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2018 Champion of Champions

The 50th anniversary of Football NSW's Champion of Champions finals were played at Valentine Sports Park on Sunday 21st of October with nineteen highly entertaining matches that rocked the state governing body's headquarters. The 'Home' of Football in NSW played host to grassroots football's most prestigious tournament as teams from all over NSW wowed spectators in what was a wonderful day for the round ball game that proved to be a hit with players, managers as well as the referees and

officials on the day. For Champions images please email me direct which teams you are requesting.

Full Results

GRADE 12 BOYS.. Northbridge FC (Northern Suburbs) 1 v Balmain & District FC (Canterbury) 2
GRADE 13 BOYS.. Arncliffe Aurora (St George) 2 v Lake Heights JFC (Football South Coast) 0
GRADE 14 BOYS.. Auburn District (Granville) 1 v Kemps Creek United (Southern Districts) 4
GRADE 15 BOYS.. Auburn District (Granville) 3 v Castle Hill United (Hills) 1
GRADE 16 BOYS.. West Pymble (Northern Suburbs) 1 v Castle Hill United (Hills) 2
GRADE 17 MEN.. Glenmore Park (Nepean) 0 v Lansvale (Southern Districts) 1
GRADE 18 MEN.. Pendle Hill (Granville) 1 v East Bankstown FC (Bankstown) 1 (4-1 Pendle Hill won on penalty shootouts)
GRADE 21 MEN.. Cronulla Seagulls (Sutherland) 3 v Norwest FC (Hills) 1
ALL AGE MEN.. Coogee United (Eastern Suburbs) 2 v West Pymble (Northern Suburbs) 0
OVER 35 MEN.. Dunbar Rovers (Eastern Suburbs) 2 v Como West Jannali (Sutherland) 0
OVER 45 MEN.. St Michael's (Northern Suburbs) 1 v Hurstville City Minotaurs (St George) 2
GRADE 12 GIRLS.. Lindfield FC (Northern Suburbs) 2 v Manly Vale (Manly Warringah) 0
GRADE 14 GIRLS.. Lowland Wanderers (Nepean) 0 v Shellharbour JFC (Football South Coast) 4
GRADE 15 GIRLS.. Wakehurst FC (Manly) 0 v Earlwood Wanderers (Canterbury) 5
GRADE 16 WOMEN.. Mt Colah (Northern Suburbs) 1 v Avalon SC (Manly) 3
GRADE 18 WOMEN.. Glenmore Park (Nepean) 0 v Cronulla Seagulls (Sutherland) 1
GRADE 21 WOMEN.. Northbridge FC (Northern Suburbs) 3 v Connells Point Rovers (St George) 0
ALL AGE WOMEN.. Dunbar Rovers (Eastern Suburbs) 2 v Albion Park SC (Football South Coast) 1
OVER 30 WOMEN.. Russell Vale WFC (Football South Coast) 2 v Wakehurst FC (Manly) 1

Western Sydney Wanderers produced a stirring second-half display to salvage a 1-1 draw against Perth Glory at nib Stadium on Sunday night

Tony Popovic's first game in charge of the Glory – against his old club the Wanderers – looked like getting off to the perfect start as Perth dominated the first half and led through Andy Keogh's 26th-minute strike.

But after a lacklustre opening 45 minutes, the Wanderers were excellent after the break and got a share of the points thanks to Roly Bonevacia's equaliser midway through the second half. And it could have been even better for the visitors had Oriol Riera not blazed over the bar from close range when it seemed easier to score with just 16 minutes to go.

Popovic's Glory reign certainly got off on the right note as Keogh gave them a deserved lead, finishing off at the second attempt after Vedran Janjetovic could only parry his first shot.

While the Wanderers improved after the break, it was only the woodwork that stopped Glory doubling their advantage on the hour mark as Alex Grant's header from Neil Kilkenny's corner thumped the crossbar.

It proved a huge let-off for the Wanderers as just five minutes later they were level.

A great ball over the top from Tarek Elrich gets Bonevacia in behind and the Dutchman holds off the challenge of Tomi Mrcela before firing off a shot which beats Reddy at his near post.

Riera's poor miss should have put the Wanderers in the lead, while substitute Chris Ikonmidis also had a chance to win it for Glory late-on in a frantic finish but it ended all square.

Sydney Olympic re-sign 16 players from Championship winning squad

National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Premiers and Champions Sydney Olympic FC announced the re-signing of 16 players from its 2018 Championship winning squad for the 2019 season.



In 2018, the squad enjoyed a very successful season winning both the NPL NSW Men's Premiership and Championship and to retain a large majority of the squad is a huge boost for the club and its fans.

The likes of Spanish sensation Alejandro Sanchez Lopez, club skipper Jason Madonis, veteran shotstopper Paul Henderson as well as long serving club player Will Angel all penned new deals with the Blues. As did Hagi Gligor, Jinya An, Nikola Kuleski, Darcy Burgess, Jake De Marigny, Bill Patramanis, Nik Tsattalios, Radovan Pavicevic, Riley Woodcock, Thomas Whiteside, Zach Mackenzie, Ezequiel Consoni will also don the Olympic jersey in season 2019.

Head Coach Abbas Saad was happy to see the majority of his squad sign up for the new year.

"Our squad has a great mix of youth and experience and to be able to retain the core of our squad is testimony to how hungry we all are to maintain the momentum of last season and be better again".

"The exceptional talent, effort and dedication these players demonstrated in 2018 made it a very easy decision to retain them".

"We have celebrated the success of last season and understand this season is a fresh start and we need to work hard to ensure we do the very best for this great club and our fans". While Sydney Olympic CEO John Boulous was equally delighted with the announcement.

"Our club has a very clear philosophy to develop and support players by creating an environment and culture for them to reach their potential. This is evident by the recent departure of Max Burgess to the Wellington Phoenix, as well as George Timotheou to Bundesliga giants FC Schalke 04 in July".

"In the coming week we will be announcing some new signings that will compliment these retained players and round off our squad for the 2019 season".

The squad will commence pre-season training in mid-November.

