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ROUND 2
ILINDEN SPORT CENTRE



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SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017





#### FROM THE CLUB

We welcome all of our members, sponsors, players and officials to this round 2 clash against Sydney United. We extend that welcome to our visiting players and officials.

This is our first home game of the season and we are all excited at the prospect of taking on last year's dominant team, Sydney United.

Our boys return to the Ilinden Sports Centre following a tough first up victory over the new boys on the block, Sydney FC. It was a pleasing result considering a number of our players have had disrupted pre-seasons. Whilst we did not secure wins in the lower grades, both the 18's and 20's performed well and were desperately unlucky not to secure points in their respective games.

That said, we move ahead to this round 2 blockbuster and our boys will be determined to reverse last year's results against Sydney

United. It will be a first competitive home fixture for some of our new recruits, including Jordan Figon who scored the winning goal against Sydney FC.

This game will also be the first as part of our exciting arrangement with FLIP TV. A reminder, it's not too late to subscribe to Flip TV who will be broadcasting all of our home fixtures this season on their network. It's simple to use and setup so call through now. Make sure you mention you are a Rockdale City Suns supporter for special offers associated with your package.

As we will do throughout the season, we would like to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors, the majority of whom have been with the club for many years:

Co major sponsors: Pauls Customs & Forwarding Solutions and the Home Lending Centre at Bexley.

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Hope to see you all at the game and I look forward to providing further updates on exciting developments around the ground in coming match previews.





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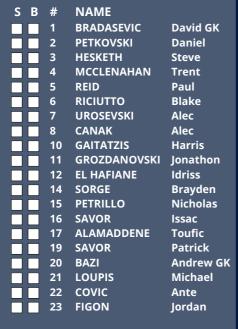












**Player Coach: Paul Reid** Coach: Michael Grbevski

Assistant Coach: Matthew Ribarovski **Goalkeeper Coach: Spiro Parameritis Physiotherapist: Jerry Fillipatos** 



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	2	VLISMAS	Kris
	3	WOODCOCK	Riley
	5	TOMELIC	Anthony
	6	USKOK	Tomislav
	7	SHIN	Yutaro
	8	SIM	Mat
	9	VRANIC	Aidrian
	11	TOMIC	Ante
	14	STAVROULAKIS	Nick
	16	PARIC	Stepjan
	17	BILIC	Matthew
	18	TRIFIRO	Glen
	20	MARKOVIC	Petar
	21	MANOS	Thomas
	22	FRAGOGIANNIS	Yanni
	23	NIKAS	Pani
	25	STEWART	Jack
	30	BABIC	Luke
	32	OLSEN	Nic
	35	SHROEDER	Andre

**Coach: Davor Bajsic** 

Assistant Coach: Jerry Bilokapic Assistant Coach: Tomi Vidovic

**GK Coach: Vitas Males Manager: Ray Gerrie** 

Referee: C. Young Assistant Referees: C. Young & L. Greenshields 4th Official: V. Bertuccioli

#### MATCH PREVIEW

Paul Reid's Rockdale return to Ilinden Sports Centre for the first time the season fresh off the back of a hard fought round one win against Sydney FC.

The Round 1 win was as solid performance for the Suns but there were still plenty of signs of off-season rust.

Ante Covic had a stellar PlayStation®4 NPL NSW Men's competition debut and is sure to be tested by a dynamic Sydney United 58 outfit which includes prolific attackers Pany Nikas, Nick Olsen and Glen Trifiro.

The Reds were surprise losers in Round 1 and will be determined to get off the mark this week.



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2	Sydney Olympic FC	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
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7	Blacktown City FC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
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#### REVIEWS

#### Sydney FC 3-1 Rockdale City Suns, 5.45pm at Lambert Park

Sydney FC made light work of Rockdale City Suns on their NPL 1 debut after cruising to a 3-1 victory over Rockdale City Suns at Lambert Park.

A brace from John Iredale and an Alusine Fofanah strike ensured the Sky Blues opened the new campaign on the right note, while James Temelkovski scored on debut for Rockdale.

A trip to Melita Stadium to face Parramatta awaits Sydney next weekend with Rockdale set to entertain Sydney United 58 at Illinden Sports Centre.

#### Sydney United 58 v APIA Leichhardt Tigers, 4.00pm at Sydney United Sports Centre

Sydney United 58 cruised to a comfortable 2-0 victory over 10-man APIA Leichhardt at Sydney United Sports Centre in the opening round of the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's U20 campaign.

Reds striker Luke Ivancic opened the scoring and later missed a penalty in a first half that saw APIA captain Stephan Adattini dismissed for a handball after blocking Anthony Vrlic's goalbound effort on the line. Jack Stewart doubled the advantage early in the second half for Sydney United who could've increased the deficit further but for some wayward finishing inside the final third.

While it was far from one way traffic and a generally spirited performance from the visiting ten men, APIA were starved of possession and chances in the second half and unable to force an way back into the contest. The visitors will lament not making more of a promising start that saw a slew of opportunities missed inside the opening fifteen minutes. APIA marksman Matthew Barko created the first chance of the game early on after chasing his own flick on but could only steer his shot wide one on one with Sydney United goalkeeper Lucas Pervan.

Barko then turned provider for Samuel Gulisano who sent a shot dribbling wide of the far post after breaking free inside the penalty area, before a superb counter attack was wasted at the death when winger Samuel Paslis spooned his effort over the bar. APIA were punished for their profligacy when Ivancic nodded home Anthony Poljak's cross from point blank range to put the Reds 1-0 up. The visitors were placed firmly on the back foot soon after with Adattini's dismissal, who was deemed to have illegally obstructed Vrlic's goalbound effort inside the area.

The APIA defender was given his marching orders but Ivancic's penalty was weak and comfortably gathered by Blake Tuxford low to the keeper's left. Tuxford's penalty save had restored some hope for the Tigers but Sydney United 58 ensured it would be a mountain to climb for their opponents in the second half when Jack Stewart doubled the advantage early on.

A delightful piece of close control and shot from Reds midfielder Andre Schroeder saw the ball rebound off the foot of the post and straight into the path of Stewart, who made no mistake with the goal gaping. The hosts created several changes to add a third with Schroeder himself unfortunate not to find the back of the net after seeing a sweetly-struck drive from close range blocked by Joshua Symons, but a combination of stoic APIA defending and several fine saves from Tuxford kept the scoreline at 2-0 and gave the Reds a dream start to the 2017 season.

### TEAM OF THE WEEK



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#### **FOOTBALL NSW LAUNCHES**

#### PLAYSTATION 4 NPL 2017 SEASON

The PlayStation®4 (PS4™) National Premier Leagues NSW 2017 Season was launched by Football NSW at Waterview in Bicentennial Park on Wednesday where media and representatives from the NPL community attended.

A cocktail function for 150 guests with Master of Ceremonies and Fox Sports' very own Simon Hill took control of proceedings which also included representatives from all Football NSW National Premier League Clubs, FFA, Hyundai A-League and W-League clubs, Major Sponsors, and Managing Director of Sony Interactive Entertainment Australia, Michael Ephraim, celebrated the fifth year of the National Premier Leagues in NSW.

There were also cameo appearances from a couple of ex-Socceroos with Paul Okon, Ante Covic, David Zdrilic and Gerry Gomez on hand to support the competition as well as former Socceroos coach form the famous 1974 World Cup squad, Rale Rasic.

The 2017 season will again see the National Premier Leagues benefit from the association

with PlayStation4 with the powerhouse sponsor throwing its full support behind grassroots football in Australia.

"I've often been quoted as stating PlayStation's passion for football has always lived both on and off the field and it is true – whether it be literally by strapping on a pair of boots, or picking up a controller," commented Michael Ephraim, Managing Director, Sony Interactive Entertainment Australia.

"This year, we are celebrating three years of partnership with FFA and we're incredibly proud to see how the strength of our collaboration has contributed to the growth of the PS4 NPL into a true breeding ground of Australian football talent," Ephraim concluded.

Two special panels took place on the evening as the first took centre stage from all five NPL competitions with Rockdale City Suns' prized new signing Ante Covic, Sydney University inspirational captain Elizabeth Grey, Marconi Stallions' master midfielder Peter Triantis, Nepean FC's talented skipper Desiree Vassallo and charismatic Gladesville Ryde Magic's



Kiriakos Tohouroglou all promoted the key role the NPL has played with the continual development of the world game in NSW.

The second panel saw the Central Coast Mariners' Blake Powell, a former Sutherland Sharks and APIA Leichhardt Tigers product, Sydney FC's Westfield W-League star and current Macarthur Rams player Leena Khamis as well as Western Sydney Wanderers' Lachlan Scott, a former Wollongong Wolves and APIA Leichhardt product, chat about their involvements with the NPL.

Football NSW interim Chief Executive Officer Stefan Kamasz stated that the event accomplished its intention in celebrating the launch of all PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues NSW competitions.

"I'm thrilled to be able to enjoy the launch of this season with so many of those that champion this competition. The PS4 NPL in New South Wales is a very important part of the football landscape and player pathway in Australia, and in the room tonight are the heroes of our game that ensure it continues to be so.

"Season launches are wonderful occasions to come together socially and catch up with old friends, and even adversaries, but in football terms they are a time for optimism, for positivity, for anticipation, for expectation and hopefulness for the coming season.

"I would like to thank the league sponsors PlayStation4, especially Micahel Ephraim, who is not just a sponsor but a wonderful friend of football. Michael's enthusiasm for PlayStation4 and football is infections and it is a delight having such an individual involved with our wonderful sport.

"I would like to wish all the clubs the best of luck and we look forward to seeing another



NSW club being honoured as the National Premier League Champions following in the footsteps of Sydney United 58 FC (2013, 2016) and Blacktown City FC (2015)."

The PS4 NPL NSW Men's commences on Saturday the 11th of March as Sutherland Sharks host Manly United, Bonnyrigg White Eagles take on Sydney Olympic, Parramatta FC tackle Wollongong Wolves and the new kids on the block Sydney FC battle Rockdale City Suns. Two matches will then take shape on Sunday to conclude Round 1.

The PS4 National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Men's competition kicks off this Saturday the 4th of March while the PS4 National Premier Leagues Women's (Sunday 2nd April), Women's 2 (Sunday 9th April), and Men's 3 (Saturday 11th March) conclude the PS4 NPL competition openers in NSW.

Don't forget to tune in each and every Thursday's at 6pm, kicking off on Thursday 9th of March as a brand new show the PS4 NPL Live Show takes off hosted by Srine Demachkie.



25 GK	Max	EPHRAI
26	Josh	TASEVSKI
27	Josh	GOULD
28	Chris	HANCOCK
30	Trent	SIERRA
31	Aron	MIDON
32	Calum	KERMACK
33	Tobias	NORVAL
34	Alex	MALFARA
35	Jared	KADER
36	Jonah	CARAGHER
37	James	TEMELKOVSKI
38	Zac	YILMI
39	Scott	PERIER
42	Kris	STEFANOVSKI

Coach: Stamati Glaros

Assistant Coach: George Mavros Team Manager: Michael Ephraim



26	Alex	ABBULLAH
27	Josh	BRISKOSKI
28	Ante	VRLIC
29	Matthew	ZANON
31	Emilio	MANOS
34	Liam	IVANCIC
36	Ante	MARKOVIC
37	Kyle	DOMENICI
38	Anthony	TRIMBOLI
39	Daniel	SESTAN
40	Lucas	PERVAN
41	Anthony	POLJACK
42	Daniel	DIAZ
43	Tony	YANG
44	Luke	VLASTELICA

Coach: Antoni Zmire

UNDER 20s - PLAYSTATION 4 NPL NSW MEN'S									
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
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#### MATCH PREVIEW

Rockdale City Suns v Sydney United 58, 2.00pm at Illinden Sports Centre

These two sides were consistent cellar dwellers in the 2016 season but if their round one performances are anything to go by both Rockdale City Suns and Sydney United 58 will be presenting a far more convincing case for finals football in the 2017 campaign.

Although Rockdale were defeated 3-1 by Sydney FC at Lambert Park it was by no means a walkover and with former Reds striker James Temelkovski opening his account for the season against the Sky Blues he will be out to repeat the feat against his ex-club. Alongside former Olympic attacker Michael Loupis, Rockdale have enough ammunition to bring Sydney United 58 back down to earth.

But the Reds were impressive in their 2-0 win over APIA Leichhardt in round one with the likes of Jack Stewart and Anthony Vrlic looking dangerous in the final third. If they can make it two wins from two the rest of the competition will surely sit up and take notice.









46 GK	Evan	DAVIS
47	Kyle	SARRIGIANNIS
48	Jordan	KERRY
49	Jake	TRAJKOVSKI
50	Alexei	ROSSER
51	Caleb	BARTIER
52	Michael	BORG
53	Nathan	MANNO
54	Peter	PATSIAVOUDIS
57	Harry	BROWEL
58	George	MEDAKOVIC
59	Nathan	HANCOCK
60	Daniel	DIMITRIADIS
61	Dimitriades	PETRATOS
62	Kyle	ANGELOU
65	Dom	BRESCHITTO

Coach: Steve Zoric

Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato



1	Aiden	KENNY
2	Adam	GASPAROVIC
3	Christian	ZEBEC
4	Jack	GATALLARI
5	Cole	MUTTON
6	Todd	BENNISON
7	Junghee	CHO
8	Ryan	FAHEY
9	Hamish	LAMBERTON
10	Nikolas	LAI
11	Joshua	DE ROSSI
12	Aiden	TOBIN
13	Ali	KARIMI
14	Athony	PEDAVOLI
15	Rijad	MAHINOVIC
16	Joshua	JOHNSON

Coach: Tony Sekulic

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### HOME FIXTURES

HOME GROUND - ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE West Botany St, Rockdale



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ROUND 02 VS Sydney United 58 FC	SUN 19TH MARCH	17:00		
ROUND 03 VS Parramatta FC	SUN 26TH MARCH	17:00		
ROUND 05 VS Sydney Olympic FC	SUN 9TH APRIL	17:00		
ROUND 09 VS Blacktown City FC	SUN 7TH MAY	17:00		
ROUND 11 VS APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	SUN 21ST MAY	17:00		
ROUND 12 VS Sydney FC	SUN 28TH MAY	17:00		
ROUND 15 VS Hakoah Sydney City East FC	SUN 18TH JUNE	17:00		
ROUND 17 VS Sutherland Sharks FC	SUN 2ND JULY	17:00		
ROUND 18 VS Manly United FC	SUN 16TH JULY	17:00		
ROUND 19 VS Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	SUN 23RD JULY	17:00		
ROUND 21 VS Wollongong Wolves FC	SUN 6TH AUGUST	17:00		



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