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FEMALE REFEREES TO OFFICIATE NIGHT SERIES DECIDER

The record books will be rewritten this Sunday when four female referees take control of the Women's Night Series Final.

It will be the first time in Football West history that all four match official allocations - referee, two assistant referees and the fourth official - are all occupied by females.

Queens Park will host UWA-Nedlands in the pre-season decider at Coker Park, after both reached the Final with narrow victories in last weekend's Semi Finals.

UWA-Nedlands needed a penalty shootout victory to progress against the Northern Redbacks, while Queens Park edged 2010 Women's Night Series winners Balcatta 3-1.

There are currently 22 female referees in the metropolitan area, with six involved in adult competitions (Women's League and State League).

Emma Farrell has been appointed referee for the match, with Diana Reeves & Jody Pace her assistants.

Sandra Hill-Williamson will be the fourth official.

"This is a great result for women's football - to have four female officials overseeing the Final shows that women's football is growing in all areas of the game including the referees," said Manager of Women's, Girls and Indigenous Football, Tanya Oxtoby.

"We have seen the female official initiative in the Westfield W-League, and it's great to see at a local level that we have female referees that are qualified and experienced enough to mirror this within our own game here in Western Australia.

"Bankwest is a huge supporter of women's football and referees in WA, and we look forward to the continued growth of both areas."

Referee Development Manager Eddie Lennie says he is thrilled to see the growth of female officiating in WA football.

"I'm absolutely delighted to see this has happened," said Lennie.

"The day has finally arrived and it is fantastic to see.

"I look forward to not only seeing more females becoming referees, but also more males - especially with the launch of our brand new Laws of the Game website."

Kick-off in the Women's Night Series Final will be 6.30pm.

For more information on how to become a Football West referee, please visit the revolutionary Laws of the Game website at laws.footballwest.com.au

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