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ROUND 10 PREVIEW

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Blacktown Spartans v Sydney United 58 FC, Saturday 2nd of June, 7:00 pm Blacktown Football Park**Last Week:**

Rockdale City Suns 4 Blacktown Spartans 0
 APIA-Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sydney United 58 FC 2

Round 10 football kicks off with Blacktown Spartans hosting Sydney United 58 FC on Saturday evening. The Spartans return home following a difficult trip to Rockdale last weekend - the side in need of some points to keep in touch with the top-half of the League ladder.

Ben De Haan's men will need to start well against the Reds - something that did not happen against the Suns last weekend. The perfect playing surface will be a plus for the Spartans' ball players who struggled somewhat in directing play against the Suns. Sydney United's season has been a little inconsistent to-date, though the workmanlike performance at Lambert Park in Round 9, where the side collected a win, has certainly lifted the confidence amongst the Reds squad.

With the likes of Mirjan Pavlovic returning to the club, along with the youthful exuberance of Ante Tomic, the side will be looking to take a further stride in cutting down Bonnyrigg's lead at the top of the ladder with maximum points in Blacktown on Saturday.

Manly United FC v Parramatta FC, Saturday 2nd of June, 7:00 pm Cromer Park**Last Week:**

Manly United FC v Marconi Stallions (Postponed)
 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Parramatta FC 0

Manly United FC open its account at home for 2012 when they host Parramatta FC this weekend. The newly laid artificial surface will allow for both sides to express themselves with some neat passing in a match that offers both these sides the chance to push off away from the bottom two places on the League ladder.

The Northern beaches side enters the match as the fresher of the two outfits after its Round 9 match against Marconi Stallions was postponed. Craig Midgley's men have played some good football this season, though have failed to get wins on the board.

Once again, Colin Iley and Scott Balderson will be expected to run their lungs out on Saturday evening, as the side looks to take full advantage of a number of home fixtures to come between now and the end of the season. The visiting Eagles have proven they are no easy beats and, as is the case with any team coached by Lee Sterrey, the side will be out looking for points this weekend. Parramatta FC has shown its ability to mix it with the 'big boys' and its young guns will have nothing to lose at Cromer Park on Saturday. Kwabena Appiah-Kubi's speed will be a test for the Manly rearguard, and Craig Midgley's side will also need to keep tabs on the movements made by Akiyoshi Saito out of midfield.

Both sides are in need of points and a win for either on Saturday will provide the much needed boost for a big second part of the season.

South Coast Wolves v APIA-Leichhardt Tigers, Saturday 2nd of June, 7:00 pm John Crehan Park**Last Week:**

South Coast Wolves 1 Blacktown City FC 2
 APIA-Leichhardt Tigers 1 Sydney United 58 FC 2

Both South Coast Wolves and APIA-Leichhardt come off home

losses heading into this weekend's encounter at John Crehan Park, and both sides will be eager to re-find that winning feeling.

The Wolves still occupy second spot on the ladder despite losing at home against Blacktown City FC. Coach Trevor Morgan has instilled much self-belief amongst his charges this season, and the side's current placing on the ladder is much deserved.

The Tigers will pose the Wolves a massive challenge, as they too have played some great football thus far. Tigers' coach John Turner returns to the Gong for this encounter to face the club he previously led to championship glory, and with three-points potentially sending the Tigers into the top-five, a win will be the only thing on his mind.

Striker Andrew Bevin has been in exquisite touch, and more of the same will be required of the Kiwi if the Tigers are going to make inroads to the top-five this season.

Marconi Stallions v Rockdale City Suns, Saturday 2nd of June, 7:30 pm Marconi Stadium**Last Week:**

Manly United FC v Marconi Stallions (Postponed)
 Rockdale City Suns 4 Blacktown Spartans 0

Marconi and Rockdale both have a massive chance of landing a spot in the top-five this coming weekend with a victory at Marconi Stadium. The Stallions were given last weekend off following the decision to postpone their matchup against Manly United FC, and the side will be eager to get out there on Saturday and get their season back on track.

Nahuel Arrarte & Co. have somewhat failed to launch this season, despite the immensely positive start, however a win on the weekend could certainly provide the injection required for a serious stab at finals football.

The Suns have played great football thus far, however only since Mark Rudan's arrival has the side been able to transform the good performances into wins. Alec Urosevski has been a fabulous find with his performances, as has been the performances of Giorgio Speranza in defence and Tom Cirjak out of midfield. Added value to the Suns setup is the arrival of A-League player Dylan Macallister. The experienced campaigner played only the final 30' minutes in his debut match last weekend, however expect him to leave his mark on the Suns campaign this season.

Sydney Olympic v Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Sunday 3rd of June, 3:00 pm Belmore Sports Ground**Last Week:**

Sutherland Sharks 0 Sydney Olympic 4
 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 Parramatta FC 0

A blockbuster awaits us on Sunday afternoon as reigning champions Sydney Olympic host 2012 runaway League leaders, Bonnyrigg White Eagles.

The Belmore Sports Ground showdown pits two sides riding high on confidence - the Blues in particular were tremendous in their dismantling of Sutherland Sharks last weekend.

Coach Peter Tsekis will be hoping for further confirmation of the discipline and patience displayed last weekend, something that has been missing in 2012. Attacking players Sam Awad, Chris Triantis and David Gullo have all been in great touch, and these men will certainly figure on Sunday.

Bonnyrigg's season has been brilliant to say the least, though the trip to Belmore will definitely provide Brian Brown's men with a mammoth test. Defensively the White Eagles have been sound with youngster David Vrankovic showing skills well beyond his young years.

Going forward, Chris Tadrosse has been great down the left-flank, as has the influence of Harris Gaitatzis and, of course, leading goalscorer Robbie Younis.

A win for Bonnyrigg could potentially see the side open a ten-point gap over second, meanwhile a Blues' victory will certainly reinvigorate the reigning champions' season in their bid to go back-to-back in 2012.

Blacktown City FC v Sutherland Sharks, Sunday 3rd of June, 3:00 pm Lily Homes Stadium**Last Week:**

South Coast Wolves 1 Blacktown City FC 2
 Sutherland Sharks 0 Sydney Olympic 4

At Lily Homes Stadium, Blacktown City FC and Sutherland Sharks will line-up in what is another pick of the fixtures for Round 10.

The sides have been riding two different waves of form over the past fortnight, with the Seven Hills outfit holding a four-point lead over the Sharks on the ladder.

Blacktown City return home following a very impressive come-from-behind win in Wollongong against South Coast Wolves, digging deep to secure maximum points in what is a difficult trip for all sides to make. Travis Major has been in great touch, as have Ryuji Miyazawa and Yuchi Yamauchi. More importantly for coach Mark Crittenden is the return of captain Luke Roodenburg following his suspension - the former champions hold every possibility of making a serious challenge for silverware this season.

Sutherland's season has taken a backward step over the past fortnight with consecutive losses against Parramatta FC and Sydney Olympic - the latter coming at home.

Coach Robbie Stanton will be pushing his charges this week to re-find the hunger that has somehow gone missing from a number of regular starters in recent weeks.

Action aplenty will be expected with both sides included in the top-five of many neutral observers.

