago that catapulted them straight into the Grand Final after having had the first week of the finals off. The less than hectic schedule meant the Wanderers were 'rested' and at full strength for the Grand Final, boasting Greg Baldock, Troy McColl, Reece Iredale, and Friday Jeremiah on their bench, players that arguably would get a start at any other Division One club.

Gladesville Ryde Magic had qualified for the Grand Final with sudden death wins over both UNSW and Fairfield City Lions, the latter after extra time, so time would tell if their legs were a little weary as the big match wore on.



But the Magic were without two of their most influential players this season, with midfielders Alistair McKie (suspended) and Alan Ryan (overseas for family reasons) absent, and no doubt giving the team a big gap to fill.

MOUNTIES WANDERERS 3 (Viera 73', Goodwin 78', Baldock 92') GLADESVILLE RYDE MAGIC 0 Referee – Mr Thomas Diakos – Assistant Referees – Mr Stephen Ellsmore & Mr Paul Faithfull – Fourth Assistant – Mr David Christie  
MOUNTIES WANDERERS: 1.A.Akbal, 11.PDay, 16.S.Goodwin, 18.M.D'Alessandro, 9.M.Viera, 19.I.McAndrew, 10.D.Willoughby (4.G.Baldock 88'), 17.D.McCann (capt), 14.M.Symington (20.R.Iredale 82'), 2.E.Squillaciotti, 3.T.Salvaggio (6.T.McColl 89').  
GLADESVILLE RYDE MAGIC: 1.K.Tohourogliou (capt), 11.B.Townley-Jones, 2.A.Morris, 13.B.Ken, 4.A.Khan, 17.S.Tonkin (15.C.Robertson 80'), 8.J.Martinez, 5.L.Harte, 14.S.Kanou (7.T.Nastoulis 80'), 12.C.Macri (9.G.Ganiatsas 82'), 16.Andrew McKie.

-By Frank Speranza

## Spartans secure Super League double with Grand Final triumph

Blacktown Spartans secured the 2011 Super League Championship with a well-drilled grand-final defeat of West Sydney Berries at Jensen Park.

After clinching the Premiership last month, the Spartans were relentless in the 3-0 defeat of the Berries to cap secure the 'double' in what has proven a tremendous season for the club. Both sides fought tooth and nail from the opening whistle, as the Berries did have their chances throughout the 90' minutes to etch their name on the winner's trophy. In the end, a second-half brace to Todd Macrae and a goal to Glen McPherson proved too much for the Berries in an entertaining finale.

Blacktown Spartans 3 (Todd Macrae 54', 72', Glen McPherson 74') - West Sydney Berries 0  
Referee: Adam Susz - Assistant Referees: Craig Fisher and Thomas Lee - Fourth Official: Chris Young  
Blacktown Spartans: 13.Carlos Saliadare; 4.Danny



Wells, 5.Luke Boyd, 6.Greg Kondek, 7.Michael Todd, 8.Tom Spencer (C), 9.James Young (10.Mario Ghobrial 78'), 11.Glen McPherson (2.Nathan Agbinya 86'), 17.Peter Hubbard, 18.Todd Macrae (15.Marty McCaffrey 84'), 19.Simon Zahra  
West Sydney Berries: 99.Phil

Zabaks; 6.Nick Tantalos (10.John Tsironis 46'), 5.Liam McKenna, 7.Damon Collina, 2.Steve Wright, 14.Ryan Emerton (11.Aram Tayebi 75'), 27.Alex Becerra (15.Nick Paras 65'), 12.Stefan de Jesus, 8.Ante Deur (C), 19.Dimitri Zakilas, 9.Kodjo Adjassou  
-By Joseph Carlucci

### FOOTBALL NSW RESULTS

#### SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2011

**Saturday 17th September 2011**  
NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MINOR SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Sutherland Sharks 1 (Panagiotis Nikas 49m) Blacktown City 2 (Luke Roodenburg 43m Sean Rooney 60m). GRADE 20: Marconi Stallions 0 Blacktown City 2. GRADE 18: Manly United FC 3 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2. SUPER LEAGUE: GRAND FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Blacktown Spartans 3 (T Macrae 55/72m G McPherson 77m) West Sydney Berries 0. GRADE 20: Sydney University 1 Spirit FC 0. PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MINOR SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: Bankstown City 2 Sydney United 3. GRADE 14: Sydney Olympic 4 Parramatta Eagles 2. GRADE 15: Manly United FC 1 Marconi Stallions 2. GRADE 16: Sutherland Sharks 0 Blacktown City 1 Extra Time (0-0 F/T). SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: GRAND FINALS: GRADE 13: Central Coast FC 1 Blacktown Spartans 3 Extra Time (1-1 F/T). GRADE 14: Mounties Wanderers 0 Central Coast FC 1. GRADE 15: Mounties Wanderers 5 Blacktown Spartans 7 Win on penalties (2-2 F/T 2-2 E/T). GRADE 16: Spirit FC 4 Blacktown

Spartans 1. GRADE 18: Granville Rage 1 Western Panthers 3.  
**Sunday 18th September 2011**  
NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MAJOR SEMI FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Sydney Olympic 2 (Richard Luksic 37m Emmanuel Giannaros 53m) Sydney United 0. GRADE 20: Sutherland Sharks 0 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2. GRADE 18: Sutherland Sharks 3 Sydney Olympic 4. DIVISION ONE: GRAND FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Mounties Wanderers 3 (M Viera 73m S Goodwin 78m G Baldock 92m) Gladesville Ryde Magic 0. GRADE 20: Mounties Wanderers 1 Schofield Scorpions 0. DIVISION TWO: FINAL SERIES: PRELIMINARY FINALS: FIRST GRADE: Hakoah FC 2 (M Kacen 9m D Gilmartin 20m) Northbridge FC 1 (E King 90m). RESERVE GRADE: Fairfield Wanderers 2 Northbridge FC 1. PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: MAJOR SEMI FINALS: GRADE 13: Marconi Stallions 1 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2. GRADE 14: Marconi Stallions 1 Sutherland Sharks 2. GRADE 15: Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Sutherland Sharks 3. GRADE 16: Manly Unit-

ed FC 1 Marconi Stallions 2. DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE: GRAND FINALS: GRADE 13: Southern Branch 1 Hakoah FC 2. GRADE 14: Mt Druitt Town 0 Stanmore Hawks 1 Extra Time (0-0 F/T). GRADE 15: Mt Druitt Town 5 Stanmore Hawks 3 Win on penalties (0-0 F/T 0-0 E/T). GRADE 16: Hakoah FC 1 Gladesville Ryde Magic 2. GRADE 18: Camden Tigers 3 Gladesville Ryde Magic 6. METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE: FINAL SERIES: GRADE 11: St George Association 0 Macarthur Association 1, Southern Districts 2 Bankstown Association 0, Eastern Suburbs Association 1 Gladesville Hornsby Association 2, Manly Warringah Association 3 Western Branch 1. GRADE 12: Manly Warringah Association 1 Central Coast Football 2, St George Association 1 Bankstown Association 0, Canterbury Association 1 Sutherland Association 1, Eastern Suburbs Association 2 Granville Association 0.

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