



CAPITAL FOOTBALL
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Final four known at Futsal Nationals

The semi-finalists in the Women's Open Futsal Championships are now known after two rounds of action on Day Three of the FFA Futsal Nationals in Canberra. NSW Thunder, NSW Lightning, ACT Cobras and Queensland will fight it out for the right to be crowned Women's Open Champions.

Queensland continued their impressive form on Day Three with a thumping 8-1 win over Northern NSW and a highly entertaining 3-3 draw with ACT Cobras. Rebekah Stott bagged her second hat-trick of the tournament in the thumping of the Hawks and another goal in the draw with the Cobras sees the Queensland clear at the top of the Golden Boot chart with eight goals. Team mate Kate Orkild is also on a hot streak in front of goal and has slotted five to date.

Remarkably, ACT Cobras goalkeeper Klare Manenica struck from her own goal in the six goal draw with the Maroons, with a length of the field strike, whilst Sarah Crittenden and Luisa Marzotto were the other names on the Cobras score sheet. The Cobras were left sweating on their place in the final four, and requiring points against Queensland, after a surprise 1-1 draw with Southern NSW in the morning match. The Cobras led through Laura Jones third goal in five matches, and should have had plenty more, before Kylie Meehan equalised. Meehan was also on target in Southern NSW's loss to the NSW Lightning.

The NSW Lightning cruised into the last for despite a shock 4-4 draw with Victoria early in the morning. The Victorians had been unfortunate not to gain more victories after their performances on the first two days and would have been happy to claim two points for a score draw. Lightning defeated Southern NSW 4-1 in their afternoon match with Lauren Ralston striking in both games and Sarah Semaan taking her tournament tally to five with another crisp finish.

Western Australia's hopes of a semi-final spot were ended with a 2-0 loss to NSW Thunder. Even an afternoon thrashing of the hapless Northern NSW Hawks couldn't provide a pass to the last four as results conspired elsewhere to take the place away from them. Bianca Lavorgna (2), Jessica Sardi and Stephanie Figuero struck in the 4-1 win over the Hawks in what was another sparkling display from the Western Australian team.

Once again though, everyone is left chasing the Thunder, who moved one point clear at the top of the table after posting two wins from their two matches. The reigning tournament holders were made to work hard for their victories though registering a 2-0 win over Western Australia and a 1-0 win

over Victoria. Ifenia Redopulous netted both in the win over WA whilst Leesa Thompson was the match winner in the match with Victoria.

So, whilst the final four are known the make-up of the matches to be played will be determined after a final rounds action at ANU tomorrow. With the Thunder and Lightning scheduled to meet the top four positions could well shuffle before tomorrow evening's semi-final shootout at the AIS Arena.

DAY THREE RESULTS

Women's Open - Round Five

Queensland 8 (Rebekah Stott (3), Kate Orkild, Georgie Bridges, Lorena Maggio, Brooke Skelly, Renae Badham) defeated Northern NSW Hawks 1 (Sarah O'Connor) NSW Thunder 2 (Ifenia Redopulous (2)) defeated Western Australia 0 NSW Lightning 4 (Lauren Ralston, Dominique Caridad, Jacqueline Frier, Amanda Cergovski) drew with Victoria 4 (Melanie Camilleri (2), Deanna Niceski, Ashleigh Kelly) ACT Cobras 1 (Laura Jones) drew with Southern NSW 1 (Kylie Meehan)

Women's Open - Round Six

Western Australia 4 (Bianca Lavorgna (2), Jessica Sardi, Stephanie Figuero) defeated Northern NSW Hawks 1 (Kehaulani Morris) NSW Lightning 4 (Lauren Ralston, Sarah Semaan, Jacqueline Frier, Ashley Francis) defeated Southern NSW 1 (Kylie Meehan) ACT Cobras 3 (Sarah Crittenden, Luisa Marzotto, Klare Manenica) drew with Queensland 3 (Kate Orkild (2), Rebekah Stott) NSW Thunder 1 (Leesa Thompson) defeated Victoria 0

Women's Open - After Round Six

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	NSW Thunder	6	5	0	1	16	3	+13	15
2	Queensland	6	4	1	1	19	8	+11	14
3	NSW Lightning	6	4	1	1	18	12	+6	14
4	ACT Cobras	6	3	2	1	16	7	+9	13
5	West Australia	6	3	0	3	12	10	+2	9
6	Victoria	6	1	1	4	10	14	-4	5
7	Southern NSW	6	1	1	4	11	18	-7	5
8	NNSW Hawks	6	0	0	6	5	35	-30	0

LEADING SCORERS

8 Rebekah STOTT (Queensland)

5 Sarah SEMAAN (NSW Lightning), Kate ORKILD (Queensland), Amy COPPING (Southern NSW)

4 Becky ROCHE (ACT Cobras), Stephanie HAIM (NSW Thunder), Kylie MEEHAN (Southern NSW), Melanie CAMILLERI (Victoria), Erin WALSH (Western Australia)

3 Sarah CRITTENDEN, Laura JONES (both ACT Cobras), Ifenia REDOPOLOUS (NSW Thunder), Lauren RALSTON (NSW Lightning), Sarah O'CONNOR (NNSW Hawks), Bianca LAVORGNA (Western Australia)

2 Rachel CRITTENDEN, Luisa MARZOTTO (both ACT Cobras), Rhiannon FLEMING, Clare WALSH (both NSW Thunder), Dominique CARIDAD, Ashley FRANCIS, Jacqueline FRIER (all NSW Lightning), Georgie BRIDGES, Brooke SKELLY (both Queensland), Ashleigh KELLY, Deanna NICESKI, Emily LEVERSHA (all Victoria), Jessica LINQUIST, Jessica SARDI (both Western Australia)

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