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## 51st Football NSW 2019 Champion of Champions Success

The 51st 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.

It was an unforgettable for the Manly Football Association who had four of its teams take out respective Champion of Champions titles highlighting their association as the most successful at the tournament.

**Football South Coast** had three of its teams take various titles while Northern Suburbs, St George FA and Sutherland Shire FA took out two respectively.

**Club representatives** from Southern Districts, Central Coast, Canterbury, Macarthur, Nepean and Hills also enjoyed success as they had one club representative celebrate a Champion of Champions title.

### Champion of Champions Results 2019

#### GRADE 12 BOYS

Dee Why FC (Manly) 4 v Kellyville Kolts (Hills) 0

#### GRADE 13 BOYS

Lindfield FC (Northern Suburbs) 5 v Auburn FC (Granville) 1

#### GRADE 14 BOYS

Banksia Tigers (St George) 0 v Lake Heights Junior FC (Football South Coast) 2

#### GRADE 15 BOYS

Arncliffe Aurora (St George) 4 v Greystanes FC (Granville) 0

#### GRADE 16 BOYS

Earlwood Wanderers (Canterbury) 3 v University of Wollongong JFC (Football South Coast) 0

#### GRADE 17 MEN

Kemps Creek (Southern Districts) 2 v Narellan Rangers (Macarthur) 3

#### GRADE 18 MEN

Lindfield FC (Northern Suburbs) 3 v Glenmore Park (Nepean) 4

#### GRADE 21 MEN

Cronulla Seagulls (Sutherland) 3 v Epping Eastwood (Gladesville Hornsby) 2

#### ALL AGE MEN

Brookvale FC (Manly) 4 v WPH Cherrybrook (Gladesville Hornsby) 1

#### OVER 35 MEN

Como West Jannali (Sutherland) 5 v Southern & Ettalong United FC (Central Coast) 0

#### OVER 45 MEN

Inter Lions (Canterbury) 1 v Hurstville City Minotaurs (St George) 1 (Minotaurs won 5-4 on penalties)

#### GRADE 12 GIRLS

Lilli Pilli (Sutherland) 1 v AC United (Southern Districts) 1 (AC United won 4-3 on penalties)

#### GRADE 14 GIRLS

Avalon SC (Manly) 0 v Avoca FC (Central Coast) 3

#### GRADE 15 GIRLS

BTH Raiders (Manly) 2 v Huskisson Vincentia (Shoalhaven) 0

#### GRADE 16 GIRLS

Northbridge FC (Northern Suburbs) 7 v Bonnyrigg FC (Southern Districts) 1

#### GRADE 18 WOMEN

Shellharbour Junior JFC (Football South Coast) 0 v Rouse Hill Rams (Hills) 1

#### GRADE 21 WOMEN

Greystanes FC (Granville) 2 v Wollongong United (Football South Coast) 8

#### ALL AGE WOMEN

Southern & Ettalong United FC (Central Coast) 2 v Albion Park SC (Football South Coast) 9

#### OVER 30 WOMEN

Loftus Yarrawarrah (Sutherland) 2 v Pittwater RSL FC (Manly) 3



## WOLVES APPOINT O'CONNOR AS 20'S COACH

NPL NSW Men's Premiers and NPL Finals Champions Wollongong Wolves have appointed former Socceroo defender Steve O'Connor as its new Under 20's coach for the 2020 season.

Steve has enjoyed an illustrious career in Australian football. During his 13 years in charge of the Australian Institute of Sport football program, O'Connor developed many of Australian football's golden generation and is widely acknowledged to have had a significant influence on the careers of player such as Mark Viduka, Mark Bresciano, Brett Emerton, Vince Grella, Josip Skoko, Lucas Neill, John Aloisi, Craig Moore, Kevin Muscat, Simon Colosimo, Josh Kennedy, Carl Valeri and Wolves senior coach Luke Wilkshire. In a recent article, former Socceroo's captain Craig Moore named Steve O'Connor as one of the biggest influences on his career during his formative years.

Wilkshire was delighted to link up once more with O'Connor who had a huge influence on his career.

"Steve was in charge of the AIS when I attended as a 16 - 17 year old.

"He had a massive influence on my career and many other players who went on to become household names in Australian football and to have careers in the top leagues in Europe.

"Steve has always been exceptional with young players and this is why we have brought him in. We view our under 20's team and program to be very important to the future of our club and our region.

"The way Australian football is set up, players in this age group are at a crucial stage in their development and Steve will help develop these players.

"Steve is a winner and will instill a mentality of hard work and persistence into these players, whilst at the same time, demanding they play in the style I want the whole club to play in.

"I look forward to working closely with Steve and developing these players with a view to winning the league and having the players put pressure on our first team squad. I want to see these players break into the squad and become first team regulars."

O'Connor was looking forward to the challenge ahead at WIN Stadium.

"I am looking forward to working with Luke and at the club. In my talks with the club I was impressed with what they are trying to achieve both on and off the pitch.

"I worked with Luke during his time at the AIS and he obviously went on to have a great career. Now I get the chance to work alongside him and I am looking forward to that. I believe that I still have a lot to offer and I am also looking forward to developing the club's young players."