



CAPITAL FOOTBALL
MEDIA RELEASE

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

Queensland claim National title

Queensland claimed the FFA Futsal National Championship women's open title with a 3-1 victory over a more experienced ACT Cobras outfit at the AIS Arena on Friday. It was a just reward for a hard working outfit that was down to the bare bones.

The loss of Lorena Maggio with a knee injury and Diana Kubrick through suspension, Kubrick was sent off in the semi-final victory on penalties over NSW Thunder, ensured that coach Justin Morrison was down to just eight fit players, including two goalkeepers.

It wasn't noticeable though as the Queensland youngsters played with a style and elegance that belied their tender years to wear down an older Cobras team. Relying on the panache of Georgie Bridges, Brooke Skelly, Kate Orkild and Rebekah Stott, allied with the unsung heroics of goalkeeper Tegan McKee, Jade Gray, back-up stopper Amy Higgins and Renae Badham, the Maroons took the match to the home team.

Kate Orkild opened the scoring after a swift counter attack, sliding the ball beneath the advancing Klare Manenica to the delight of the large band of Queensland support behind the goal in which she scored.

The response from the ACT was immediate. From a short corner, Luisa Marzotto scuffed a shot goalwards that was stabbed over the line from close range by Rachel Crittenden to level the scores.

An unfortunate injury to ACT Cobras Michelle Aurrousseau was the turning point. Aurrousseau collapsed in agony with a knee injury just inside her own half and Queensland's Georgie Bridges took full advantage to race clear and slot the second Maroons goal of the match.

An eleventh competition goal to Rebekah Stott sealed the victory when the striker pounced to lash home a loose ball with only moments to spare.

YOUTH WOMEN

NSW Thunder 1 ACT Cobras 2

Finally the ACT Cobras secured some silverware! At the seventh time of asking the ACT Cobras Youth Women were crowned champions after seeing the six previous ACT finalists beaten. A brace of penalties from Maya Blasch was enough to see off favourites NSW Thunder, who responded through

a magnificent solo goal from Natasha Lo Guidice. Gill Raymond was inspired in the ACT goal, whilst her sister, Ellie Raymond - a Canberra United W-League player, was named Player of the Match.

DAY FIVE RESULTS

Women's Open

Final: Queensland 3 (Kate Orkild, Georgie Bridges, Rebekah Stott) defeated ACT Cobras 1 (Rachel Crittenden)

LEADING SCORERS

- 11 Rebekah STOTT (Queensland)
- 8 Kate ORKILD (Queensland)
- 7 Amy COPPING (Southern NSW)
- 5 Rachel CRITTENDEN, Becky ROCHE (both ACT Cobras), Stephanie HAIM (NSW Thunder), Sarah SEMAAN (NSW Lightning), Melanie CAMILLERI (Victoria)
- 4 Luisa MARZOTTO (ACT Cobras), Ifenia RADOPOLOUS (NSW Thunder), Brooke SKELLY (Queensland), Kylie MEEHAN (Southern NSW), Ashleigh KELLY (Victoria), Erin WALSH (Western Australia)
- 3 Sarah CRITTENDEN, Laura JONES (both ACT Cobras), Dominique CARIDAD, Jacqueline FRIER, Lauren RALSTON (all NSW Lightning), Sarah O'CONNOR (NNSW Hawks), Georgie BRIDGES (Queensland), Deanna NICESKI (Victoria), Bianca LAVORGNA, Jessica LINQUIST (both Western Australia)
- 2 Sabrina SPINAPOLICE (ACT Cobras), Rhiannon FLEMING, Clare WALSH (both NSW Thunder), Ashley FRANCIS (NSW Lightning), Emily LEVERSHA, Thomay NICOLAOU (both Victoria), Jessica SARDI (Western Australia)

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