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# CUP FINALS

**SERVICEFM STADIUM**  
**SATURDAY 12 JULY**

**MATCH DAY PROGRAM**



# WELCOME

MICHAEL CARTER - CEO, FOOTBALL SA



On behalf of Football South Australia, I extend a warm welcome to all clubs, officials, players, and spectators to ServiceFM Stadium for the 2025 Football SA Cup Final Day.

The growth and success of football in South Australia, creating opportunities for players of all ages, would not be possible without the support of our corporate partners, clubs, associations, match officials, the Board, committees, and the dedicated volunteers who are the backbone of our sport.

This year's Football SA Cup Final Day will feature exciting matchups across both men's and women's competitions, with all teams having the chance to showcase their skills and determination on the superb pitches at ServiceFM Stadium.

The Federation Cup Final sees MetroStars face off against Adelaide Croatia Raiders in what promises to be a thrilling contest for the prestigious cup. We also congratulate both teams for making it through to the Australia Cup Round of 32. In the Apex Steel WNPL & WSL Cup Final, West Adelaide will take on Football SA, with both teams eager to claim the title and further cement their place as leaders in women's football.

The Reserves Federation Cup Final between Adelaide Comets and Campbelltown City will be another hard-fought battle, with both sides aiming to take home the cup. Additionally, the Women's Reserves Cup Final will see Adelaide Jaguars go head-to-head with Football SA, marking another exciting chapter in the growth of women's football in South Australia.

On behalf of the Football SA Board, Management, and Staff, I hope you enjoy what is set to be a fantastic day of football as we celebrate this pivotal moment in South Australian football and witness the crowning of the 2025 Cup Champions.





# EVENT PROGRAM

SAT 12 JULY	EVENTS
8:30 AM	Gates Open
9:30 AM	Women's Reserves Cup Final Commences
11:15 AM	Women's Reserves Cup Final Ends
12 PM	Men's Reserves Cup Final Commences
12:40 PM	MiniRoos Football Fives Festival Commences
1:45 PM	Men's Reserves Cup Final Ends
2:30 PM	APEX STEEL Cup Final Commences
3:20 PM	Half-Time Direct Collect Challenge (Win \$1,000)
4 PM	MiniRoos Football Fives Festival Ends
4:15 PM	APEX STEEL Cup Final Ends
5 PM	Senior Men's Cup Final Commences
5:50 PM	Half-Time Direct Collect Challenge (Win \$1,000)
6:45 PM	Senior Men's Cup Final Ends





### **FEDERATION CUP FINAL**

5PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM

METROSTARS V ADELAIDE CROATIA RAIDERS

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### **APEX STEEL WNPL & WSL CUP FINAL**

2:30PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM

WEST ADELAIDE V FOOTBALL SA

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### **MENS RESERVE CUP FINAL**

12PM | SERVICEFM STADIUM

ADELAIDE COMETS V CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

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### **WOMENS RESERVE CUP FINAL**

9:30AM | SERVICEFM STADIUM

ADELAIDE JAGUARS V FOOTBALL SA



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# MATCH PREVIEW

BY ANTONIS PAGONIS

MetroStars and Adelaide Croatia Raiders have experienced starkly different 2025 campaigns. Despite their contrasting fortunes in the league season, this year's Federation Cup Final sees them clash for the season's first piece of silverware.

One NPL SA Grand Final appearance, one Federation Cup win, two Premierships, and a deep Australia Cup run. Saying that MetroStars have been one of South Australia's pace setters since Danny Graystone was hired as the club's Head Coach would be an understatement.

One of the blemishes of Graystone's time in charge was an early exit in the third round of the 2024 Federation Cup, losing to Croydon at home only days after beating them comfortably in the league.

Speaking to Front Page Football, Graystone believes that the loss has driven his side this year through a challenging cup run, which has included both of last year's finalists, Campbelltown City and Modbury Jets.

"We were absolutely gutted last year," Graystone admitted.

"From the outset in pre-season, when we sat down to talk about the year ahead and what our goals and ambitions were going to be, the first thing that came up from the players was how disappointed they were at the early cup exit, because we were the cup-holders at the time as well.

*"It is not always about playing in the Australia Cup, but also winning a trophy. There aren't many opportunities to win silverware in one's lifespan; it's fantastic to make the Round of 32, but we're looking forward to the Cup Final because it's a special occasion."*





# MATCH PREVIEW

One of the key learnings from Graystone's early Federation Cup exit last year was the need for squad depth to improve. With MetroStars reaching a Cup Final, making the national Stage of the Australia Cup, and presumably aiming to go deep in the NPL SA Finals Series, and likely competing in the first iteration of the Australian Championship, Graystone is glad the club invested in the squad's already solid foundation by adding the likes of Owen Windsor, Arbi Mollas, Lionel Muhitira, and Jake Porter.

*"The difference we have found this year compared to other years is that we have some real strength in depth. We've lost Nicholas Pedicini early on, Jackson (Fortunatow) has been out, Fabian (Barbiero) has been out for a large portion of the season, but have seamlessly replaced them with players who are hungry and operating at the same level, which is something that we haven't had in previous years and is key with our packed schedule."*

Graystone's words are reflected by the league table, where MetroStars stand first with an eight-point lead, having also added the quality of Lachlan Barr to an already stacked team.

MetroStars' opponents in the Final are the Adelaide Croatia Raiders, who languish in 11th place on the league table, 24 points behind the league leaders. But Graystone knows that this is not a true reflection of the opposition's quality.

"Raiders have shown in recent weeks that the league table doesn't really justify the quality of their squad," Graystone said on the change of fortunes that has seen Croatia win three of their last four games in all competitions.

"They've put in some massive performances in recent weeks; they will have big support there because this is a massive game for their club, but it is a massive game for us as well.



# MATCH PREVIEW

"One of the things we have learned over the past year is that teams raise themselves to play MetroStars, not just because of MetroStars being there, but when you are on top of the league, everyone raises themselves to play against you.

*"We've got quite humble players, we never enter a game thinking we are just going to turn up and win. Raiders do like to get the ball down and play football, so it should be an entertaining spectacle as well."*

In the other corner, not many expected Adelaide Croatia Raiders to be in this Federation Cup Final. This feeling is not a reflection of the club's stature, but rather the turmoil they found themselves in a month ago.

The tension reached a crescendo at Gepps Cross after Raiders, stuck at the bottom of the table, were comfortably defeated by rivals FK Beograd at home days before a rematch in the Federation Cup Semi-Final.

The club made the difficult choice to release coach, and heart and soul member of the local Croatian community, Vlado Blazeka, from his role, replacing him with former player Phil Scardigno.

To say Scardigno had a baptism by fire would be an understatement. Meeting the players for the first time on Monday night, he had 48 hours to settle the group and orchestrate a plan for the Semi-Final against the high-flying Beograd.

"It was the most uncommon incident I have experienced in nearly 25 years of coaching!" Scardigno exclaimed.





# MATCH PREVIEW

*"Normally, you get at least a week to work with your players, but I met the players on Monday night before the Wednesday game, we had a recovery session, and we literally went through the game plan I wanted to implement in the change room the night of the game!"*

Scardigno wanted his side to remain solid and go into half-time restricting their opponents, before building their confidence from there. The game plan worked, with a late penalty converted by Donatien Niyonkuru, sending Croatia to the Federation Cup Final.

For Scardigno, this is a stage synonymous with the club, a message he is ensuring his players understand, despite an unfortunate campaign so far.

"One of the first things I said to the group when I took over that night was that my time previously with Adelaide Croatia was that of a club always near the top of the table and playing for trophies; I've never been at Croatia in the position it is in now.

*"My thoughts and memories, whether that was playing there or as a competitor, were that it is one of the key teams in the competition. For me, that was the message I wanted to get to the players, that they are not there just to be competitors, but to have that mindset of my days at the club and my assistant's, Brenton Hiern, because that is the Adelaide Croatia we know."*

When it comes to his side's opposition on Cup Final day, Scardigno knows his team has its hands full when it comes to containing MetroStars.

Scardigno praised the MetroStars' quality and stability, describing the match as a "mammoth" task, especially with up to four senior players missing the final. But he knows his team will be prepared for the challenge.



# MATCH PREVIEW

"As much as you respect MetroStars for where they're at, what they've done, and their position on the table, at the end of the day, you treat it like a Cup Final and you ignore the table and engage in the one-on-one contest over 90 minutes and see what you can do.

*"It is currently a David and Goliath contest, and the betting man may back Metro on form, but it is an opportunity for us to play in a Cup Final, and many of the boys have never played in one before, particularly a senior one, and we'll make the most of the day because we have nothing to lose."*

While the MetroStars aim to reclaim the trophy they won in 2023, Adelaide Croatia Raiders seek to win their first Federation Cup in 22 years.

Winning the first trophy of the season can boost the belief of MetroStars in what is shaping up to be the club's most significant season ever. Meanwhile, for the Raiders, silverware not only brings back pride at Gepps Cross but also the confidence to rise from the relegation battle they find themselves embroiled in.

The two sides clash at ServiceFM Stadium on Saturday, July 12, with the Federation Cup on the line.



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RD32



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RD16



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QF



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SF



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# ROAD TO THE FINAL

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RD64



6:0

RD32



3:2

RD16



2:1

QF



1:0

SF



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# SQUAD LISTS

NUMBER	PLAYERS
1	Cody Oestreich
2	Lachlan Barr
3	Lochlan Czapla
4	Noah Mcnamara
5	Christian D'Angelo
7	Hamish Gow
8	Christian Sotira
9	Owen Windsor
11	Cameron Woodfin
12	Jake Porter
17	Thomas Visser
18	Fabian Barbiero (C)
20	Lionnel Muhitira
22	Jackson Walls (C)

NUMBER	PLAYERS
23	Scott Nagel
25	Michael Cittadini
50	Alessandro Santos

ROLE	TEAM OFFICIAL
Coach	Daniel Graystone
Asst Coach	Adam Holmes
Asst Coach	Nicole Calder
Asst Coach	Anthony Breaden
Manager	Zoran Duric
Physio	Aidan Scipioni
Conditioning Coach	Tom Hill



# SQUAD LISTS

NUMBER	PLAYERS
1	Corrado Musci
3	Jack Osterstock
4	Kaelen Laird
6	Noah Blazeka (C)
7	Donatien Niyonkuru
8	Calum Campbell
10	Paul Radice
14	Oliver Zafiridis (C)
16	Alessio Benvenuto
19	Rhys Thompson
20	Marco Torriani
21	Josua Zganec
22	Vincent Barbaro
26	Yuto Ikeda

NUMBER	PLAYERS
28	Marko Muhahaweninmana
31	Stefan Matteo
42	Philimen Uwineza

ROLE	TEAM OFFICIAL
Coach	Phil Scardigno
Asst Coach	Nik Hagicostas
Asst Coach	Brenton Hiern
Asst Coach	David Bruno Carosi
GK Coach	Zlatko Belanic
Physio	Sam Lancaster







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RD16

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QF



3:2

SF



3:1

GF







# ROAD TO THE FINAL

BYE

RD32

2:1

RD16



2:1

QF



1:0

SF



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GF







# SQUAD LISTS

NUMBER	PLAYERS
1	Erin Murphy
2	Emily Hodgson
3	Gemma MacFarlane
4	Hayley Wellington
6	Abbey Burns
7	Madeleine Wright
8	Georgia Macri
9	Harriet Burnett
11	Laura Johns
12	Nicole Blackett (C)
14	Victoria Costanzo
15	Lily Di Cola
19	Leah Noto
20	Natalie Hayman

NUMBER	PLAYERS
23	Anna Pritchard
24	Emma Ryan
27	Niina Yamada
34	Tessie Mitchell

ROLE	TEAM OFFICIAL
Coach	Kosta Jaric
Asst Coach	Owen Gallas
Asst Coach	Robson Burnett
Asst Coach	Theo Mylonas
Asst Coach	Alex Tullio
Physio	Sachi Rajeev Jain



# SQUAD LISTS

NUMBER	PLAYERS
1	Ilona Meleg
2	Sienna Calvanese
3	Mikyla Holdcroft
4	Marli Donsberg
5	Lily Barber
6	Anastasia Simic (C)
8	Stella Wieczorek
9	Gracen Blieschke
10	Nicola Krantis
11	Piper Cosgrove
12	Maeve Nicholas
13	Faith Hudson-Turner
14	Annalise Simpson
15	Ellena Vega

NUMBER	PLAYERS
70	Sian Dewey
71	Miley Grigg
99	Mia Trimboli
	Aleesha Tara Gray

ROLE	TEAM OFFICIAL
Coach	Michele Lastella
Asst Coach	Louis Centrone
Asst Coach	Mark Lobianco
Asst Coach	Danyon Loud
Manager	Camilla Barry



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# SQUAD LISTS

## ADELAIDE COMETS

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ALEX **GIANNACOPOULOS**  
HOSHAM **HASHIMY**  
CAMERON **HAYES**  
JAY **JUNG**  
CHRISTIAN **KUNA**  
RUBEN **LAWRIE**  
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OSMERA **SMART**  
GIANNI **TRAMONTIN**  
MOHAMMED **TURAY**  
NATHAN **UNG**

## CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

ALEX **ANIBALDI**  
CHRISTIAN **BERLINGERI**  
ANTONIO **BORRELLI**  
ETHAN **BORRELLI**  
ANGUS **BURDON**  
LIAM **DE CORSO**  
ALEXANDER **DE SIATO**  
MASSIMO **GRANOZIO**  
ISAAC **IALEGGIO**  
JULIAN **IALEGGIO**  
THOMAS **IONMAZZO**  
MAX **KOCH**  
NOAH **MATHEWS**  
VINNIE **MILANESE**  
CALVIN **PHILLIS**  
SEBASTIAN **RATCLIFFE**  
HARVEY **STEELE**  
BARNABY **WOOD**





# SQUAD LISTS

## ADELAIDE JAGUARS

JESSICA **ATTARD**  
DAISY **CHEESMAN**  
BROOKE **DILMETZ**  
SIENNA **DOCTOR**  
ASHLEIGH **DOLMAN**  
HAYLEY **FRASER**  
JAZMIN **LEE GABELL**  
MADDISON **GREAVES**  
CLARE **LEVY**  
REMI **MAUNDER**  
MACKENZIE **OWEN**  
RILEY **REARDON**  
AIMME **SOUTHWELL**  
ALANA **TRUSIEWICZ**  
HEATHER **WILSON**  
ZOE **YORK**

## FOOTBALL SA

MAYA **BEGGS**  
MINNIE **CLARK**  
POPPY **CLARK**  
SOFIA **DI STEFANO**  
TANVEER **DUNDULI**  
AVA **GEE**  
ADELE **GRIMA**  
ELLA **KEAM**  
RUBY **KING**  
AJOB **MATHIANG**  
MACIE **PAGE**  
NAKITA **PEREIRA**  
SIENNA **GRACE ROGGE**  
KAYLA **SHEPERD**  
SOPHIE **TARASENKO**  
LUCY **MAYE WICKS**  
WILLOW **ROSE ROODWARD**



# SQUAD LISTS

## CAMPBELLTOWN CITY

RIAD **AL HALABI**  
FABIAN **ALTAMURA**  
ANAN **AMIDZIC**  
ALEX **ANIBALDI**  
JACOB **BOOTH**  
ALEX **BORRELLI**  
JACOB **BRACCHI**  
MARCUS **CAPORASO**  
CHRISTIAN **DECORSO**  
MATTIAS **DESCISCIO**  
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AKIRA **LIM**  
EMILIO **PIOMBO**  
TIMOTHY **QUEK**  
LUKE **SPAGNOLETTI**  
ARCHIE **WILSON**

## FOOTBALL SA

ARIZ **MEHDI AFZALIE**  
KALAN **ALAGICH**  
DEKLAN **COOPER-NDAMBUKI**  
HUDSON **DYLAN**  
MITCHELL **KNIGHT**  
KASPAR **KUZMAN**  
KERON **LONGHE**  
CAMPBELL **MATTNER**  
HUGO **NG**  
JOEL **OCHIENG**  
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# MATCH OFFICIALS

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## FEDERATION CUP FINAL

Referee: Curtis Wordsworth  
Asst Referee 1: Liam Miller  
Asst Referee 2: Nick Elagin

4th Official: Tom Brinkworth  
Referee Coach: Andrew Murray

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## APEX STEEL WNPL/WSL CUP FINAL

Referee: Ellie Seaton  
Asst Referee 1: Alexander Diamond  
Asst Referee 2: Ibrahim Saidi

4th Official: Angus Macdonald  
Referee Coach: Jonathan Hunter

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## MEN RESERVES CUP FINAL

Referee: Joseph Bojcevski  
Asst Referee 1: Robert Billingham  
Asst Referee 2: Declan Clark

4th Official: Judah Tan  
Referee Coach: Sean Grimmond

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## WOMEN RESERVES CUP FINAL

Referee: Samuel Mcleod Banwell  
Asst Referee 1: Bede Nizigiyimana  
Asst Referee 2: Cassandra Hughes

4th Official: Cameron Joy  
Referee Coach: Raymond Grima



# PREVIOUS CUP WINNERS (MEN)

<b>METROSTARS</b> (2008)	<b>ADELAIDE CITY</b> (2014)	<b>NO COMPETITION</b> (2020)
<b>CUMBERLAND UNITED</b> (2009)	<b>CROYDON KINGS</b> (2015)	<b>ADELAIDE OLYMPIC</b> (2021)
<b>ADELAIDE BLUE EAGLES</b> (2010)	<b>METROSTARS</b> (2016)	<b>ADELAIDE CITY</b> (2022)
<b>WESTERN STRIKERS</b> (2011)	<b>METROSTARS</b> (2017)	<b>METROSTARS</b> (2023)
<b>METROSTARS</b> (2012)	<b>ADELAIDE COMETS</b> (2018)	<b>CAMPBELLTOWN CITY</b> (2024)
<b>ADELAIDE CITY</b> (2013)	<b>ADELAIDE OLYMPIC</b> (2019)	2025



# PREVIOUS CUP WINNERS (WOMEN)

<b>METRO UNITED (2008)</b>	<b>WEST ADELAIDE (2014)</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2020)</b>
<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2009)</b>	<b>METRO UNITED (2015)</b>	<b>SALISBURY INTER (2021)</b>
<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2010)</b>	<b>FULHAM UNITED (2016)</b>	<b>WEST ADELAIDE (2022)</b>
<b>ADELAIDE OLYMPIC (2011)</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2017)</b>	<b>ADELAIDE COMETS (2023)</b>
<b>ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY (2012)</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2018)</b>	<b>WEST ADELAIDE (2024)</b>
<b>METRO UNITED (2013)</b>	<b>ADELAIDE CITY (2019)</b>	2025



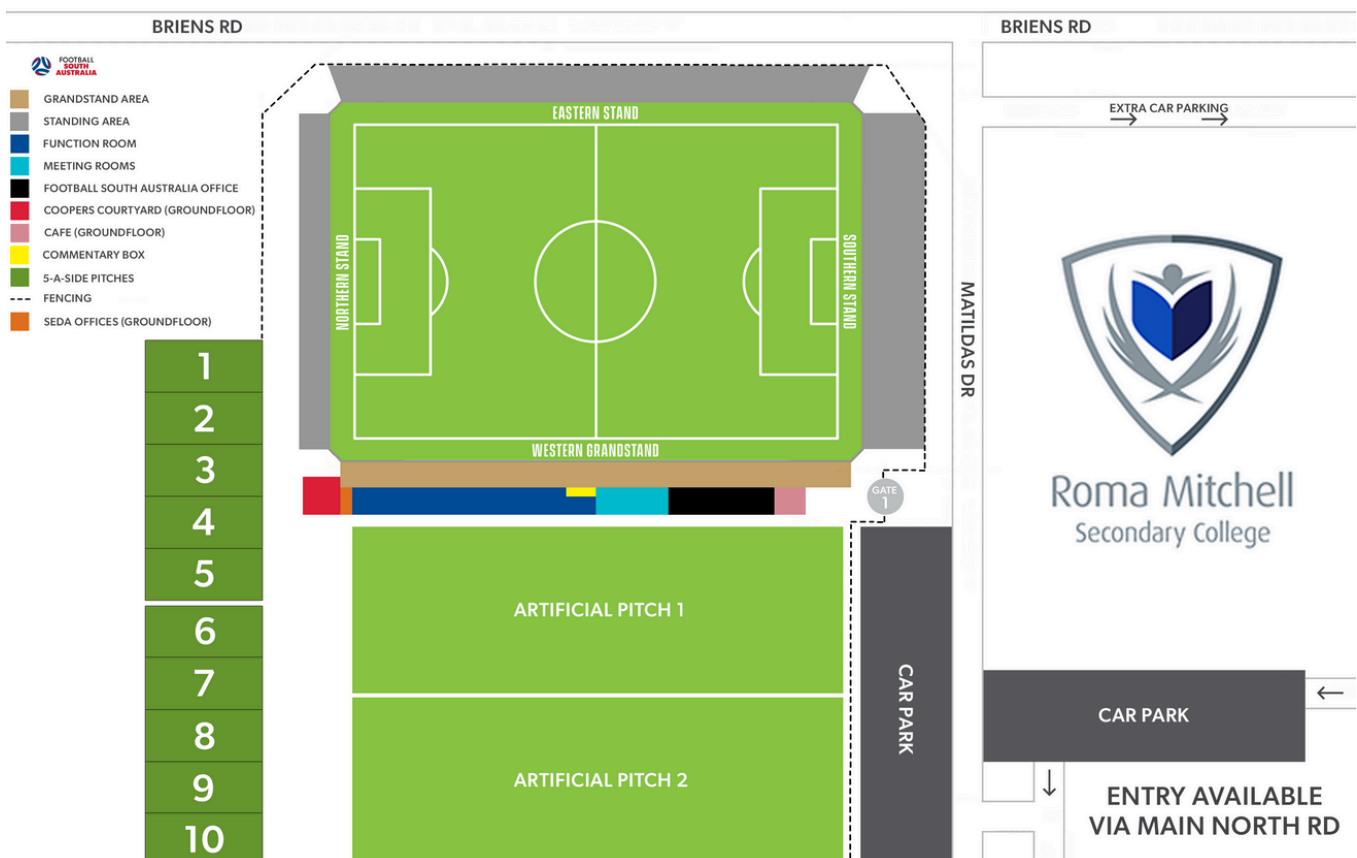




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# VENUE MAP

STATE CENTRE FOR FOOTBALL MAP





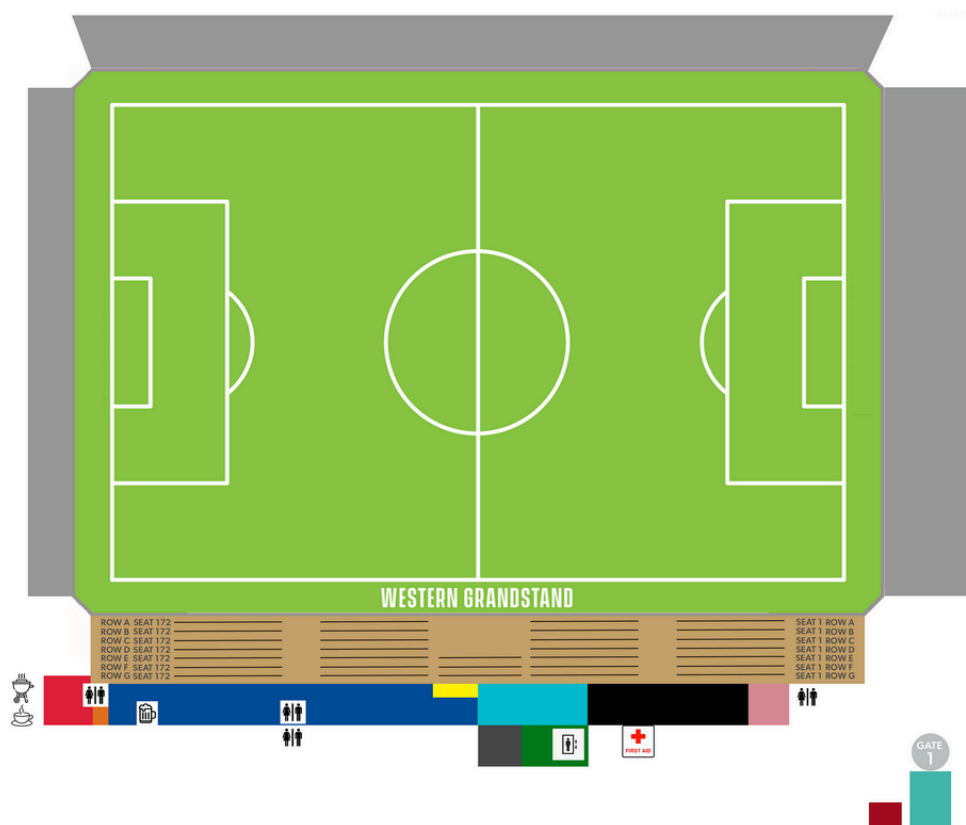
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# VENUE MAP

SERVICEFM STADIUM FOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY MAP

## STATE CENTRE FOR FOOTBALL MATCHDAY MAP

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MATILDAS DR

- TOILET
- FIRST AID
- BAR
- ELEVATOR
- BBQ
- COFFEE CART
- GRANDSTAND AREA
- STANDING AREA
- FUNCTION ROOM + BAR + TOILET
- MEETING ROOMS
- FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA OFFICE
- COOPERS COURTYARD/BAR (GROUND FLOOR)
- CAFE (GROUND FLOOR)
- COMMENTARY BOX
- BUILDING FOYER + ELEVATOR
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