



## Bluebells red-hot favourites for title

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WEST Wallsend are right on track to take out the Northern NSW second-division grand final after recording back-to-back premierships wins on Sunday.

The Bluebells demolished Thornton 4-0 in the final round, but they had already wrapped up the premiership some weeks prior to that.

They finished on 58 points, from 19 wins, one draw and two losses, and had a nine-point break on second-placed Newcastle University.

The Bluebells will have this week off, with Uni taking on Tingira in the qualifying semi-final and Medowie meeting Thornton in the elimination.

West Wallsend also took premiership honours in reserve grade but missed out in youth grade, where they finished second to Tingira.

\* Former top Northern NSW coach Keith Harris got a surprise last week to find he had been put on a short-list for the coaching position at Broadmeadow Magic, which went to Highfields Azzurri's Steve Bland.

Harris had not applied for any coaching positions and had told numerous soccer officials he was not interested in returning to the code in that capacity.

Magic had compiled a short list of prospective coaches without approaching them. Harris was recommended by some of his former players, despite being out of the coaching circle.

When Bland accepted as first choice, the club did not follow through with Harris. \* Breakers sweeper Glenn Moore has been nominated for the Newcastle University Sporting Blue. Moore completed a computer-engineering degree last year and was a standout at the back for the Breakers last season. \* The Northern NSW women's team has been knocked out of the Super State league, after going down 4-0 to arch rivals NSW in the final.

The loss was a bitter pill for Northern NSW, who went several rounds undefeated earlier in the season and recorded two victories over NSW.

NSW will meet Marconi in Saturday's grand final in Sydney.

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