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METROSTARS
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

6 SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM
SERVICEFM STADIUM

RESERVES

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CROYDON FC
ADELAIDE UNITED

7 SEPTEMBER, 2:00PM
SERVICEFM STADIUM PITCH 2

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CAMPBELLTOWN CITY
ADELAIDE OLYMPIC

7 SEPTEMBER, 11:30AM
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PLAYFORD CITY

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WT BIRKALLA
CUMBERLAND UNITED

7 SEPTEMBER, 2:00PM
SERVICEFM STADIUM PITCH 3

U18'S

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WEST ADELAIDE
STURT LIONS

7 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM
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STATE LEAGUE 2

FIXTURES

SENIORS

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COVE FC
MODBURY VISTA

7 SEPTEMBER, 4:30PM
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RESERVES

SAT



COVE FC
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

7 SEPTEMBER, 11:30AM
SERVICEFM STADIUM PITCH 3

U18'S

SAT



SEAFORD RANGERS
NOARLUNGA UNITED

7 SEPTEMBER, 9:00AM
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RAA NPL SA 2024: THE STORYLINES SURROUNDING THE GRAND FINAL

WORDS BY ANTONIS PAGONIS OF FRONT PAGE FOOTBALL

METROSTARS MEET CAMPBELLTOWN CITY IN THE 2024 NPL SA GRAND FINAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AND WITH TWO RIVALS MEETING IN A CLASH THAT FEELS LIKE IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, FRONT PAGE FOOTBALL LOOKS AT THE STORYLINES IN PLACE LEADING UP TO THE DECIDER.

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY AND METROSTARS CAPTAINS ALEX MULLEN AND FABIAN BARBIERO FIGHT FOR THE BALL IN ROUND 3 OF THE 2024 SEASON.

A NORTH-EAST REDEMPTION SEASON

TO SAY THE 2023 NPL SA SEASON WAS A TWO-HORSE RACE BETWEEN METROSTARS AND CAMPBELLTOWN CITY WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT, BUT WHEN THE TIME TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE CAME, NEITHER HORSE WAS ANYWHERE TO BE SEEN. DESPITE FINISHING THE REGULAR SEASON ON 56 AND 53 POINTS RESPECTIVELY, WITH THE TEAM NEAREST TO THEM BEING ADELAIDE UNITED ON A MODEST 39 POINTS, METRO AND CAMPBELLTOWN BOWED OUT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SEMI-FINALS TO THE MODBURY JETS AND THE YOUNG REDS.

FATIGUE, INJURIES, AND A PACKED SCHEDULE THAT FEATURED DEEP AUSTRALIA CUP AND FEDERATION CUP RUNS SAW THE TWO POWERHOUSES RUN OUT OF FUEL. WHILE THE 2024 SEASON WAS MUCH LESS ROUTINE FOR THE TWO SIDES, THEY RECLAIMED THEIR SPOTS IN THE TOP TWO AND TOOK CARE OF BUSINESS THIS TIME IN THEIR SEMI-FINALS.

THE METROSTARS DEFEATED ADELAIDE CITY IN AN ARM WRESTLE, WHILE CAMPBELLTOWN CITY OUTCLASSED THE MODBURY JETS, WITH BOTH PROGRESSING TO A GRAND FINAL THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED TO MISS THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT FEATURED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S MOST SIGNIFICANT LOCAL GAME IN RECENT YEARS AND WILL BE PLOTTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR BIG DAY. CAMPBELLTOWN CITY CELEBRATE QUALIFYING FOR THE 2024 NPL SA GRAND FINAL.

MATRICCIANI'S LAST GAME COMES AGAINST FAMILIAR FOES

AS THE STARS BEGAN ALIGNING FOR CAMPBELLTOWN CITY, WHO FOUND FORM TO WIN THE FEDERATION CUP AND FINISH IN THE TOP TWO, FORTUNE ALSO FAVOURED THEIR MANAGER, MICHAEL MATRICCIANI, WHO RECEIVED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COACH IN THE PROFESSIONAL GAME WITH MELBOURNE CITY'S A-LEAGUE WOMEN'S SIDE. WINNING FEDERATION CUP SILVERWARE WITH THE RED DEVILS WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASING FOR MATRICCIANI, BUT THE COACH DECIDED TO STAY PUT UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON IN A BID TO ALSO BRING A CHAMPIONSHIP BACK TO NEWTON.

IN HIS WAY STAND THE METROSTARS, A SIDE HE IS UNDOUBTEDLY FAMILIAR WITH. WHILE CAMPBELLTOWN CITY AND METROSTARS ENGAGE IN A HEATED RIVALRY ON THE PITCH, MATRICCIANI ENJOYED TIME AT BOTH CLUBS IN HIS PLAYING CAREER.

HE PLAYED FOR METROSTARS IN 2012, THE LAST TIME THE CLUB BROUGHT THE CHAMPIONSHIP TO KLEMZIG, AND EVEN ENDED THAT SEASON AS THE COMPETITION'S EQUAL TOP GOALSCORER.

WHILE MATRICCIANI ENJOYED A STAR-STUDDED CAREER AT METROSTARS, HE WILL BE HOPING TO DEPRIVE HIS FORMER SIDE OF THE GLORY IT IS SEEKING IN HIS LAST MATCH COACHING AT A LOCAL LEVEL.

TO ADD ANOTHER LAYER TO THE COACHING NARRATIVE, CAMPBELLTOWN'S NEXT HEAD COACH AND MATRICCIANI'S REPLACEMENT, DANIEL MULLEN, IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE HEART OF THEIR DEFENCE IN FRIDAY NIGHT'S GRAND FINAL.

AN IMPENETRABLE NEW-LOOK DEFENSIVE PAIRING COLLIDES WITH ELITE ATTACKING TALENT.

WHILE THE METROSTARS' 2023 DEPARTURE LIST WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY ATTACKING STARS JAMES TEMELKOVSKI AND AUSTIN AYOUBI, THE MOST EXPERIENCED PART OF THEIR BACKLINE, CAPTAIN ANTHONY SOLAGNA, CALLED TIME ON HIS CAREER. NOAH MCNAMARA HAS BEEN THE SIDE'S MAINSTAY CENTRAL DEFENDER. ALONGSIDE USUAL PARTNER CHRISTIAN D'ANGELO AND BACKUP MACEO JONES, THE TRIO MANAGED A COMPETITION-BEST 28 GOALS CONCEDED IN THE REGULAR SEASON.

D'ANGELO WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR THE SEMI-FINAL MATCHES AGAINST ADELAIDE CITY, AND GRAYSTONE SURPRISINGLY OPTED TO PARTNER MCNAMARA WITH JACKSON FORTUNATOW, WHO USUALLY FINDS HIMSELF IN THE MIDFIELD.

THE MOVE UNDOUBTEDLY PAID OFF, WITH THE DUO REFUSING TO PUT A FOOT WRONG AGAINST THEIR TALENTED OPPOSITION, HELPING GOALKEEPER CODY OESTREICH TO CONSECUTIVE CLEAN SHEETS.

IT IS HARD TO SEE GRAYSTONE MOVING AWAY FROM THE DUO THAT HELPED HIS SIDE QUALIFY FOR THE GRAND FINAL, BUT THEY WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL AGAINST CAMPBELLTOWN'S DYNAMIC STRIKING DUO OF MARC MARINO AND JOSH MORI. THE TWO FORWARDS, COMBINED WITH BACK-TO-BACK SERGIO MELTA MEDALLIST ALEX MULLEN, PACK A PUNCH, SOMETHING EVIDENT IN THE 3-3 DRAW THE TWO SIDES PLAYED OUT THE LAST TIME THEY MET IN 2024.

NOAH MCNAMARA (SECOND FROM LEFT) AND JACKSON FORTUNATOW (THIRD FROM LEFT) FORGED A NEW DEFENSIVE PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE PRESSURE OF A TWO-LEGGED SEMI-FINAL CLASH AGAINST ADELAIDE CITY.

AN IMPOSING GRAND FINAL RECORD MEETS A 12-YEAR WAIT

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT WHEN CAMPBELLTOWN CITY MAKE A GRAND FINAL, THEY RARELY LEAVE EMPTY-HANDED. SINCE 2013, THE RED DEVILS HAVE APPEARED IN FIVE NPL SA GRAND FINALS AND HAVE COME OUT VICTORIOUS ON EACH OCCASION, USUALLY IN STYLE. TO FIND A LOSING NPL SA GRAND FINAL ON CAMPBELLTOWN'S RECORD, YOU HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1994 WHEN THE RED DEVILS FELL SHORT IN A PENALTY SHOOTOUT AGAINST FELLOW ITALIAN NORTH-EAST RESIDENTS ADELAIDE BLUE EAGLES.

MEANWHILE, METROSTARS LAST WON A LOCAL LEAGUE TITLE IN 2012. WHILE THEY WERE THE BEST TEAM THROUGHOUT THE 2014 REGULAR SEASON, EVEN WINNING THE NATIONAL NPL GRAND FINAL, THEY FELL SHORT AGAINST CROYDON IN THE STATE'S GRAND FINAL.

SINCE THEN, METROSTARS HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH SUCCESS, AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THEY DID DEFEAT CAMPBELLTOWN IN THE FEDERATION CUP FINAL LAST YEAR. BUT NPL CHAMPIONSHIP GLORY HAS ELUDED THE KLEMZIG-BASED CLUB. THEY WILL LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN TO BREAK THAT DROUGHT AGAINST THEIR RIVALS, WHO WOULD ALSO BE RELISHING THE CHANCE TO CONTINUE THEIR IMPOSING GRAND FINAL WINNING STREAK. CAMPBELLTOWN CITY WON THE NPL SA GRAND FINAL IN THEIR LAST APPEARANCE IN 2020. (IMAGE: ADAM BUTLER/80KMS)

THE 2023 CUP FINAL THRILLER

WHILE BOTH METROSTARS AND CAMPBELLTOWN CITY FELL A STEP SHORT OF THE 2023 NPL SA GRAND FINAL, THE TWO SIDES MET AT SERVICEFM STADIUM IN THE FEDERATION CUP FINAL. THE BIG MATCH STARTED WITH SHOGO YOSHIKAWA OPENING THE SCORING FOR CAMPBELLTOWN BEFORE HAMISH GOW'S STUNNING DOUBLE PUT METROSTARS AHEAD.

ALEX MULLEN'S GOAL LEVELLED THE FINAL AGAIN BEFORE YOSHIKAWA WAS SENT OFF IN A MOMENT OF MADNESS WHEN HIS ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP A COUNTER-ATTACK WAS JUDGED TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE. THE RED DEVILS HELD ON AS THE MATCH WENT DEEP INTO EXTRA TIME, BUT, COMING OFF THE BENCH THEN, BACKUP STRIKER REN NAGAMATSU BROKE CAMPBELLTOWN'S HEARTS WITH A LONG-RANGE STRIKE THAT RETURNED THE FEDERATION CUP TO KLEMZIG.

THE AFOREMENTIONED NAMES WILL ONCE AGAIN COMPETE IN A FINAL AT SERVICEFM STADIUM, AND IF THEIR 2023 CLASH IS ANYTHING TO GO BY, THIS ENCOUNTER IS GOING TO BE A TANTALISING ONE THAT PROMISES ACTION.

TWO SIDES STACKED WITH ATTACKING TALENT BUT ALSO WITH THE ABILITY TO NULLIFY THEIR OPPOSITION WILL STAKE THEIR CLAIMS TO BE THE NEW CHAMPIONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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METROSTARS

FABIAN BARBIERO
EDUARDO CASTANEDA
MICHAEL CITTADINI
LOCHLAN CZAPLA
JACKSON FORTUNATOW
HAMISH GOW
MACEO JONES
SALLU KAMARA
NOAH MCNAMARA
REN NAGAMATSU
SCOTT NAGEL
CODY OESTREICH
NICHOLAS PEDICINI
ALESSIO RUGGIERO
CHRISTIAN SOTIRA
JACKSON WALLS
CAMERON WOODFIN

DANIEL GRAYSTONE



CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

JOEL ALLWRIGHT
JOSHUA BARRESI
JAMES BOFFA
BRANDON CENTOFANTI
MATTHEW CENTOFANTI
JAKE HALLIDAY
JORDAN MARICIC
MARC MARINO
YOHEI MATSUMOTO
ALESSIO MELISI
JOSHUA MORI
ALEXANDER MULLEN
DANIEL MULLEN
MARIO ORRICO
ANTONY PISCIONERI
ALEXANDER WOODLANDS
SHOGO YOSHIKAWA

MICHAEL MATTRICIANI

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GRAND FINAL



WT BIRKALLA

MELAD AHMAD
MASON AYOUBI
ZAC BECKER
CHRIS CHRISTOFILOS
JONATHON D'ARRIGO
CHARLIE DEVEREUX
BORIS GLUSHKOV
NICHOLAS HARPAS
REECE JURJEVIC
JOHN KARATZAS
THANASIS LESI
KOSTA MANTIS
CALVIN MBARGA
COHAN MORRIS
ANTHONY QUICI
AUSTYN SCAMBIATERRA
ETHAN STEVENSON
TZOI TSARKANI

STAVROS GELEKIS



PLAYFORD CITY

ETHAN ALGATE
BRAYDEN ANDERMAHR
ANDREW BUTLER
MATTHEW CAPONE
TAJ CLARIDGE
BRAYDEN FRENCH
SHAUN HARVEY
TYSON HERRAMAN
JACKSON KURTZ
ISAAC MULLEN
LUKE OSTBYE
CHRISTOS POUNENDIS
DANIEL RYAN
SANTIAGO TABARES
BENJAMIN TOFFOLI
RHYS TOWNSEND
SAMUEL VOIGT
BEN WOOLLARD

BEN MOORE

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STATE LEAGUE TWO

GRAND FINAL



COVE FC

HARRY APLIN
MATTHEW CANNY
CALLUM ELMS
DECLAN FINNEY
THOMAS FOGLIA
JED GAUCI
MICHAEL GAZE
MICHAEL GOODE
OLIVER GRANT
SCOTT HARRISON
CONNER HIGGINS
CHARLIE INCE
SAIF JASEEM
KENTARO OIKAWA
CRUIZE PAPANDREA
RYAN VEITCH
BEN VISSER
OSCAR WILLIAMS

STEVE KITCHIN



MODBURY VISTA

KIERNEN BLACKET
OLIVER BURKIN
CHIEER CHADAR
ALEXANDER COLE
JOSHUA COYNE
ALEXEI ESSEX
KIERAN GRIFFITHS
BENJAMIN HEAD
THOMAS HOBBS
DIMOS KARAGIANNIS
JOZEF KOGOJ
LACHLAN KUSABS
TYSON LINSENMEIER
LIAM MILLER
ETHAN MURRAY
BENJAMIN TROTTA
JACK WARD
COOPER WEGENER

CHARLIE BOWMAN



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MENS LEAGUES
WOMENS LEAGUES
JUNIOR LEAGUES
ALL ABILITIES LEAGUES**
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CROYDON FC

ANGUS BAKER
ELIJAH BOJCEVSKI
JAMES BOWLING
CHRISTIAN BRAZZALE
MARCANTONIO CLEMENTE
JOSEPH COPPOLA
ZAK COSIC
NGUET DENG
LACHLAN DOCHERTY
JOHNNY FINAMORE
TUMBIKA KALUA
CHRISTIAN LACANALE
THOMAS MASTRANTUONE
ISAAC MATIKULAS
SHALIN NANAYAKKARA
CALVIN PHILLIS
DANIEL SCINTO
MATTHEW WOITHE
PHIL SCARDIGNO



ADELAIDE UNITED

MATIAS ALOISI
LUKA BLAZEVIC
BRODY BURKITT
JAMES CARROCCI
YIORGOS COUTSOUMBES
HARRY CRAWFORD
FABIAN GRELLI
CAMERON HARRIS
MOHAMMED HASSAN
FEYZO KASUMOVIC
HENRY LYNCH
PATRICK MCGREGOR
SAJJAD NASIRI
MALUAL NICHOLA
OSCAR PAGE
JAKE PORTER
BAE VERSACE
ELVIS MARKOV

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WT BIRKALLA

ETHAN ALLISON
JAMES ASHWORTH
CAMERON CARLTON
HARRISON CAVALLARO
BRODIE EVERETT
LIAM FREW
DYLAN KLAASSEN THOMAS
ALEX MARCHESAN
CONNOR MATHER
CALLUM MURRAY
PETER MYLIDONIS
AKASH NAIR
DILLON PAECH
SEBASTIAN SIMONE
JAYDEN STEWARD
ALEX TSACONAS
JAMES TSECAGIAS
NICHOLAS WOOLLEY

TOM OVERALL



CUMBERLAND UNITED

HAMZA ALI
JAMES ANTONIOU
DANIEL BERGAMIN
GURUDEV BHATIA
ADRIAN DUFFY
ANGUS EDEN
KADE ELLIOTT
CHARLES FINNIMORE
GEORGE FITTON
BEN FRATERMAN
JAKE HUXTABLE
HAYDEN METTNER
XAVIER NICHOLS
CONNOR NIXON
OWEN SMITH
HUDSON WELLINGTON
LACHLAN WISZNIEWSKI
COOPER YOUNG

JIM GUFFOGG

LINEUP

STATE LEAGUE TWO RESERVES GRAND FINAL



COVE FC

PATRICK ALLEN
BLAKE ANDERSON
JOSH BECKER
HARRISON BIGG
REUBEN BROWN
BRANDAN CHENOWETH
JARED DALY
SHAWN ETIENNETTE
COOPER FREEMAN
JED GAUCI
CHRIS HOSKINS
FABRICE IRADUKUNDA
FAHAD JASEEM
DILLON MARTIN
FLYNN OSLAND
KODY QUANDT
CONNOR WESTLEY
MAX WILLIAMS

ANDREW BURGESS



ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

ANDREW CALLOW
EDWARD CAPONE
BLAKE CARNIE
FRED CLEAYON
ALESSIO CONCI
ARASHI INABA
LIAM KILICK
ANGELO KRANTIS
PETER LIAKIMIS
ALEXANDER LOBBAN
JAMES MANNELLA
DANTE MAUR
JORDAN MERLINO
DOMENICO QUAGLIATA
TOM ROPE
EVAN WADE
LACHLAN ZETTER

BENITO MESISCA

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CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

ALEX ANIBALDI
ANTONIO BORRELLI
ETHAN BORRELLI
JACOB BRACCHI
CHRISTIAN DECORSO
MATTIAS DESCISCIO
MASSIMO GRANOZIO
JACK HAMZAH
THOMAS IOMMAZZO
HENRY KNIGHT
MAX KOCH
NOAH MATTHEWS
SEBASTIAN RATCLIFFE
ATEM RING
LUKE SPAGNOLETTI
BARNABY WOOD
MAX GRASSELLI



ADELAIDE OLYMPIC

RICARDO BOTES
RYLAN CHAMINGS
CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
ALEXANDROS GEORGAKOPOULOS
LEWIS HALLAM
CHARLIE LINARDAKIS
NATHAN LUPPINO
TOMAS MARU DESTA
ALEXANDER MOUNGOS
CORRADO MUSCI
ARTHUR NASTOU
ALEJANDRO POVEDA
CODY SEPTOE
LUKAS SMITH
MOHAMMED TURAY
NATHAN UNG
BILL NASTOU

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STATE LEAGUE ONE

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WEST ADELAIDE

JAMES AUSTIN
LUCAS BOTSOS
DEAN GIANNACOPOULOS
TYLA HOCKING
FOTIOS KARGIOTIS
TIMOTHY KARTSONIS
SHEHAB RAHMA
RAHIM SSENTONGO
JAMES TOLIS
ZYE TRAINO
KHAI TRAN
LIEM TRAN
JAMES TSACONAS
SOCRATES TSANGARI
JACK TSENTIDIS
HAMZA ZAHID

YIANNI STAMATELOPOULOS



STURT LIONS

ISAAC BRANNAN
ZAC CAPPELLO
TIMOTHY COOLING
THOMAS GREEN
REECE HOYLAND
NATHAN HUMPHRIES
HEATH KERSHAW
NOAH MANS
PANAYIOTI MARANTOS
RILEY PAICE
BRODIE RALPH
KAISER SEIDEL
WILLIAM STRONNAR
DAVID SWINBURNE
MICHAEL VIDEON
THOMAS WAITE

GENE LASHCHUK

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SEAFORD RANGERS

DANIEL AGNEW
JACK CARTER
ADAM CHOTHIA
ARCHER CHRISTMAS
DOMINIC FRANZESE
JACK GALLOWAY
ALEXANDER GOUGH
KOBI GWATKING
LUCA HAMMOND
TAYLOR KEMP
CHARLIE PEEL
KYTON PRINGLE
TAIT PRINGLE
TATE ROWLINSON
JOSHUA TAYLOR
WILLIAM VAN WYK
CHRIS PRINGLE



NOARLUNGA UNITED

HARLEY BRIDLE
JORDAN CUTTS
BROCK DICKER
NICHOLAS EBOURNE
LACHLANN HEARN-JONES
OLIVER HUTSON
NICHOLAS MARTINS
BRODIE MARUSIC
HENRY MCLEOD
JUSTIN MUYAYA
ETHAN RACHER
LOUIS THOMAS
SENNE VERSTEEG
JERVIS WILSON
DANILO ZIVKOVIC
VIKTOR MARUSIC

