



2020 GRAND FINAL SERIES PRESENTED BY BORAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS SERIES PROGRAM



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WELCOME

On behalf of Football South Australia I would like to welcome all clubs, officials, players and spectators to the 2020 Senior Men's Grand Finals, proudly presented by Boral

Firstly, I would like to thank the Football community for their efforts in what has been a challenging year for all. The football community has rebounded very strongly following our temporary suspension of activities in the wake of COVID – 19 back in March this year, as well as overcoming additional challenges in recent weeks, which illustrates great resilience and love for the game.

This week's NPL, State League 1 and State League 2 Grand Finals will be played across three nights. For a second consecutive year, Adelaide Comets will battle it out with Campbelltown City, where Comets will be out for redemption while the Red Devils are eyeing off what would be an astounding three-peat. Sturt Lions face White City where the victor will earn themselves the remaining place in South Australia's top tier competition for 2021, while Cobras will be gunning for a League/Grand Final double against Eastern United, who will join them in State League 1 next season. I wish all participating teams the very best for their respective matches.

Finally I would like to extend a thank you to Football South Australia's valued corporate partners for their continued support in what has been a challenging year for all.

On behalf of the Football SA Board and Staff, I hope you enjoy what is sure to be a great week of finals football.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Carter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NPL GRAND FINAL

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER | COOPERS STADIUM

Adelaide Comets v Campbelltown City

Kick-Off 7.20pm



STATE LEAGUE 1 GRAND FINAL

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER | VALO FOOTBALL CENTRE

Sturt Lions v White City

Kick-Off 7.30pm



STATE LEAGUE 2 GRAND FINAL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER

VALO FOOTBALL CENTRE

Adelaide Omonia Cobras 0 - 1 Eastern United (AET)



MATCH OFFICIALS

NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Referee: Daniel Cook
Assistant Referee: Daniel Goodwin
Assistant Referee: Henry Day
Fourth Official: Isabella Blaess
Assessor: Michelle Smith
Shadow Referee: Nicholas Frangiskos

STATE LEAGUE 1

Referee: Christian Verdicchio
Assistant Referee: Andrew Kite
Assistant Referee: Liam Miller
Fourth Official: Jonathan Hunter
Assessor: Matthew Cream

STATE LEAGUE 2

Referee: Curtis Wordsworth
Assistant Referee: Nick Elagin
Assistant Referee: Alexander Diamond
Fourth Official: Gary Mooney
Assessor: Raymond Grima



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STATE LEAGUE ONE GRAND FINAL 2020, PRESENTED BY BORAL

STURT LIONS V WHITE CITY FC

THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER | 7.30 PM | VALO FOOTBALL CENTRE





Sturt Lions

- 19 Atkinson, Jacob
- 5 Duffy, Lachlan
- 17 Fusco, Jonathan
- 4 Fusco, Luke
- 14 Gluscevic, Stefan
- 12 Gravas, Michael
- 3 Guastella, Daniel
- 1 Klappers, James
- 15 Kobaishi, Akira
- 13 Mullins, Cooper
- 6 Nelson, Toby
- 9 Rodriguez, Gonzalo
- 10 Sortini, Alexander
- 21 Talbot, Marc
- 8 Taylor, Anthony
- 16 Voigt, Samuel
- 7 Woollard, Ben

Coach: Lino Fusco
Assistant: Frank Tibaldi
Manager: Ivan Piovesan
Trainer: Andrew Ross
Physio: Jackson Messent



White City

- 13 Chamberlain, Deale
- 7 Cummins, Jace
- 6 Day, Shannon
- 20 Dimas, Anthony
- 23 Disotto, Jacob
- 22 Essex, Alexei
- 14 Hasegawa, Yuichi
- 21 Jokic, Nikola
- 4 Lujic, Rastko
- 12 Natsiopoulos, Antonios
- 9 Negus, Jonathan
- 10 Noujaim, Chahine (C)
- 16 Phelps, Karl
- 8 Simic, Stefan
- 11 Stefanopoulos, Jordan
- 5 Tobias, Shane
- 2 Walter, Hayden

Coach: Damian Mori
Assistant: Gyawe Salley
Manager: Constantinos Tsaconas
Physio: Sachin Prakash Kumar
Team Staff: Joe Verringer

STATE LEAGUE 1 | MATCH PREVIEW

The stakes don't get any higher than this! A place in South Australia's top-tier competition, the National Premier League South Australia, is on the line as Sturt Lions and White City clash in this year's State League 1 Grand Final.

Sturt's maiden appearance in the NPL was short lived, relegated after finishing 11th back in 2018, while White City haven't featured in the top-flight since 2015. Both clubs are hungrier than ever and feel they deserve a place amongst the big boys of local football in SA.

This will be the third time the two sides have play one another this season, their two previous encounters played out as cagey affairs ending in goalless draws.

After finishing 2nd on the ladder, Sturt have made their way to the decider by overcoming the already promoted league premiers South Adelaide in their two-leg playoff.

White City on the other hand had to do things the hard way following their fourth place finish. A solid 2-0 victory over Playford City in week 1 of the finals was backed up by a hard-fought 1-2 triumph over West Adelaide,

They then went on to secure their place in the Grand Final putting on a second half masterclass to defeat Panthers 1-3 at at O'Sullivan's Beach.

Despite a lack of scoring in their preceding rendezvous, both sides have had no issue finding the back of the net throughout the season. Italian import Gonzalo Rodriguez bagging 17 goals for Sturt in the league and another 4 in the finals series, while Stefan Simic slotted 16 for White City.

Will the Lino Fusco inspired Sturt Lions rise to the occasion or will a reinvigorated White City under the guidance of South Australian football icon Damian Mori make their long awaited return to the top-flight?

STATE LEAGUE 1 | ROAD TO THE FINALS



Week 1

South Adelaide 4 - 3 Sturt Lions

(Rideout 4)

(OG, Rodriguez 2)

Week 2

Sturt Lions 3 - 0 South Adelaide

(Voigt, Rodriguez 2)

Week 1

White City 2 - 0 Playford City

(Gepp, Phelps)

Week 2

West Adelaide 1 - 2 White City

(Kasumovic)

(Moran 2)

Week 3

South Adelaide 1 - 3 White City

(Pegoraro)

(Natsiopoulos, OG, Simic)





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