

## FFA National Futsal Championships Day 3 Wrap

At the conclusion of day three at the FFA National Futsal Championships in Canberra, New South Wales occupy the top two spots in both the Men's and Women's Open competitions with the Thunder and Lightning sitting one and two respectively at the half way stage of the tournament.

### Men's Open

The NSW Thunder extended their lead at the top of the table to five points after collecting maximum points in their three matches today but it wasn't without a scare from Victoria who conceded a couple late goals after having the favorites on the ropes.

In a NSW derby, the Thunder defeated the Lightning 3-0 in the morning before notching wins number five and six for the tournament over Victoria and Southern NSW respectively while the Lightning followed suit with a 4-2 victory over the ACT Cobras and a 3-2 win over Victoria late on day three.

The ACT Colts recorded three victories from as many attempts as well, accounting for Victoria 4-1, followed by Northern NSW Hornets 6-4 after scores were level 3-3 at half before and finally FC Ferrand 4-1.

The ACT Cobras dropped back to third after suffering their first loss of the competition going down to the NSW Lightning but restored some order this evening courtesy of a 6-2 drubbing of Northern NSW Hornets.

Unfortunately for Queensland, Victoria and FC Ferrand, neither team managed to pick up any points on day three while Northern NSW Hornets and Southern NSW collected one victory each with a 7-1 and 4-1 victories over the Sunshine State respectively.

### Women's Open

The top four has been decided already going into day four with NSW Thunder, NSW Lightning, Victoria and ACT Cobras all securing a semi final berth on day three of the championships.

The ACT Cobras dropped back two places to fourth place on the ladder after only being able to secure two draws on day three with consecutive 1-1 ties with Southern NSW and top of the table NSW Thunder.

The draw was the first time that the Thunder had dropped any points at the 2009 championships after earlier in the day thumping Northern NSW Hawks 7-1. The NSW Thunder lead the competition, two points ahead of the NSW Lightning who, along with Victoria, was the only teams to claim two victories during the day.

Victoria kept their finals aspirations alive with a 3-2 win over the Southern NSW Flames before defeating Southern NSW 2-0.

Western Australia went down to the NSW Lightning 1-0 in the morning session but made amends in the last game of the night with a 3-0 win over the Southern NSW Flames.

While the makeup of the top four has been decided, the positions are still wide open with only three points separating fourth placed ACT Cobras and the NSW Thunder. Unfortunately for Southern NSW, the full complement of points on Day Four would still see them miss out on a spot in the finals.

### Day 3 Results

**Open Women:** NSW Thunder 7 (H Buckingham 3 N Spirovski R Tomkins E Goss N Laws) Northern NSW Hawks 1 (J Lynch), Victoria 3 (A Kelly T Vlajnic P Bakopoulos) Southern NSW Flame 2 (C Regan S Fiarrett), Southern NSW 1 (J Clemente) ACT Cobras 1 (B Roche), Western Australia 0 NSW Lightning 1, Northern NSW Hawks 0 NSW Lightning 4 (E Rodopoulos A Sarandopoulos 2 J Saliba), Southern NSW 0 Victoria 2 (P Bakopoulos K Smith), ACT Cobras 1 (B Roche) NSW Thunder 1 (E Goss), Southern NSW Flame 0 Western Australia 3 (B Lavorgna J sardi 2)

**Open Men:** ACT Colts 4 (G Cattanach N Mihalakis T Mathas k Aitken) Victoria 1 (T Grgic), FC Ferrand (New Caledonia) 2 (D Wadriako H Helme) Southern NSW 6 (D Murchison B Greenwood 2 D Triffitt D Fernandes 2), Northern NSW Hornets 7 (P Haynes 3 C Barla L Printwater 2 N Baker) Queensland 1 (B Wilson), NSW Lightning 0 NSW Thunder 3 (M Musumeci A Vizzari), Northern NSW Hornets 4 (P Haynes 2 C Berlin 2) ACT Colts 6, Victoria 2 (B Masic L pieterse) NSW Thunder 4 (L Wright 2 R Fazzalano R Giovenali), NSW Lightning 4 (G Leuzzi 2 T Cao B Lam) ACT Cobras 2 (B Klug 2), ACT Colts 4 (C Lee G Cattanach T Mathas 2) FC Ferrand (New Caledonia) 1 (V Vasapolli), Southern NSW 4 (D Murchison D Bradley D Fernandes 2) Queensland 1 (G Staden), ACT Cobras 6 (T Flanigan M Munoz m Menser 2 P Ross-Magee 2) Northern NSW Hornets 2 (P Haynes ), NSW Thunder 2 (L Wright D Martinez) Southern NSW 1 (D Bradley), NSW Lightning 3 (R Teixeira T Cao 2) Victoria 2 (M Kuna 2)

#### Open Women

##### Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NSW Thunder	5	4	1	0	25	3	14
NSW Lightning	5	4	0	1	13	3	12
Victoria	5	4	0	1	12	6	12
ACT Cobras	5	2	3	0	9	4	11
Southern NSW	5	1	1	3	7	14	5
Southern NSW Flame	5	1	1	3	3	11	4
Western Australia	5	1	0	4	6	15	3
Northern NSW Hawks	5	0	0	5	2	21	0

#### Open Men

##### Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NSW Thunder	7	6	1	0	29	7	20
NSW Lightning	6	5	0	1	24	10	15
ACT Cobras	6	4	1	1	26	10	14
Southern NSW	6	4	0	2	19	14	12
ACT Colts	7	4	0	3	21	24	12
Northern NSW Hornets	6	2	0	4	21	29	6
Victoria	6	1	0	5	15	20	3
FC Ferrand (New Caledonia)	6	1	0	5	8	27	3
Queensland	6	0	0	6	7	29	0