



CAPITAL FOOTBALL
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Four square at top of ladder

There's a four way logjam at the top of the ladder in the Women's Open Competition at the 31st FFA Futsal National Championships after a mixed round of results on day two of the tournament.

NSW Thunder, ACT Cobras, Queensland and NSW Lightning share the lead on nine points each with the Thunder in top spot just one goal ahead of ACT Cobras on goal difference.

All four sides suffered one loss to go with their two victories as they came face to face for the first time on day two. In the day's biggest match a sole strike from Becky Roche, one of four goals she managed in three games, gave the ACT Cobras a priceless 1-0 victory over NSW Thunder. The result was especially significant given the Cobras shock 1-2 defeat to NSW Lightning in round two. The Cobras finished the day in sparkling form crushing Northern NSW Hawks 7-1 with Roche grabbing a hat-trick.

Stephanie Haim was amongst the goals for NSW Thunder claiming a goal as the favourites defeated the Hawks 4-2 and two more in the 3-0 win over a previously undefeated Queensland. Haim was in sparkling form throughout the day and put down an early marker for tournament MVP.

The 3-0 loss to NSW Thunder marked the first loss of the championship for Queensland who had looked particularly strong defensively before that outing. Outside of the triumvirate of Thunder goals the Maroons had conceded just once. A 2-0 win over Victoria got them on their way in the morning, before a hat-trick from Rebekah Stott inspired a 4-1 win over NSW Lightning.

Erin Walsh was the star of the show for Western Australia scoring four times, including a memorable contender for goal of the tournament in the 3-0 defeat of Southern NSW. The diminutive Walsh thumped a half-volley of some power from near halfway that flashed into the top corner of the goal, one of a brace of quick fire strikes from the lively player. Walsh followed that display with a goal in the 3-2 win over Victoria and the loss, by the same margin, to NSW Lightning.

But even Walsh's goal scoring heroics paled when compared to the five-goal haul claimed by Southern NSW's Amy Copping. Without a goal to their name prior to the round three clash with the Hawks, the Southern NSW team went goal crazy as they smashed eight past the beleaguered Northern NSW goalkeeper. Copping's swag puts her top of the Golden Boot charts.

Day Three sees another two rounds of women's fixtures with the ACT Cobras v Queensland match looking the pick of the day's action.

DAY TWO RESULTS

Women's Open - Round Two

Queensland 2 (Brooke Skelly, Georgie Bridges) defeated Victoria 0 NSW Lightning 2 (Sarah Semaan, Dominique Caridad) defeated ACT Cobras 1 (Rachel Crittenden) Western Australia 3 (Erin Walsh (2), Jess Linquist) defeated Southern NSW 0 NSW Thunder 4 (Rhiannon Fleming, Rose Scarlato, Stephanie Haim, Ifenia Redopoulos) defeated Northern NSW Hawks 2 (Jessica Alisa, Sarah O'Connor)

Women's Open - Round Three

Queensland 4 (Rebekah Stott (3), Kate Orkild) defeated NSW Lightning 1 (Sarah Semaan) Western Australia 3 (Erin Walsh, Bianca Landrona, Jeesica Linquist) defeated Victoria 2 (Ashleigh Kelly, Melanie Camilleri) Southern NSW 8 (Amy Copping (5), Kylie Meehan, Mel Cox, Patricia Charalambous) defeated Northern NSW Hawks 0 ACT Cobras 1 (Becky Roche) defeated NSW Thunder 0

Women's Open - Round Four

Victoria 4 (Emily Leversha (2), Melanie Camilleri, Deanna Niceski) defeated Southern NSW 1 (Kylie Meehan) NSW Lightning 3 (Sarah Semaan (2), own goal) defeated Western Australia 2 (Erin Walsh, Jessica Sardi) NSW Thunder 3 (Stephanie Haim (2), Sophie Svinos) defeated Queensland 0 ACT Cobras 7 (Becky Roche (3), Rachel Crittenden, Sarah Crittenden, Laura Jones, Sabrina Spinapolic) defeated Northern NSW 1 (Sarah O'Connor)

Women's Open - After Round Four

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	NSW Thunder	4	3	0	1	13	3	+10	9
2	ACT Cobras	4	3	0	1	12	3	+9	9
3	Queensland	4	3	0	1	8	4	+4	9
4	NSW Lightning	4	3	0	1	10	7	+3	9
5	West Australia	4	2	0	2	8	7	+1	6
6	Southern NSW	4	1	0	3	9	13	-4	3
7	Victoria	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
8	NNSW Hawks	4	0	0	4	4	23	-20	0

LEADING SCORERS

5 Amy COPPING (Southern NSW)

4 Becky ROCHE (ACT Cobras), Sarah SEMAAN (NSW Lightning), Stephanie HAIM (NSW Thunder), Rebekah STOTT (Queensland), Erin WALSH (Western Australia)

2 Rachel CRITTENDEN, Sarah CRITTENDEN, Laura JONES (all ACT Cobras), Rhiannon FLEMING, Clare WALSH (both NSW Thunder), Sarah O'CONNOR (NNSW Hawks), Kate ORKILD (Queensland), Kylie MEEHAN (Southern NSW), Melanie CAMILLERI, Emily LEVERSHA (both Victoria), Jessica LINQUIST (Western Australia)

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