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ROUND 12 • BELMORE SPORTS GROUND







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## FROM THE CLUB



Sydney Olympic would like to welcome everyone back to Belmore Sports Ground for our Heritage Round match day against Bonnyrigg White Eagles.

Heritage round celebrates the wealth of history behind NSW football and the contribution of the clubs to the football landscape.

Sydney Olympic Football Club is one of Australia's most popular and respected clubs with a proud heritage: built on strong cultural foundations, rich in diversity and with a loyal and passionate supporter base. It's our aim to move forward by celebrating our cultural

heritage whilst embracing the opportunity for a successful future.

Sydney Olympic has enjoyed great success since its inception in 1957, including being a foundation team in the Phillips Soccer League, Australia's inaugural National Soccer League. Recent successes are the Championship titles in 1989/1990 and 2001/2002.

In 2017, it is our goal to embrace our cultural heritage and past achievements and work towards restoring the club to its former glory and we're thankful for everyone who has come today to show their support for Olympic.

Whether you're a supporter, player, volunteer or coach, past or present, we would like to thank you for the contribution you've made to Sydney Olympic. We wouldn't be the club we are today without you.

We'd also like to thank our sponsors who are the backbone of our club. Your support is truly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the games today and enjoy celebrating the heritage of Sydney Olympic FC.

We will see you at our next home game Monday 12th June as we take on Sydney FC!









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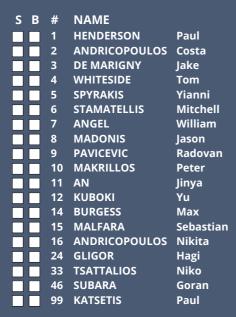












Coach: Peter Zorbas Goalkeeper Coach: Stacy Alogdellis Team Manager: Parry Hatzi



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		1 GK	<b>CHRONOPOULOS</b>	James
		3	VRANKOVIC	David
		4	SUSAK	Milan
		6	MACKENZIE	Zachary
		7	KONDEK	Gregory
		8	DANASKOS	Troy
		10	LO	Martin
		11	SPRUCE	Benjamir
		12	GIL	Mun-Soo
		13	MCKENZIE	James
		14	MCDONALD	Taylor
		15	MILLER	Raymond
		16	GALLAWAY	Samuel
		17	FARIA	Leon
		18	KADRIC	Asmir
		20 GK	SAVICIC	Stevan
		36	ZONJIC	Nikola
		36	ADELI	Shervin

Head Coach: Brian Brown Assistant Coach: Cliff Pointer GK Coach: Jose Bel Amigo Team Manager: Ian Arnott

Referee: K. Ams
Assistant Referees: J. Park & J. Bell
4th Official: T. Plasto

## MATCH PREVIEW

Sydney Olympic FC returned to the winners circle last week against Sutherland Sharks and will be out to make it two in a row when they host Bonnyrigg White Eagles at Belmore Sports Ground.

Olympic has yet to find consistency this season despite showing glimpses of their ability throughout the first half of the season.

This week they host the resurgent Bonnyrigg White Eagles.

Bonnyrigg claimed their second win of the season last week and are building in confidence after a horror start to the year.

Young striker Hasan Jalloh has been one of the star talents of the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition and will be a difference maker if the White Eagles are to spring an upset.



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## REVIEWS

#### Sydney Olympic FC 3 - Sutherland Sharks 1 at Belmore Sports Ground

A sensational second-half salvo from Sydney Olympic saw the Blues come from behind to defeat Sutherland Sharks 3-1 in their PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's round 11 contest at Belmore Sports Ground.

Tomihiro Kajiyama's opening half strike looked to have set up a happy comeback to Belmore for returning Olympic talisman Grant Lee, but three unanswered second half goals from Yu Kuboki, Radovan Pavicevic and Jinya An saw Olympic breeze to their sixth win of the campaign.

The visitors will lament their second half implosion which leaves the struggling side in eleventh position ahead of next weekend's local derby against Manly United, especially with Lee's men enjoying a comfortable 1-0 lead at the half-time break having repelled Olympic successfully for the opening forty five minutes.

## Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3 - Parramatta FC 2 at Bonnyrigg Sports Club

Bonnyrigg White Eagles continued their climb up the PlayStation®4 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's ladder with a confident 3-2 victory over Parramatta FC at Bonnyrigg Sports Club on Saturday night.

First half goals from Martin Lo and Luke Ivanovic alongside a 79th minute Nikola Zonjic strike helped the home side to all three points.

Parramatta FC made them work for it with goals from Daniel Rezo and Gosue Sama.



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## WALKING DOWN MEMORY LANE

Before I moved from Auckland, New Zealand to Sydney many moons ago, my impression of Australian sporting culture was rather one dimensional and naive.

My viewpoint was purely based on what I'd seen of Australian national teams in sports such as rugby union, rugby league and netball, codes that enjoy a popular following in my homeland.

Back then, whenever New Zealand lined up against Australia in each of these sports, those who wore the green and gold were predominantly white Australians of British heritage. Players with names like Shaw, O'Connor, Lynagh and Hawker. Rogers, Cronin and Reddy. To me, that was normal.

Australian football (soccer) meanwhile, was completely different.

As a youngster, my first sporting love was football (soccer). I played for Mt Wellington, one of the most successful clubs in the country, and represented Auckland at the Under 16 nationals.

I remember watching my senior team, the national league champions of New Zealand, play a Trans-Tasman challenge match against Australian NSL champions Marconi. I also remember looking through the match program and noting that while every Mt Wellington player was of Anglo-Celtic heritage (plenty of Poms and Scots in that lineup), the Stallions' team was very different. European names such as Prskalo, Jankovics, Krncevic and Vieri jumped off the page and hit me squarely between the eyes.

Being a curious fellow, I wondered where these players with the exotic names had come from and wondered why they were playing for an Australian team.

Little did I know that my interest in that Marconi Stallions side was the beginning of a love affair with Australian football and a journey that would lead me to write a bit about a game that I'd come to adore.

Not long after watching the Trans-Tasman stoush, I moved to Sydney and realised that not only was multiculturalism alive and well in Australia's largest city, the sporting landscape here was vastly different to the one I'd left behind.

Unlike New Zealand, rugby in Australia was dominated by private school old boys and university-educated chaps who earned a crust in the professions. Doctors, lawyers and stock brokers were a dime a dozen within the Wallaby ranks.

League and Aussie rules were the most popular winter games, the games for the masses. And finally, there was football - working class to the core but often regarded as the black sheep on the local sporting landscape.

Why? Because unlike the others, football was the one and only sport that truly represented the multicultural melting pot that is modern day Australia.

I even turned out for a South American side in an Ethnic Cup tournament (apparently my Maori genes gave me the look required to qualify for the team) and couldn't believe the popularity of the event and the technical brilliance showed by the Latinos and continental Europeans. The Brits weren't too bad either and part-timers or not, the talent on display was astounding.

Fast forward to 1996 and I'm a rookie photojournalist earning a crust contributing words and pictures to a weekly rag called Inside Soccer. As part of my beat, I don't miss a home game involving NSL giants Sydney United, Sydney Olympic and Marconi Stallions.

I also cover various games in the NSW state leagues, visiting clubs such as Blacktown City, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, APIA Leichhardt Tigers, Manly, Melita, Rockdale and Sutherland.

I gradually learn the storied histories of clubs that were established by ethnic communities as long ago as the 1950s, when an avalanche of European immigrants flooded into the urban capitals of Sydney and Melbourne, changing the demographic of a nation.

Italians, Greeks, Croatians, Serbians, Macedonians, Maltese and the Jewish community formed their own football clubs across Sydney and those clubs played a huge role in the assimilation process. These communities identified with their football clubs as outlets for social interaction and a sense of belonging. The clubs also attracted to their games large and boisterous crowds that were both the envy and the bane of the locals.

My football journey continues as I attend matches and training sessions and press conferences. I read about the history of the local game and like every self-respecting "football addict" get my TV fix on SBS. I speak to people involved at all levels, from grass roots to the top end, enhancing my football education and enjoyment of the game. I can't get enough.

In 1996, Branko Culina's Sydney United are the

aristocrats of the Australian game and with the likes of Zeljko Kalac, Tony Popovic, Ante Milicic, David Zdrilic and Kresimir Marusic, it's no surprise that they play a sublime brand of football that takes them all the way to the NSL Grand Final. Unfortunately, Culina's men suffer an upset away loss to Brisbane Strikers in front of a record crowd of 44.000.

At Olympic, I admire the goal-scoring nous of Kris Trajanovski and Abbas Saad, the skill and majesty of Milan Blagojevic, and the industry of Peter Tsekenis. There's also a 17-year-old kid by the name of Brett Emerton who will go on to play almost 100 games for the club before forging a career at Dutch giants Feyenoord, and Blackburn Rovers in the English Premier League.

Meanwhile, over the coming years I also grow to admire the Wollongong Wolves, who claim consecutive NSL Premierships in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 with a talented roster that includes Scott Chipperfield, Matt Horsley and Paul Reid. The Wolves capture the imagination of the local football community and prove that even a club from regional NSW can foot it with the best.

Olympic win their second NSL title in 2001-2002, with Ante Milicic grabbing the winner in the Grand Final against Perth Glory before 42,000 fans in the far west.

But despite the big grand final crowds, the NSL is struggling and by early 2004, the competition is shut down and replaced by the new A-League.

The collapse of the NSL sees the likes of Sydney United, Sydney Olympic, Wollongong Wolves and Marconi reacquaint themselves with other former national league clubs APIA Leichhardt, Blacktown City, Parramatta Eagles and St George in the NSW Premier League, the elite state competition that kicked off way back in 1957.

Today, Marconi and Saints no longer play at the state's elite level, having been relegated to the second tier; but another former NSL club, and the most successful of them all, Hakoah Sydney City East, has re-emerged from the wilderness to again take their place in the sun.

Established by Jewish migrants in 1939, Hakoah Sydney City East won five state Premierships and four grand finals before emerging as the most successful club in National Soccer League history, winning four Championships under the name of Sydney City in 1977, 1980, 1981 and 1982.

The club boasted some of this nation's finest footballers, including Ray Baartz, Jim Patikas, John Kosmina, Jimmy Mackay and Joe Watson. But

unfortunately, despite the incredible success of the team, City just couldn't draw a crowd and due to financial considerations, the club made the decision to withdraw from the national competition.

After some years in the wilderness, Hakoah Sydney City East two years ago won promotion to the PlayStation4 NPL NSW Men's competition and have since managed to hold their own against the best of the best in NSW.

Meanwhile, I discover that Blacktown City is by far the most successful club in NSW state league history, winning more Premierships and more Championships (i.e. grand finals) than anyone else.

Sydney United 58 are a close second on the leaderboard, while other clubs such as Parramatta FC, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Hakoah Sydney City East, APIA Leichhardt Tigers, Sutherland, South Coast Wolves, Sydney Olympic, Manly United, and Rockdale City Suns also have their names proudly engraved on the honours boards out at Football NSW.

Meanwhile, it needs to be said that while the ethnic clubs established by European migrants all those years ago provided the foundation stones for football in NSW, (indeed, in Australia), district/ association clubs such as Manly United and Sharks have been just as important to the local game, providing opportunities for players and fans alike and boasting rich histories dating as far back as 1930 (Sutherland).

There's also a misconception that the Brits, the Irish and the Aussies haven't had too much of an influence on local football, but nothing could be further from the truth, as players, coaches and administrators from those backgrounds have been at the forefront of the local game for decades.

This weekend Heritage Round will be celebrated at various grounds around Sydney. It's a round that holds special significance for NSW clubs and celebrates their history and the contribution they've made to the football landscape since the start of the 20th century.

So to the players and fans who are involved this weekend, enjoy the football and regardless of the history of your club, take a moment to remember the significance of the occasion. Not just in a footballing sense, but also in an historical sense.

After all, football history is Australian history and for me, it's a rich one that I've been blessed to enjoy ever since that Marconi side with the exotic names rolled into Auckland all those years ago.

By Derek Royal, Football NSW Reporter



12	Valeura	FLLIMIDI				
13	Yahya	ELHINIDI				
18	Gabriel	KOLIOMIHOS				
19	Darcy	BURGESS				
20	Eze	CONSONI				
21	Stephen	ATHANASERIS				
23	Tass	MOURDOUKOUTAS				
25	Mark	RODIC				
26	Billy	PATRAMANIS				
27	Johnathon	KARIPIS				
28	Aidan	TAOUIL				
29	Amar	ADILOVIC				
30	Louie	ZACHAROPOULOS				
31	George	ANTONIOU				
32	Kozuke	KAMADA				
34	Liam	FLACK				
35	Gibriel	KAMARA				
36	Martin	JOSESKI				
80	Emmanuel	KOUMIS				
Head Coach: Kerim Baba						

Assistant Coach: Tom Bazdaric

Team Manager: Tony Patramanis



22	Harrison	BAGOT
23	Jordan	CRACKNELL
24	Damian	CUPAC
32	Luke	DEBROT
72 GK	Jordan	GEDDES
25	Michael	GUSE
26	Anthony	HADDAD
27	Luke	IVANOVIC
21	Hassan	JALLOH
28	Nikola	KRLJAR
29	Andrija	MANDIC
34	Alex	MOOY
77 GK	Maxwell	ROWSTON
20 GK	Stevan	SAVICIC
30	Carl	SKOBLA
31	Alexander	ZARAFETAS
	Francesco	TERRANOVA
	Nikola	KREMENOVIC

Head Coach: Hamish Brown

UNDER 20s - PLAYSTATION 4 NPL NSW MEN'S									
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	8	2	1	35	11	24	26
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6	Sydney FC	10	4	4	2	18	8	10	16
7	Manly United FC	11	4	2	5	24	23	1	14
8	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	11	4	2	5	14	15	-1	14
9	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	3	3	5	10	21	-11	12
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	10	3	1	6	16	23	-7	10
11	Parramatta FC	10	2	1	7	10	20	-10	7
12	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	10	1	2	7	9	37	-28	5

## MATCH PREVIEW

Olympic offered a good fight in attempting to derail leaders Sutherland in last week's match of the round at Belmore but were ultimately outmuscled by the Sharks.

However the Blues are well placed to return to winning ways when they host Bonnyrigg on Sunday.

The White Eagles saw their round eleven fixture with fellow cellar dwellers Parramatta cancelled and will be heading into the contest hungry to lift themselves off the bottom of the table but will be well aware of an Olympic side starting to hit their stride

Prior to last week's defeat the Blues had overturned a shaky defensive record with wins and clean sheets over Sydney United 58 and Hakoah Sydney City East and will target nothing less than three points on Sunday.













1	Josh	HRONOPOULOS
4	Joseph	WANI
5	Elias	BELLOS
6	Ericson	EHIOZEE
7	Nickrod	VATANDOUST
8	Mitchell	WARD
9	Jordan	MACADOPOULOS
10	Luka	KMET
11	Ali	DULLEH
12	Fomba	KAMARA
14	Jacob	BOTIC
15	Liam	NIKOS
16	Kosta	TSOURNAKAKIS
22	Evan	GIANNAROS

Head Coach: James Duvcevski Assistant Coach: David Nicotra Team Manager: Paul Oliveri



65	Ljubisav	BOGICEVIC
66	Daniel	BOROVINA
67	Michael	DEMIRGELLIS
68	Ethan	DOSANJH
69	Pavle	DRCA
70	Brendan	FICARRA
71	Luca	FRASCA
72 GK	Jordan	GEDDES
73	Sherwan	ISMAEEL HASAN
74	Hayden	JAMER
75	Milan	PARENTA
81	Avit	PRASAD
76	Gliso	PRLIC
77 GK	Max	ROWSTON
78	Justin	SMITH
79	Brian	SUTOMO
80	Francis	TSIPONIS

Head Coach: Dejan Lukic Team Manager: Neven Cupac

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12	Sydney Olympic FC	11	0	4	7	11	31	-20	4

## TEAM OF THE WEEK



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HOME GROUND - BELMORE SPORTS GROUND Edison Ln, Belmore



ROUND 02 VS Wollongong Wolves FC	SUN 19TH MARCH	3 - 1
ROUND 07 VS Blacktown City FC	SUN 23RD APRIL	2 - 3
ROUND 09 VS Sydney United 58 FC	SUN 7TH MAY	0 - 2
ROUND 11 VS Sutherland Sharks FC	SUN 21ST MAY	3 - 1
ROUND 12 VS Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	SUN 28TH MAY	15:00
ROUND 14 VS Sydney FC	MON 12TH JUNE	15:00
ROUND 15 VS Parramatta FC	SUN 18TH JUNE	15:00
ROUND 16 VS Rockdale City Suns FC	SUN 25TH JUNE	15:00
ROUND 17 VS Manly United FC	SUN 2ND JULY	17:00
ROUND 19 VS APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	SUN 23RD JULY	17:00
ROUND 21 VS Hakoah Sydney City East FC	SUN 6TH AUGUST	15:00

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