

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## **BOLAND STEALS THE NIGHT FOR FLOREAT**

Teenage striker Liam Boland scored the only goal to give Floreat Athena a hard fought 1-0 win against ECU Joondalup in the 2011 Bam Creative Night Series Final at BGC Stadium - Dorrien Gardens last night.

The big striker controversially fired home in the 68th minute, after ECU keeper Andy Banks spilled a cross from Jack Allen, and Boland fired home from close-range. The ECU players were incensed as they thought the keeper was fouled, but the goal stood to give Floreat their fifth night series triumph.

“I’m delighted to have scored the winner but it was a great team effort tonight,” Boland said.

“We dominated early but didn’t take our chances and they came back into the game.

“We had a good chat at half time and we got our reward, it’s really great to get the win.”

Michael van Dongen played in Jack Allen down the right, his deep cross was dropped by Banks, under pressure from Boland. The big striker was quickest to react to the loose ball and fired home from close-range, much to the delight of the Floreat supporters behind the goal.

ECU looked to hit back immediately, Thornley was sent clear by Blackmore and he looked to be brought down by Dunn, but referee Mathew Cheeseman waved away the penalty claims. Dunn required treatment after the incident with blood streaming from his face. He couldn’t continue and he was replaced by Simon Madaschi on 75 minutes.

Time was running out for ECU, but they continued to push forward and their supporters thought they had levelled in the 90th minute. Second half substitute Jordan Dodds’ 20-yard shot was superbly tipped around the post by Madaschi.

There was six minutes off stoppage-time added, and ECU had one last chance in the last minute. McGee sent youngster Dodds clear, his shot from 12-yards was again superbly saved by Madaschi at full stretch.

At the final whistle the Floreat players and supporters celebrated their victory, and Floreat midfielder Jarred Smith was voted best on ground and winning the inaugural Robbie Dunn Medal for best afield.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Playoff earlier in the evening, Perth SC was too strong for Cockburn City, running out 5-2 winners with David Onoforo grabbing a hat-trick for the reigning champions.





**Bam Creative Night Series Final**

**ECU Joondalup 0**

**Floreat Athena 1** (Boland 68')

**Saturday 19th February 2011**

**BGC Stadium**

**Local kick-off:** 7.45pm

**Attendance:** Appx 1,400

**Referee:** Mathew Cheeseman

**Assistant Referees:** Joe Fusari and Ammar Timour

**4th Official:** Michael Tolmie

**Floreat Athena:** GK Alex DUNN (RGK Simon MADASCHI 75'), 4 Julian MADASCHI, 5 Jarred SMITH, 6 Miki VUJACIC, 8 Michael VAN DONGEN, 9 Paul VAN DONGEN (2 Curtis PRIOR 80'), 10 Liam BOLAND, 12 Matthew SPURLING (3 Jack ALLEN 46'), 14 Garin COLLINS, 16 Ante KOVACEVIC, 22 Callum FRANZ

Substitutes not used: 15 Gordon PEREIRA, 17 David HOUSTON

Yellow cards: Vujacic 80'

Red cards: Nil

**ECU Joondalup:** GK Andy BANKS, 2 Ben KELLY (15 Josh BROOK 85'), 3 Chris WHYLIE, 5 Oliver MCGEE, 6 Ross EDWARDS, 7 John HIGGINS 8 Scott BLACKMORE (22 Jordan DODDS 80'), 9 John THORNLEY, 10 Jonathon STYNES, 13 Jake BENSON-COOPER (23 Max POPE 71'), 19 Ross LAING

Substitutes not used: RGK Bryn HINDLEY, 11 Dan ALLEN

Yellow cards: Nil

Red cards: Nil

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*\*Attached is a photo of Floreat Athena celebrating their 2011 Bam Creative Night Series win.  
Photo: Jamie Judges*