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## FROM THE CLUB

Welcome everyone to WIN Stadium – The Wolf Den, for our Round 15 match against competition leaders and premiership favourites Blacktown City.

Our mighty Wolves have enjoyed the perfect start to the second round of the season picking up 3 wins on the trot and playing some very attractive football.

Our boys are starting to really get together as a team at the perfect time and are commencing our climb up the competition ladder.

The next month will be a very testing period for the Wolves and how we fare over the next 4 rounds will give a strong indication of our chances for 2017.

In succession we meet Blacktown City (equal first) at home, followed by APIA Leichhardt Tigers (equal first) away, then Sydney United 58 (fourth) at home and finishing with Hakoah (eighth) away.

This sequence of matches will have a huge bearing on our run home.

Encouragingly, two of these crunch matches will be right here at WIN Stadium – The Wolf Den which we have turned into the toughest road trip in the competition.

In our 7 home matches so far this season, we have enjoyed 5 wins and one draw with only the one solitary loss.

It has certainly been a happy hunting ground for our Wolves.

The boys intend to continue this strong home form, starting with today's match against Blacktown City and ensure WIN Stadium remains our fortress.

Our home town crowds have been outstanding this year and reinforces the pride and passion football holds across our region.

Football has enjoyed a long, successful history here in the Illawarra and South Coast and the Wollongong Wolves intent to build and grow on that history significantly in the future.

We will remain the premier representative team for our area and will continue to provide pathways and opportunities for all our juniors from Helensburgh right down to Eden on the Far South Coast and every single junior club in between.

Today we are fortunate to have the young, up and coming stars of tomorrow from Helensburgh Thistles Junior Soccer Club making their debuts here on WIN STADIUM.

These kids, are part of our "Local Football Club" promotion, held every home game, where the lifeblood and future of football, our children, are given the thrill of running out before the main game and at half time, emulating their first grade favourites and playing in front of their home ground.

This initiative has been a resounding success with all the kids, boys and girls enjoying themselves immensely and leaving with their dreams of one day, them running out onto our ground as part of our first grade team.

If we can foster and grow the love of football in each and every one of our children then our beautiful game of football here in Australia will continue to thrive and flourish.

We hope you enjoy today's game and continue to support and cheer for our mighty Wollongong Wolves Football Club.

There is absolutely no doubt we have the loudest and most passionate supporters in the league.

Our crowds dwarf anything the other clubs in our competition can draw and it is through the continued support of our loyal band of followers, fans, supporters, family and sponsors that the mighty Wolves will continue to develop home grown players and provide them with the complete pathways required to make all their football dreams a reality.

Look out! The Wolves are on the hunt.

#### GO YOU WOLVES.

## THE OPPOSITION: BLACKTOWN CITY

Blacktown City, the 2015 Championship winners are at WIN Stadium for this Round 15 clash in the PlayStation NPLNSW Mens 1 competition. We welcome the club that was successful in 2016 and also made the Ouarter Finals of the FFA Cup only to bow out to the same team that the Wolves did in the Round Of 32, Sydney FC, by the identical score line, 3-0. Blacktown will be striving to emulate last season's success. This will the 39th league meeting between the sides after first clashing in 1981, with one further clash happening in a finals series in 2012. Blacktown indeed played in the Illawarra previously this year at Balls Paddock, Bulli when the team was victorious in the FFA Cup versus Bulli 3-0 with goals by Mitch Malia (2) and James Andrew.

#### THE OPPOSITION TODAY - BLACKTOWN CITY

Blacktown last won honours, being the 2016 Mens 1 Grand Final Champions by defeating Sydney United by 3 goals to nil. The scorers were Danny Choi with a brace and Patrick Antelmi. The team was Nenad Vekic, Giorgio Speranza, Roberto Speranza, Matthew Lewis, Travis Major, Sasa Macura, Joey Gibbs, Connor Evans, Choi, Mitchell Malia, Zachary Cairncross. Antelmi, Riku Sasaki and Shayne D'Cunha replaced Gibbs, Malia and Cairncross respectively. The coach was Mark Crittenden.

Blacktown concluded the 2016 season in second position with 45 points from 14 wins and 3 draws, losing 5 games, scoring 47 goals and conceding 26 with a goal difference of plus 21 which was the third highest. The top scorer was Choi with nine goals to his credit with 10 other players contributing and with one own goal from the opposition. There were four games that the team did not score which six teams bettered. The best result sequence without loss was five – win, win, win, win and win and this achieved twice, in Rounds 1-5 and 16-20. The worst sequence without winning was two - draw and loss in Rounds 14 and 15 and 21 and 22. Five clean sheets were achieved which was the third best in the competition and equalled one other team. Gibbs scored the quickest goal in the 2nd minute of Round 9. The biggest winning margin was 6-0 in Round 9 versus Blacktown Spartans and the biggest margin defeat was 3-1 in Round 6 against Hakoah Sydney City East. Multi scorers in a single match were brace scorers, Macura in Round 2 and Antelmi in Round 9.

Newcomers to the team for 2017 include Bo Hyun Chun from Bonnyrigg White Eagles, James Andrew from Sutherland Sharks and Choi, back from Adelaide United. (Though receiving an injury earlier in the season that has kept him out of action since) Daniel Araujo has returned from Sydney FC after playing in the NSW Premier League Mens 2 competition in 2016.

#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

In Round 13 at WIN Stadium in 1986, the two teams met on the 7th July.

Wolves: Warwick Young, David Green, Jock Morlando, Peter Kotamanidis, Ray Vlietstra, Reg Chilby, Leonel Arcosa, Richard Peil, Robert Giraldi, David Batten and Randall Easthorpe. Pat Brodnik replaced Peil.

Blacktown: Dave Curtis, Peter Willis, Steve Knight, Brett Thornwaite, Paul Kay, Jeff Ainsworth, Gary Byrne, Joe Carroll, Robbie Slater, Peter Denyer and Adam Sandy. Brian Allen and John Bradley replaced Kay and Thornwaite.

The Wolves hit the lead with five minutes remaining in the first half. A Giraldi headed goal but Blacktown's Denyer was impeded behind the play and a penalty kicked despite the Wolves protests was awarded. Denyer duly converted. The home team regained the lead when recent signing Easthorpe took advantage of a goalmouth mix-up to slot the ball home. A Carroll through ball found Thornwaite and Blacktown had equalised once again. With time running out it looked to end up a draw until Allen provided a pass to Carroll and he headed the ball over the custodian Young, into the goal for the winner.

#### THE MATCH - UP

In 2017, Blacktown sit in second position on goal difference with 33 points from 10 wins and 3 draws while the Wolves have scored 16 goals, achieved 22 points from 7 wins and 1 draw and are in 6th position. The best sequence without loss is nine for Blacktown from Rounds 1-9 (draw, win, win, win, win, draw, win, win and win) and three for the Wolves, Rounds 12-14, (win, win and win). Each teams number of nil score games are two for Blacktown and four for the Wolves. (One of which includes the 3-0 result turnaround in

Round 1). Seven and six players have achieved goals for Blacktown and Wollongong respectively.

The top scorer(s) for each club is James Andrew (Blacktown) and Yuzo Tashiro (Wollongong) with eight goals apiece.

In each team's previous matches, Blacktown defeated Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3-2 and the Wolves beat Manly United 2-1 with the scorers being James Markovic, Joshua Macdonald (WW), and James Andrew with 2 and Mitch Malia (BCFC).

### SCORES AND SCORERS FROM THE PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

- 1. 2015. Wolves 1 (Peter Simonoski) Blacktown City 4 (Joey Gibbs 2, Danny Choi, Sasa Macura)
- 2. 2015. Blacktown City 4 (Joey Gibbs, Sasa Macura, Travis Major, Patrick Antelmi) Wolves 0
- 3. 2016. Blacktown City 3 (Danny Choi 2, Mitch Malia) Wolves 0
- 2016. Wolves 2 (Ricky Zucco, Steven Hristovski) Blacktown City 3 (Patrick Antelmi, Sasa Macura, Travis Major)
- 5. 2017. Blacktown City 2 (Joey Gibbs, James Andrew) Wolves 0



#### SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH CLUBS – PETER WILLIS

Defender Willis played five seasons with the Wolves from 1981-1985 with the team making the finals in 1982, and was with Blacktown in 1986.

With the Wolves, he totalled 115 starting league appearances and one off the bench and got on the score sheet 10 times. He played 18 games for Blacktown but did not score for this club. The no nonsense defender was strong in the tackle and was deadly with penalty kicks. His final goal was from the spot in the Round 20 St.George match played at the Wollongong Showground in 1985.

Willis' final Wolves appearance was in Round 22 on the 18th August 1985 versus Blacktown City at Wollongong Showground.

#### WOLVES' PAST PLAYER OF NOTE – ADAM HUGHES

Midfielder Adam Hughes had two stints with the Wolves, the first in the 2003/04 NSL season and again in the 2004/05 NSW Premier League following club commitments with Balgownie Rangers in the IPL. He scored one goal in the NSL in the 4-1 victory over Northern Spirit on the 16th January in Round 20. A ball was whipped in from the corner on a wet night and was headed back where Hughes was positioned. From 25 metres out he powered the ball into the top right of the goal in the 35th minute. As well as scoring his all round play was outstanding.

He scored a further five goals in the NSW PL. with his second home goal was his third for the club. With Bankstown City being the opposition, a Ben Blake free kick taken in his own half was flighted in on twenty-five minutes. Subsequently a Hughes met the ball with his header eluding the defence and the goalkeeper. At the conclusion of proceedings, Hughes was adjudged the 'Man Of The Match' with his hard tackling, determined workload and inspirational play. Post match he said 'it was good to get winning result because in the last couple of weeks we had lost. It was good to see a turnaround for the boys and it was good for morale... I was happy with the header'. (goal)

Hughes also scored in the Cup game against Parramatta Eagles. Nick Stavroulakis moved the ball to Shane McGirr in the middle of the park. He further confused the defence with a clever back heel that went to Hughes. He then produced a shot that zoomed into the goal past the custodian. This occurred fifty minutes in. In the Cup quarter final Hughes was the instigator in the 22nd minute versus St.George. From outside the penalty area, he powered in with the ball being deflected over the shot stopper and cannoning onto the crossbar, rebounding before hitting the prostrate 'keeper on the back then trickling over the goal line for a goal.

In the Penrith-Nepean match in Round 20 Hughes scored his fifth goal. A Shane McGirr back heel found Michael Clare. He then passed to Hughes who beat the Penrith-Nepean custodian Ivan Necevski.

Hughes final club goal was on the 5th April against Manly United and his final game was on the 14th May in the final round with the opposition being Sydney Crescent Star. Hughes was adjudged the Wolves 'Player Of The Year' for this 2004/05 season.

The midfielder went on to play in England with Doncaster Rovers, then in Ireland with Drogheda United before coming back to Australia, playing in the A-League with Adelaide United for the 2009/10 and 2010/2011 seasons. He subsequently played one season with Perth Glory in 20011/12 before playing in China with Harbin Yiteng.

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## HELENSBURGH THISTLE SOCCER CLUB

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#### The Birth of Soccer in Helensburgh

The club has had a long and chequered history, from its early beginnings to its disbandment and reformation during two World Wars and the Great Depression to the present strong and vibrant organisation it is today.

During these years the club tasted both success and disappointment in the many competitions entered. As well the club supplied many representative players for Australia, New South Wales, and the Illawarra at both senior and junior levels.

In 1891 the township of Helensburgh was granted 50 acres adjoining the cricket ground for recreational use. The Colliery workforce was approximately 403 and many employees were assisted immigrants direct from the mining villages of Britain. Due to this Soccer participation had the greatest appeal as a team winter sport at Helensburgh and the Helensburgh Thistle Football Club was formed in 1895.

As still stands today, the official colours were black and gold.

#### **Early Years**

Outstanding achievements during the 1893-1913 periods were:

- In 1903 Helensburgh won the inaugural IDSA association competition.
- Finalists in the Gardiners Cup in 1910
- Two 1st Grade IDSA Premierships were won
- · Ten players gained representative honours
  - Australia W. (Snowy) Edwards and W. Neat
  - NSW Andy Rae, W. Richards, W. (Beach) Pallier, Jack Richards, Charlie Evans, A. Oldfield, and W.Stewart



1987 Illawarra First Division Champions and GF winners

- South Coast – W. Richards, W. Neat, w. Pallier, J. Crowe, W. Stewart, A. Oldfield and C. Craig

Following the cessation during World War 1, the Helensburgh Thistle Football Club was reformed in 1919. The most acclaimed achievements by the club between the two world wars were winning the NSW 1st Grade Premiership in 1928, the Sutherland Shire 1st Grade Premiership, IDSA Tooth Cup and IDSA 2nd Grade Premiership in 1923.

At the conclusion of the 1933 season the HTFC went once again into recession due to unemployment and lack of finances. In 1945 the mineworkers at Metropolitan Colliery reintroduced Soccer into the town.

Helensburgh Junior Soccer Football Club was formed in 1948 to enable an Under 14 Schoolboys team to participate in the Illawarra District Schoolboys Soccer Council Saturday competition. The U14 Boys team won the first district junior competition and went on to play and win 11 Premiership matches and 3 Sullivan Cups.

During 1950/51 a new wave of British and European immigrants arrived in Helensburgh and with this came an influx of quality players including Ken and Bill Miller, Fred Woolridge and Case Van Zyl. Adding to this, two ex-State League players, Charlie Tolhurst and Charlie George, joined the club laying the foundations for what was to become the most successful and productive era in Thistle history.

The 1951 side entered 2nd Grade and went on to win the Premiership to give the Club its first competition title since 1928. By 1953 the side moved into the 1st Grade Competition and for a few years held themselves around the middle of the competition. But during 1958 to 1961 the Helensburgh Thistles saw the clubs years of



1928 Helensburgh 1st grade team President Cup winners

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greatness which included multiple Premierships, Minor Premierships, Langridge Shields.

In 1962 the club went into a slump and in finished with the Wooden Spoon in 1964.

The Thistles rose again and in 1985 were promoted to Premier League for the first time since its introduction in 1977. After years, they were relegated to 1st Division where they remain today.

Mini Soccer was first introduced into many regions of NSW in 1977. In 1980 HTJSC submitted a request to conduct a local Mini Soccer Competition. Whilst this proposal was eagerly accepted locally, with over 150 children signing up, IDJSA was not as impressed and "suggested" that HTJSC "could" be expelled from the District Competitions.

However, this did not eventuate and Helensburgh became the first Mini Soccer Club in the Illawarra Region.

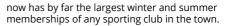
#### **Recent Times**

The Club has grown considerably since its humble beginning. Our Junior Club now has over 400 registered players and our Senior Club includes District League Teams - First Grade, Reserve Grade and Youth Grade, Two Men's Amateurs Teams, Two Men's Over 35 Teams, and Three Women's Teams.

The traditional men's part of the Helensburgh club remains important to us and with premiership wins in First grade in 1987, 1994, 2000 and 2004 we've won our fair share. Our first youth grade win came in 2009 and our first ever reserve grade win came in 2013.

But the growth of the amateur men's and women's part of our club is particularly exciting growing over the last 20 years with 2017 seeing 4 amateur men's and 3 women's sides.

Helensburgh has run a summer 7's competition since 1999 and added junior competitions in 2015/16 which now has around 600 people playing soccer in the summer months. The soccer club



In 2016 a gap for pre-school aged children was identified, and as a result the Helensburgh Mini Thistles were introduced. Initially hoping to attract around 20 Children as a trial, the first year saw 60+ children aged between 2-5 years old register to join in a range of fun and interesting games on Saturday mornings. In 2017 we now have in excess of 80 Children keenly participating in the Mini Thistle program helping to ensure the ongoing success of our Junior club.

Our highest profile local product in the last 20 years is Aaron Calver who played with the club until he was ten and went on to have 25 caps for Australian under 16 and 17 sides including 2 as captain at the U17 Asia Cup. He then became the second youngest player to play in the first team for Sydney FC at 16 and has played alongside the likes of Alessandro Del Piero and Brett Emerton.

But in the end what makes us proudest is to see the 100's of players turning out every week to participate in the great game of football and enjoy the fitness and sense of community and camaraderie that come with participating.



1950-1951 Helensburgh Women's Soccer Team



Helensburgh men



1948 U14 boys

UNDE	UNDER 18s - PLAYSTATION 4 NPL NSW MEN'S								
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	А	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	13	11	1	1	40	12	28	34
2	Manly United FC	14	8	4	2	23	15	8	28
3	Sydney United 58 FC	14	7	3	4	22	18	4	24
4	Rockdale City Suns FC	13	7	2	4	26	11	15	23
5	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	7	2	5	23	22	1	23
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	13	5	3	5	24	15	9	18
7	Blacktown City FC	14	5	2	7	20	15	5	17
8	Parramatta FC	13	4	5	4	16	21	-5	17
9	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	3	5	6	18	27	-9	14
10	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	14	2	4	8	17	31	-14	10
11	Sydney Olympic FC	14	2	4	8	19	37	-18	10
12	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	14	1	5	8	13	37	-24	8

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5	Sydney Olympic FC	14	6	3	5	24	23	1	21
6	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	6	2	6	19	18	1	20
7	Sydney United 58 FC	14	6	2	6	18	19	-1	20
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	5	2	7	23	27	-4	17
9	Rockdale City Suns FC	13	4	3	6	11	23	-12	15
10	Manly United FC	14	4	2	8	27	32	-5	14
11	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	13	4	2	7	15	40	-25	14
12	Parramatta FC	12	2	1	9	12	26	-14	7



### NEVER FORGET

#### A CHECK IN WITH THE INJURED BRIGADE

Two players this year have experienced season defining injuries and this has added to their disappointment and has robbed the team squad somewhat. These players are Ben Tosi and Brett Wilson. At the time of these injuries, both players had begun to make their mark in the team dynamics.

Ben Tosi, a midfielder was signed from Blacktown Spartans after he had a breakout year with the western Sydney team. His coach there, Frank Cosimento, had no hesitation in advancing his career due to his impressive performances in the struggling team. Tosi was in the Spartans team twice when playing the Wolves in 2016. In the first match in the 8th minute, he chanced a shot from outside the box that flew directly to Justin Pasfield. Tosi, in all, made eighteen starting appearances with the Spartans making his full debut in Round 4 after coming off the bench in the earlier Rounds 2 and 3 and later in Round 13. The high work rate player with guick acceleration gave eye-catching displays in the six matches he played with the Wolves this season. By beginning or aiding counter attacks He made his debut in Round 2 away to Sydney Olympic on the 19th March before sustaining serious injury in Round 7 versus Hakoah Sydney City East encounter, breaking his foot. 'I've had surgery and will go back to the surgeon in a couple of weeks and I hopefully then I can have weight bearing in the boot and another six weeks from there I will start rehab. I've a contract for next year and obviously I'm very happy with that.... Once I started to play more with a game each week, I started to pick up form and then this happened, it was bad timing .. I won't be back this year unfortunately as I needed the surgery... I will start afresh and hope to have an injury free pre-season and go on with it next year.'

Brett Wilson began his career playing up front

but this year has since show his versatility by playing as a wingback. In his first grade career thus far, he indeed scored his initial goal at the high level against Lindfield FA in the FFA Cup in 2016 at Charles Bean Oval, Linfield on the 6th April, the Wolves initial 2016 appearance. A long switch of play from his team to the right side had allowed Wilson subsequently to score with a powerful effort that sped along the ground into the goal midway through the second half. Earlier in the season, in Round 16 encounter with APIA he stated post match - 'It was disappointing day to lose 3-1. It was too hard for a bottom of the table clash. We needed to pick up points but we gave it away. As it is a home game we need to do better for the home fans. It's just disappointing that it (his 55th minute shot) didn't come off". Wilson also earned a starting appearance in the FFA Cup Round Of 32 fixture with Sydney FC. For the program at the time Wilson stated -'It will be exciting. The Wolves have a lot to prove and I think we can deliver. Excitement is building up on the training pitch.' Wilson had looked forward to this game and indeed got the starting nod. In one instance he brought the ball up field and produced a shot that unfortunately for him and his teammates flew high. He took a couple of free kicks as well. He formerly made three league appearances from the bench in 2015 and in the Elimination Final played at Lambert Park.

One part of his particular skill set is his long throw, which is tantamount as valuable as corner kicks. His ability with this is reminiscent of former Wolves wingback Alvin Ceccoli, who used it with success. One such long throw Wilson utilized was in the Round 11 Sydney FC match. The ball found Chris Price. Yuzo Tashiro narrowly missed his ensuing looped cross as he went for it. The defence ultimately scrambled the ball away. Wilson was instrumental in the lead up to two of the goals his team scored in the victory against Parramatta FC in Round 12 this 2017 season. His long throw caused Parramatta consternation as two players endeavoured to head the ball to safety from their position near the goal area line. The ball instead fell into the path of Nick Montgomery who duly goaled. Wilson later whipped in a curling high ball from just outside the penalty area to Tashiro, whose ensuing glancing header found Chris Price at the far post to nod home.

Wilson's first game in 2017 was in Round 5 against APIA Leichhardt and he made three appearances off the bench in Rounds 6, 10 and 11 before starting in the Parramatta FC Round 12 encounter when he was unluckily injured. He has ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament and had to be assisted from the field. 'It happens (Injury) and you can't control when it happens. I want to look at where I will go from here. All intentions are to stick around. Recovery will take nine to twelve months and there are three weeks until surgery'.... From

his striker to wing back position change? - 'It's a new position. I have enjoyed it, with more control and space to go forward and attack."

Another player from 2015, central defender, James O'Rourke sustained a long term injury in training after he had played four Pre-season matches in 2016, missing all seasons games. In his comeback he has yet to be featured in the firsts in 2017. He has played a number of games in the U20s to regain his fitness and confidence. He was a mainstay in defence in 2015, his first year with the club, playing seventeen times in the league with four cup and one finals appearance. In the Round 9 match with Rockdale City Suns in Round 9 - 'it's great here and I have played every game that I have been available for. Individually I think I have gone okay. It was very scrappy today and we made it hard for ourselves."

A number of other players have spent a number of weeks on the sidelines, with these players being Hayden Morton and Peter Simonoski.



Hayden Morton was injured in the Round 11 Sydney FC match at Lambert Park and was on the field for a time receiving treatment. While he won't be out for as long as Tosi and Wilson, he, never the less has experienced a number of weeks on the treatment table. 'I'm getting there, hopefully back in a week or two. These things are part and parcel of the game, you don't want them when you start to get in form and things are going well.'

Morton began his first grade career at Seymour Shaw Park with Sutherland Sharks in 2011 making twenty appearances. From there he went to the Central Coast Mariners making his first team debut versus Sydney FC in 2012 and stayed there until 2015. In 2012 he returned to the Sharks on Ioan for a further seventeen appearances. When the A-League concluded in 2015 he signed with Blacktown Spartans and was there for the next season as well. He played against the Wolves in 3-0 Spartans win at WIN Stadium and he defended stoutly, heading out a cross as a case in point.

This year he has played eleven games as a right wing back or central defender and he has been a valuable addition to the backline this year playing consistently, with solid, steady and reliable performances in either position. He was selected in the Team Of The Week' following his impressive defensive form in Round 10. He achieved honours with the Mariners winning in 2012/2013 and a Waratah Cup with Sutherland in 2012. He has also been in the 2012 Young Socceroos. He hasn't as yet goaled in the Premier League, but has been on the scorecard with two with the Australian Under 17s team in 2009/10. He chanced a shot from distance against Sydney FC that unfortunately slewed off his foot

Peter Simonoski, at the Wolves since 2009, and the scorer of thirty league goals in his time, has been out of action since Round 11 having a recurrence of the problem that plagued him for many weeks in 2016. He only made his return in 2017 in Round 6. He should be back sooner than his other injured teammates to add to his one goal tally.

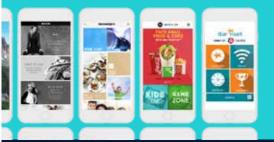
Injuries are inherent in sport and will occur anytime with there can never being a right time. These players will 'never forget' these injuries that have kept them out of the game for so long and supporters should 'never forget' the contributions that these players have brought to the team when they were out there on the field. May they return to continue their exploits for the team when they recover, without any undue side effects.

By Malcolm Rowney



(Quotes from player stemmed originally from the writer's post match interviews that were published in the match reports or match programs at that time with some others from the 2017 Round 13 match pre-match time and at half time.)

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	6	MONTGOMERY	Nick
	7	PRICE	Chris
	8	GRIFFIN	Brendan
	9	SIMONOSKI	Peter
	11	TANOVSKI	Hristjan
	12	KAIRIES	Luke
	14	MACDONALD	Joshua
	15	ROBINSON	Michael
	16	ANTELMI	Patrick
	17	O'ROURKE	James
	18	BERNAL	Nicolas
	20	TOSI	Ben
	21	WILSON	Brett
	23	HAYES	Steve
	30	TASHIRO	Yuzo

Head Coach: Jacob Timpano Assistant Coach: Neil Mann Physiotherapist: Matthew Whalan Team Managers: Robert Positti and Surjit Wadhwa



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		1	PRENDERGAST	Tristan
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		4	SPERANZA	Roberto
		5	LYNCH	Grant
		6	LEWIS	Matt
		8	ARAUJO	Daniel
		9	GIBBS	Joey
		10	EVANS	Connor
		12	ANDREW	James
		14	MALLIA	Mitchell
		17	BEUMIE	Lewis
		19	CAIRNCROSS	Zach
		20	SYMES	Matt
		21	CHUN	Ken
		22	KONAGAYA	Yuta
		23	CEJKA	Peter

**Coach: Mark Crittenden** Assistant Coach: Luke Roodenburg Manager: Graham Crawhall

Referee: K. Ams Assistant Referees: K. Robinson & D. Horstead 4th Official: N. Farmer





	1ST GR	ADE -	PLA	(STA)	ΓΙΟΝ	4 NP	L NS	W ME	N'S
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	А	GD	PTS
1	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	14	11	0	3	32	12	20	33
2	Blacktown City FC	14	10	3	1	28	13	15	33
3	Sydney Olympic FC	14	8	3	3	23	13	10	27
4	Sydney United 58 FC	14	8	2	4	28	15	13	26
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	13	7	3	3	27	20	7	24
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	7	1	6	18	18	0	22
7	Manly United FC	14	6	3	5	31	25	6	21
8	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	4	4	6	21	24	-3	16
9	Sydney FC	14	4	1	9	20	30	-10	13
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	3	0	11	18	34	-16	9
11	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	14	2	2	10	23	43	-20	8
12	Parramatta FC	13	1	2	10	15	37	-22	5

#### team lists

#### **UNDER 16s**



- 1 Mitchell Presilski GK
- 2 Jarrod Alston
- 3 Adrian Avello
- 4 Blake Burkinshaw
- 5 Joshua Correia
- 6 Eddy English
- 8 Grimshaw
- 9 Sam Lendrum
- 10 Brendan Low
- 11 Fletcher McFarlane
- 12 Rhys Mooy
- 13 Jayden Nikolovski
- 14 Potts
- 15 Thomas Richmond
- 16 Smileski

#### **UNDER 15s**



- 1 Luke Genua GK
- 2 Sebastian Black
- 3 Tyson Black
- 4 Jayden Calver
- 5 Adam Chicharo
- 6 Nav Darjani
- 7 Harrison Dennis
- 8 Anthony Krsteski
- 9 Rocky Lavalle
- 10 Keegan Matias
- Oliver Mitrevski
   Will Nattrass
- 13 Luke Paull
- 14 Joshua Petrovski
- 15 Preston Ridley
- 16 Noah Vidler

#### UNDER 14s



- 1 Tom Butkovic
- 2 Jake Almond
- 3 Sam Alston
- 4 Zander Alston
- 5 Harrison Anagnostopoulos
- 6 Brandan Angelevski
- 7 Andrew Aston
- 8 Josh Field
- 9 Ned Glasgow
- 10 Gabriel Krsteski
- 11 Tony Krstevski
- 12 Dane Mathews
- 13 Logan Mathie
- 14 Luke Palermo
- 15 Matthew Popovski
- 16 Taylan Skurtevski





- 1 James Riach GK
- 2 James Anagnostopoulos
- 3 Lucas Ayala
- 4 Jack Deale
- 5 Julian DeFreitas
- 6 Jack Duffy
- 7 Matthew Jackson
- 8 James Jovanovski
- 9 Jacob Krkovski
- 10 Kieran Kuzmanovski
- 11 Flynn Madden
- 12 Daniel Merola
- 13 Joshua Nikolovski
- 14 Anton Radice Jones
- 15 Luca Seritti
- 16 Samual Starcic

#### **UNDER 12s**



- 1 Morgan Woolnough GK
- 2 Chisholm Brown
- 3 Josh Bussoletti
- 4 Jay DeGouvia
- 5 Aleksander Dulevski
- 6 Owen Flanigan
- 7 Damon Gray
- 8 Kyron Guevara
- 9 Jyden Harb
- 10 Thomas Hastings
- 11 Cooper Kerridge
- 12 McKenzie King
- 13 Dylan Martos
- 14 Noah McNeill
- 15 William Milinkovic
- 16 Payton Skurtevski
- 17 Jett Stroemer
- 18 Ryan Thompson
- 19 Sebastian Tomasiello
- 20 Kalani Vella

#### **UNDER 11s**



- 1 Harry Taylor GK
- 1 Josiah Kirchberg GK
- 2 Max Atsas
- 3 Tom Bent-Genge
- 4 Alessandro Calmasini
- 5 Noah Crapis
- 6 Lachlan Flood
- 7 Lachlan Groves
- 8 Adam Kairis
- 9 Josh Keir
- 10 Martin Kolevski
- 11 Levi Martins
- 12 Liam Mavridis
- 13 Adrian Pontone
- 14 Daniel Simone
- 15 Miles Thompson
- 16 Daniel Tugrul
- 17 Christian Vujic
- 18 Kieran Wardle
- 19 Harry Wililo

#### **UNDER 10s**



- 1 Aaron Burns
- 1 Jacob Hastings GK
- 2 Christian Anagnostopoulos
- 3 Lenny Atsas
- 4 Taj Demito
- 5 Kyan Hawke
- 6 Michael Marijan
- 7 Noah Mathie
- 8 Ordham McDermott
- 9 Christian Mihajlovic
- 10 Ryan Molnar
- 11 Rishay Patel
- 12 John Perri
- 13 Beau Randle
- 14 Christian Rodriguez
- 15 Lennox Roodenrys
- 16 Jimmy Skarvelis
- 17 Ashton Stapleton
- 18 Noah Stella
- 19 Zane Stroemer

#### **UNDER 9s**



- 2 Christian Beleski
- 3 Billy Beniuk
- 4 Kiran Dhami
- 5 Kolby Guevara
- 6 Axl Hornby
- 7 Kahled Houchaymi
- 8 Milo Hudson
- 9 Isaac Kostovski
- 10 Cooper Markovic
- 11 Jared Mihajlovic
- 12 Elijah Millet
- 13 Lucas Moreira
- 14 Innocent Nwali
- 15 Samuel Palermo
- 16 Noah Smart
- 17 Lukas Srbinoski





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#### **UNDER 20s**



2	Ricardo	BERNARDINO
5	Ethan	KAMBISIOS
7	Jack	LOMBO
8	James	MARKOVIC
10	Harrison	TARANTO
11	Tory	MUSUMECI
13	Nikola	DJORDEVIC
14	Mitchell	FERRARO
15	Marcus	BIMBILOVSKI
30	Daniel	ARCABA
	Sean	EVE
	Michael	NEILL

Coach: Julio Miranda Assistant Coac: Alfredo Esteves Team Manager: Robert Positti and Surjit Wadhwa

## BLACKTOWN

23	Samuel	HAMILTON
24	Jake	MAMONE
25	Ben	PARKINSON
26	Mason	IRELAND
27	Anthony	GALLO
29	Lewis	FRASER
30	Adolph	KOUDAKPO
31	Lachlan	ROSE
32	John	AZAR
33	lsaac	DANDAN
34	Jarrod	DODDS
35	Dan	BACHARA
36	Mark	RODIC
38	Evan	PATRAMANIS
39	Mason	INGRAM

Coach: John Carnevale Assistant Coach: Andrew Montgomery Manager: Aaron Bywater

#### **UNDER 18s**



1	Brendon	KRCANOSKI
2	Andrew	BOVA
3	Daniel	CHICHARO
4	Louis	CONNELL
5	Ekoue	D'ALMEIDA
6	Thomas	DARJANI
7	Luke	DAY
8	Jordyn	DELLA VEDOVA
9	Andre	DIAS
10	Riley	HINDS
11	Emanuel	HONDROUDAKIS
12	Jack	HOOPER
13	Brendan	MITROVSKI
14	Benjamin	RIACH
15	Joel	STARR

Coach: Richard Lloyd



1	Dylan	NISKI
2	Alen	AGANOVIC
3	Jared	DULAURENT
5	Kristin	PEREIRA
6	Kye	SOARES
7	Suleyman	BANGURA
8	Alex	PURVES
9	Franco	MAYA
10	Daniel	SALINAS
11	Matthew	JOSEPH
12	Mitchell	WHALLEY
13	Daniel	ZAHRA
14	Dean	PELEKANOS
15	Patrick	IDAIRE
16	Robert	SUDZUM
28	Harry	KHAMIS

Coach: Nick Verdos Manager: David Bransdon

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#### 10th - 13th July 2017 9.30am - 11.30am Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

Cost: \$130 (Includes Wolves Pups playing kit) What to bring: Size 3 football, shin pads, boots & water bottle

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## ON THIS DAY

Today on this 18th June, the Wollongong Wolves meet Blacktown City and on this day twelve years ago both teams were indeed adversaries as well. Will the loss that was sustained by the Wolves on that day be the same result today? Many in the ground today will hope that this will not be the case. Blacktown is in similar position on the point's table today as the club was in 2006 and will present a hurdle for the home side. However, the home team has the personnel to turn the 2006 result around. It certainly will be an intriguing clash. In addition, the team from Sydney had visited the Illawarra recently by playing an FFA Cup match midweek in the Illawarra region on the 31st May, defeating Bulli 3-0 at Ball's Paddock, Woonona.

Following are the details of matches that were played in the past on, or one or two days before or beyond the 18th June.

#### 18th JUNE 2006 v Blacktown City

Team Line-Up – Stacy Alogdellis, Karouna Michael, David Polidoro, Chris Rigopoulos, Ian Waldon, Dustin Wells, Ballamodou Conde (Capt) Dean Kerr, David Boscoscuro, Steve Hayes, Wayne Gibson, Samet Kaynak and Ahmed Balawy replaced Boscoscuro and Gibson. The coach was John Turner.

Blacktown - Ivan Necevski, Paul Karbon, Borislav Dragas, Tyler Simpson, Damien Foxe, Mirko Jurilj, Luke Roodenburg, Kain Rastall, Ante Deur, Ivan Zelic and Tolgay Ozbey. Roger Galayini, Michael Brown and Milorad Simonovic came on for Karbon, Foxe, and Rastall respectively. The coach was Aytek Gen

Played at WIN Stadium the team went down to Blacktown City conceding goals in the 16th and 75th minutes in this Round 17 clash. Many players were out due to injury and as a consequence a number of young players stepped up. The goals were scored by Blacktown initially with Ozbey, who collected a pass from Deur after a back header from the Wolves went astray. He duly struck with a powerful drive. Galayini swept the ball into the net from twenty metres out. Alogdellis shone in goal denying many of Blacktown's scoring opportunities. Hayes and Wells had the best chances but the desired outcome was not attained. Wells was one on one with Necevski but slotted the narrowly wide. John Turner stated post match -'it was a great performance from a bunch of kids against a team who won the premiership by nine points. We played defensibly. It had to be played that way or they would have killed us'.

#### 16th JUNE 1986 v Canberra City

A scoreless draw with the opposition being Canberra City was played at Bruce Stadium. The Wolves had to withstand an hour of the Canberra's attacking thrusts and did so with defensive aplomb. Kotamanidis on the half hour mark looked to break the deadlock when he was tackled unfairly in the box. He grasped the ball while on the ground, imploring the referee for a penalty kick. This appeal was ignored and play was waved on. Kotamanidis jumped to his feet and immediately shot. However, the ball struck the cross bar and rebounded out. Arcosa and Gaffney tried to get things rolling and came to the fore in the final twenty minutes but alas neither the Wolves nor Canberra could garner the victory.

Team - Warwick Young, Jock Morlando, Peter Kotamanidis, Ray Vlietstra, Reg Chilby, Leonel Arcosa, Brian Cokely, Larry Gaffney, Robert Giraldi, Willie Murray and Pat Brodnik. David Batten replaced Murray. The coach was Adrian Alston.

#### 19th JUNE 1989 v Sydney Olympic

Coached by Doug Collins, the former Burnley player the team was - George Bouhoutsos, Mike Hollifield, Jock Morlando, David Skeen, Peter Kotamanidis, Ray Vlietstra, Walter Calbanese, Sean Ingham, Danny Crainie, Tom Pontidas, and Pat Brodnik. It was a scoreless draw in this match played Brandon Park before a crowd of 2252. This was the final season of the winter competition for the National Soccer League. At Brandon Park in the Round 23 match, neither Crainie or Brodnik could alter the scoreboard, while goalkeeper Bouhoutsos kept out the attacking forays of Olympic.

#### 20th JUNE 1982 v West Adelaide

Round 19 was played at Wollongong Showground. The Wolves controlled the game for much of the first half and could have put the game to rest with many opportunities to score. However, this did not eventuate then. However, the game breaker break came in 70th minute. O'Connor had beaten three players on his jinking journey down the right side of the field. With a number of his teammates lining up at the far post, O'Connor whipped the ball in. Tredinnick was there and he managed to slot it home for his initial goal of the season. Five minutes later, Tredinnick and O'Connor made a fast break from inside their own half. Cool as you like, substitute Cotton dummied the goalkeeper and pushed the ball into an empty goal with four minutes remaining. The most impressive players were O'Connor, Fleming and Bertogna. He was safe as houses in the middle of the defensive line and Fleming toiled valiantly in midfield, winning tackles and intercepting passes. Preston was not called much upon the second half when West Adelaide had a few opportunities.

The team consisted of Jim Preston, Peter Willis, Arno Bertogna, Jeff Ainsworth, Chris Dunleavy, John Fleming, Lee Adam, Peter Tredinnick, Larry Gaffney, Phil O'Connor and Glen Fontana. Roy Cotton replaced Fontana. Ken Morton coached.

#### 19th JUNE 1988 v Sydney Olympic

The team line-up for this encounter was Warwick Young, Mike Hollifield, Jock Morlando, David Ratcliffe, Peter Kotamaniidis, Ray Vlietstra, Brian Cokely, Jeff Ainsworth, Danny Crainie and Pat Brodnik. Rade Stefanovski was the substitute while John Fleming was the coach.

This was a Round 20 fixture and the Wolves went into the lead on thirty-seven minutes at Brandon Park through Brodnik. The home team kept the lead for thirty-five minutes until Olympic equalized on the seventy-second minute mark before a crowd of 2260. Neither team could fashion a goal so the game concluded in a stalemate, the fifth such draw of the season for the Wolves.

By Malcolm Rowney

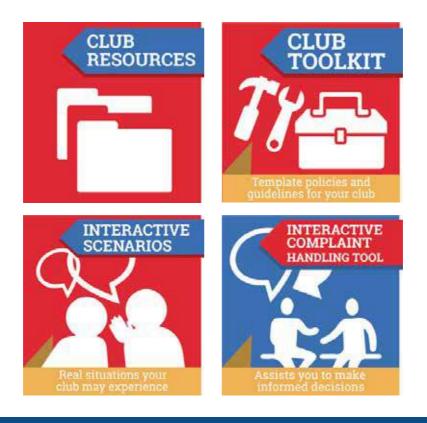




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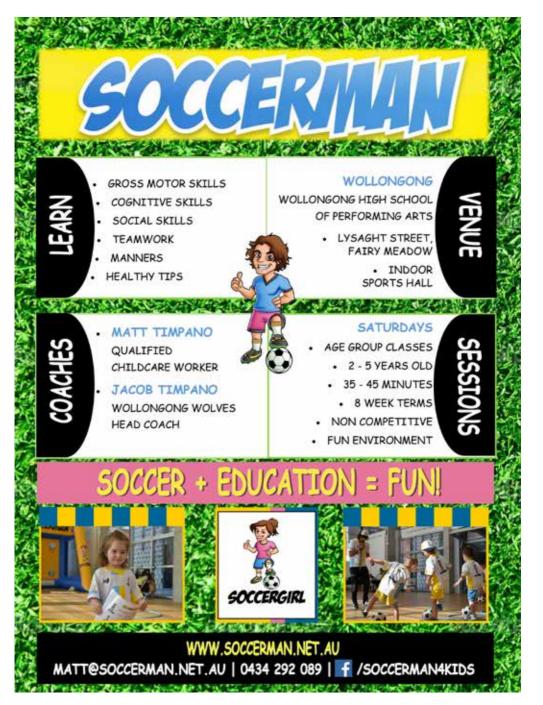
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Club	U/18's	U/20's	1ST	Total
Blacktown City FC	17	52	132	201
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	10	50	132	192
Sydney United 58 FC	24	40	104	168
Sydney Olympic FC	10	42	108	160
Rockdale City Suns	23	30	96	149
Manly United FC	28	28	84	140
Wollongong Wolves	18	34	88	140
Sydney FC	34	50	52	136
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	40	64	118
Sutherland Sharks FC	23	58	36	117
Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	8	28	32	68
Parramatta FC	17	14	20	51

Club	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Total
Blacktown City FC	42	23	7	12	201
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	42	21	5	16	192
Sydney United 58 FC	42	21	7	14	168
Sydney Olympic FC	42	16	10	16	160
Rockdale City Suns	39	18	8	13	149
Manly United FC	42	18	9	15	140
Wollongong Wolves	41	17	6	18	140
Sydney FC	41	22	6	13	136
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	42	13	11	18	118
Sutherland Sharks FC	42	19	4	19	117
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	41	7	9	25	68
Parramatta FC	38	7	8	23	51

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ROUND 03 VS Manly United FC	SUN 26TH MARCH	1-1
ROUND 05 VS APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	SUN 9TH APRIL	1 - 0
ROUND 07 VS Hakoah Sydney City East FC	SUN 23RD APRIL	2 - 0
ROUND 09 VS Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	SUN 7TH MAY	0 - 3
ROUND 10 VS Rockdale City Suns FC	SUN 14TH MAY	2 - 0
ROUND 12 VS Parramatta FC	SUN 28TH MAY	3 - 0
ROUND 13 VS Sydney Olympic FC	SUN 4TH JUNE	2 - 1
ROUND 15 VS Blacktown City FC	SUN 18TH JUNE	15:00
ROUND 17 VS Sydney United 58 FC	SUN 2ND JULY	15:00
ROUND 19 VS Sutherland Sharks FC	SUN 23RD JULY	15:00
ROUND 22 VS Sydney FC	SUN 13TH AUGUST	15:00

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