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31st FFA Futsal National Championships
11-15 January 2010, Canberra

Thunder and Lightning lead the way

NSW Thunder and NSW Lightning are the sole remaining sides with 100% records after day two of the men's open competition at the 31st FFA Futsal National Championships.

The Thunder and Lightning won both their matches played on the second day of competition but were made to work hard for the points. Thunder required all of their experience to see off Southern NSW 2-1 before a far more comfortable 6-2 victory over Northern NSW Hunter. The goals were shared around the squad with veteran Simon Keith netting in both matches.

Chasing hot on the heels of the New South Wales pairing is the hometown ACT teams the Cobras and the Colts. Both were amongst the goals in their opening matches with the Cobras, led by two goal Tom Rogic, beating Northern NSW Hunter 5-1 and the Colts routing Victoria 8-1. French forward Maxime Jacquin raced to the top of the scoring charts with a four-goal haul in the annihilation taking his tournament tally to five.

When the two teams met in Round Three it was the more experienced Cobras side that came out on top winning a highly anticipated fixture by 6-2. Pat Ross-Magee and George Cattanach struck two apiece for the Cobras, whilst Mishko Naumovski did the same in response for the Colts.

Day Three action pairs the Thunder with the Colts and the Cobras with the Lightning before the two New South Wales squads clash in round five in what could prove a pivotal day in the tournament.

Elsewhere it was a miserable day for South Australia who fell 2-3 to the NSW Lightning before receiving a hiding, 7-1, at the hands of Southern NSW for whom Darrell Fernandes scored twice. The South Australians face Victoria in their opening match tomorrow afternoon before the clash with fellow strugglers Northern NSW. Both teams are yet to register a point.

It was also a day to forget for Victoria. After their 1-8 shock against the Colts they were unfortunate to lose in a seven-goal thriller by the odd strike against the Lightning. Oner Simsek scored his third goal of the championships and looks to be the main scoring threat for the Victorians.

Day Three action commences at 10.10am at the AIS Training Hall with matches shared between that venue and the AIS Arena.

DAY TWO RESULTS **Men's Open - Round 2**

ACT Cobras 5 (Tom Rogic (2), Matt Menser, Trent Flanigan, Marcel Munoz) defeated Northern NSW Hunter 1 (Luke Drinkwater) NSW Thunder 2 (Simon Keith, Dylan Maloney) defeated Southern NSW 1 (Joseph Foti) NSW Lightning 3 (Anthony Tow, Ediz Alpkaya, Rhys Giovenali) defeated South Australia 2 (Anthony Capaldi, Jake LaScala) ACT Colts 8 (Maxime Jacquin (4), Antoni Jagarinec, Kole Aitken, Rory Devlin, Victor Yanes) defeated Victoria 1 (Dimi Vithoulkes)

Round 3

ACT Cobras 6 (Pat Ross-Magee (2), George Cattanach (2), Elia Salloum, Tom Rogic) defeated ACT Colts 2 (Mishko Naumovski (2)) NSW Thunder 6 (Danny Martinez, Simon Keith, Andrew Paine, Dean Lockhart, Chris Zeballos, Adrian Vizzari) defeated Northern NSW Hunter 2 (Shannon Mangovski, Haken Canley) NSW Lightning 4 (Shervin Adeli (2), Daniel Fulton, Tuan Cao) defeated Victoria 3 (Adam Hussein (2), Oner Simsek) Southern NSW 7 (Darrell Fernandes (2), Peter Gaffney, Joseph Foti, Sahand Mehrkhvari, Mojtaba Mohebbe, Denny Dutra)

Men's Open ☐ After Round Three

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	NSW Thunder	3	3	0	0	10	4	+8	9
2	NSW Lightning	3	3	0	0	10	7	+3	9
3	ACT Cobras	3	2	0	1	12	5	+7	6
4	ACT Colts	3	2	0	1	13	8	+5	6
5	Southern NSW	3	1	1	1	11	6	+5	4
6	Victoria	3	0	1	2	7	15	-8	1
7	NNSW Hunter	3	0	0	3	5	14	-9	0
8	South Australia	3	0	0	3	4	13	-11	0

LEADING SCORERS

5 Maxime JACQUIN (ACT Colts)
 3 Tom ROGIC (ACT Cobras), Oner SIMSEK (Victoria)
 2 George CATTANACH, Marcel MUNOZ, Pat ROSS-MAGEE (all ACT Cobras), Mishko NAUMOVSKI, Victor YANES (both ACT Colts), Shervin ADELI, Ediz ALPKAYA, Tuan CAO, Daniel FULTON (all NSW Lightning), Simon KEITH, Danny MARTINEZ, Chris ZEBALLOS (all NSW Thunder), Luke DRINKWATER (NNSW Hunter), Darrell FERNANDES, Joseph FOTI, Peter GAFFNEY, Sahand MEHRKHVARI (all South Australia), Adam HUSSEINI (Victoria)

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