

PREMIER NPL 3 MEN'S

ST GEORGE CITY FA
V DUNBAR ROVERS FC

FRASER PARK, MARRICKVILLE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 3-00PM

The odds are seemingly stacked heavily in favour of the Premiers, St George City FA, when they entertain Dunbar Rovers at Fraser Park on Sunday afternoon.

St George City FA are the current Premiers in NPL 3 Men's competition, they have had a week's rest as a result, and they are playing on their home turf.

Dunbar Rovers squeezed in to the Finals Series in 6th position, had a tough Elimination Semi Final last weekend where they overcame Gladesville Ryde Magic 4-1, and will now be travelling to play the competition's Premiers away from home.

St George City's stats make ominous reading coming in to this Semi Final.

St George City won 18 out of their 26 matches, and were beaten just 3 times – one of those times being at Hensley Athletic Field back in Round 14 when Dunbar prevailed 2-1.

St George City also boast the best attack with 79 goals, at over 3 goals a game, whilst also conceding just 23 goals, nine goals better than their nearest rival.

A mainstay of their performances has been the fact that four of their back five – keeper Chris Marques, left back Kyoji Mori, right back Sean Thomas, and skipper and central defender, Bill Tsanidis, have been present in almost all of the league games, creating a stern understanding reflected by the goals conceded column.

With a nice blend of youth and experience, all demanding a starting berth in the Finals Series, you can bet St George City FA will be primed to continue where they left off in Round 26.

Dunbar Rovers come in to this match with nothing to lose.

A team that finishes 6th in the competition is not expected to jump hurdle after hurdle after hurdle to land the coveted Championship title!

But Dunbar have always possessed a fighting spirit that sees them play until the referee's whistle is blown, a dogged



determination that simply won't roll over nor give in when the going gets tough.

Few would've given Dunbar Rovers a chance against the high flying, high scoring 3rd placed Gladesville Ryde Magic last weekend, but the Rovers were quietly confident, and executed the game plan to perfection.

Ryan Shaughnessy was the conductor once again, with a number of able support musicians in his band, and Dunbar edged in front before moving in for the kill to win handsomely in the end, by 4-1.

The fact that Dunbar did beat St George City FA this season will surely give them

the confidence to do it again.

The excitement of the traditional finals series in Australian football is that all the data and form guides in the world go out the window, because if don't show up on the day, your season could be over before you know it.

2018 Previous Encounters;
Round 1 on March 10th at Jubilee Oval;
St George City FA 2 (Messam, Yannopoulos)
Dunbar Rovers 0
Round 14 on June 9 at Hensley Athletic Field;
Dunbar Rovers 2 (Doddy, Garces)
St George City FA 1 (Messam)

PHOTOS
byloopii

Transforming your moments in sports & leisure into timeless photos

www.photosbyloopii.com.au

0422 21 77 66 george@loopii.com.au