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2022 GRAND FINAL







SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022 VALENTINE SPORTS PARK UNDER 20S - 3PM • FIRST GRADE - 6PM

MATCH PREVIEW

In the final game of the League Three Men campaign, Newcastle Jets will take on Nepean FC in the Grand Final as the two sides go head to head for the title.

Meanwhile, in the Under 20's League Three Men Grand Final, the Jets will come up against UNSW FC.

Newcastle lets will take on Nepean FC in the Grand Final to conclude the League Three Men season at Valentine Sports Park at 6pm.

It took the lets just one game to make the Grand Final during the finals series, as they defeated current opponents Nepean FC in the Major Semi-Final on penalties.

Nepean's run to the Grand Final was more substantial.

They took on and defeated Hawkesbury City after extra time to make the Major Semi-Final, before being downed by the lets in that fixture.

To get to the Grand Final, they won 1-0 against Nepean FC, with a goal to Raajdeep Singh in the 55th minute securing their spot.

The two teams finished first and second on the ladder respectively in the regular season, with the lets five points clear of Nepean.

Newcastle lost just two matches across the regular campaign, the least in the league, while Nepean lost four, the second least.

The lets drew five times compared to Nepean's six and had two more victories compared to their opponents, with Newcastle winning 12 matches.

Newcastle's 55 goals scored across the campaign was only second to UNSW by one, while Nepean scored

36, the joint fourth most.

Interestingly, Nepean and Newcastle conceded the same amount of goals (23) over the course of the season, the joint least over the campaign, showing their solidity in defence.

Defensive structure, intensity and ability could form the key to who emerges victorious on Saturday night, with only two matches of the finals campaign seeing a side score more than once – one being Prospect United's 5-1 victory over Hawkesbury City and the other being Nepean's 3-2 win over Hawkesbury, although that was after extra time, with the score 1-1 at the original final whistle.

In regular time, only 10 goals have been scored across the five finals matches, with four being scored in four when taking off the Hawkesbury Prospect game.

This is where defensive solidity could come into play on the final day, although there's as much chance of another high-scoring match, which has been a headline feature of the overall League Three Men campaign.

In the regular season, Newcastle drew to Nepean 0-0 at home in round five before defeating them 2-0 away in round 16, before the lets victory on penalties after another 0-0 draw in the Major Semi-Final.

The League Three Men Grand Final promises to feature intense, energetic and high-quality football and is free of entry at Valentine Sports Park this Saturday night.

The game will also be broadcasted live exclusively on NPL.TV with commentator Nick Kutnjak if you're unable to attend live.





Players to watch

Edward Stewart

Nepean have been a strong defensive side throughout the campaign and will need the leadership, presence and quality of their captain Edward Stewart in the defensive line on Saturday night.

Stewart has been at the heart of Nepean's defensive solidity which has seen them prevent the Jets from scoring two times when they've played this season – Newcastle has only failed to score four times this campaign.

Adam Zervas

For Newcastle, Adam Zervas is a player to look out for come the weekend.

An advanced midfielder, Zervas has impressed throughout the season with his close control, quick change of direction and range of passing.

He could be the key to unlocking Nepean's strong defensive structure with his bursts and decisive actions into space.

Under 20's Grand Final

Newcastle Jets vs UNSW FC – Saturday 3pm, Valentine Sports Park

In the final match of the Under 20's League Three Men competition, Newcastle Jets will take on UNSW FC in the Grand Final.

The Jets finished first on the Under 20's ladder, and cruised to the Grand Final in just one game, as they defeated the now eliminated South Coast Flame in the Major Semi-Final 6-1.

UNSW, meanwhile, finished fifth on the ladder, defeating Hurstville FC on goal difference and have had a sustained finals campaign which has led to them reaching the final stage.

They defeated Camden Tigers 2-0 in the Elimination Semi-Final, before winning against Parramatta FC by one goal in the Minor Semi-Final.

UNSW made the Grand Final with another 1-0 win, this time over South Coast Flame and will be taking on a strong Jets side for the title this weekend.

By Football NSW League 3 Men's Reporter, Jack George (@JackGeorge0004)



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UNDER 20S

TEAM LISTS



1	Jack	Kenny (GK)
2	Kai	Herd
3	Oscar	Krakanthorp
4	Blake	Robinson
5	Kierry	James
6	Thomas	O'Connor (C)
7	Joseph	Smith
8	William	Eick
9	Isaac	Collins
10	lan	Gurung
11	Aswyin	Gurung
12	Jayden	Aitchison
13	Riley	Vanharen
14	Luca	West
15	Charlie	Kelley
16	Lachlan	Griffiths
17	Jordy	Baylis (GK)

Coach: Blair Newham

Assistant GK Coach: Andrew Goldman

Physio: Beau Keywood



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1	Yanni	Mavrikis (GK)
13	Dylan	Walz
16	Tom	Suters
22	Marcus	Ang
25	Joel	Guy (C)
27	Max	McAlpine
28	Jake	Aguilar
29	Callum	Gilbert
30	Julen	Goicoechea
31	Darcy	Doyle
32	Will	Bourguignon
33	Luka	Krizan
34	Christian	Sinclair
36	Kaden	Sharpley
37	John	Scicluna
38	Ethan	Krug
39	Ming-Lok	Sun
40	Moses	Chan
	Adam	Pascale
	Nathan	Susskind
	Nicolas	Carr

Coach: John Micalizzi

Assistant Coach: Andrew Harb Technical Director: Gabriel Knowles Team Manager: Peter Croucher Physiotherapist: Dhanya Karthikeyan

Referee: Melik Ibrahim

Assistant Referees: Nicholas Kour and Aaron Bloch

Fourth Official: Gregory Roberts

FIRST GRADE

TEAM LISTS



2	Alex	Nunes
3	Jiorgio	Jafari
4	Ben	Van Dorssen
5	Dominic	Archbold
6	Angus	Muddle
7	Lachlan	West
8	Mason	Fernandez
9	Taylan	Unal
10	Adam	Zervas
11	Peter	Grozos
12	Xavier	Bertoncello
13	Kierry	James
14	Nicholas	Kacev
16	Isaac	Collins
18	Kyle	McSeveney
20	Jack	Kenny
97	Jordan	Baylis

Coach: Riccardo Marchioli Assistant GK Coach: Andrew

Goldman

Team Manager: David Cleary Physio: Beau Keywood



1	Jade	Jonsson
2	Shane	Prasad
3	Kamran	Qayumi
4	Edward	Stewart
6	Mitchell	King
8	Christopher	Godoy Bascur
9	Majid	Eslami
10	Mathew	Crossley
14	Rory	McGeown
16	Michael	Borazio
17	Mason	Ingram
18	Ryan	Dominici
20	Anthony	Trimboli
21	Zeke	Prisuda
24	Raajdeep	Singh
25	Andrea	Cavallaro
31	Richard	Stewart
37	Blake	Foufas
41	Kalan	Copeland

Coach: Joe D'Ermilio

Assistant Coach: Alexi Kramer Assistant Coach: Jack Belardo Team Manager: Karen Chester Team Physio: Liam Piscopo

Referee: Jerry Bitas

Assistant Referees: John Garcia and Alessandro Llana

Fourth Official: Khodr Yaghi











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