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Hi all and welcome to our Round 15 clash against Sutherland Sharks.

With our regular home ground WIN Stadium – The Wolf Den unavailable for this weekend's clash, Coniston Football Club have made available their facility for this crucial match. A very big thank you to John and the team at Coniston Football Club for hosting us today.

In the tightest NPL NSW premiership in a long, long time, 11 of the 12 competing teams still have very realistic chances of forcing their way into the top 5 at year's end and playing finals football. Only 5 points separate teams 4 through to 11 on the competition table, so a string of victories in succession, some quality performances on the trot can see sides fly up the premiership ladder very quickly. Only 8 games remain in the season proper, so every single point on offer is going to be absolutely crucial for every team looking to lock in a top 5 finish at the conclusion or the regular season.

Our mighty Wollongong Wolves have been playing reasonable football, without enjoying that little bit of lady luck, that can turn a game and a season around. First Grade coach Jacob Timpano certainly has the boys focused and ready to bounce back with a strong finish to our season and it all starts today with our team hell bent on securing the maximum 3 competition points on offer with a strong home victory. A win today will put us right back in contention and with still another 4 home matches left for our mighty Wollongong Wolves we can look at building on the momentum and making a positive charge for the remainder of the season, culminating in securing a finals position. Time to get serious. BEWARE. Our pack is gathering. The hunt begins.

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And speaking of the FIFA WORLD CUP, no better place or atmosphere to watch every single match on the big screen than at the Fraternity Club. The Fraternity Club are the Wolves Community Engagement Partners and will be putting on a party as only the Frat, the home of football across the Illawarra and South Coast, can. Wolves players, staff, fans and supporters alike will be spending plenty of late nights, and early mornings at the Fraternity cheering on all our favourite teams and enjoying the amazing feats of the world's best footballers. Join us at the Fraternity Club where you will be able to watch every single second of all the action.

We hope you enjoy today's must win match and look forward to your continuing strong support for our mighty Wollongong Wolves Football Club.

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The Wollongong Wolves welcome Sutherland Sharks to the city for this Round 15 fixture of the National Premier League NSW Mens 1 competition. This will be the 31st

meeting since the first one in 1987, including league, cup and finals games. The Wolves won this first match 4-0 with Randall Easthorpe x2, Robert Girdali and Zivko Hristovski being the scorers.

Fans will be eager to witness this clash between these two neighbouring clubs.

THE OPPOSITION TODAY - SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Sutherland in 2018 has new additions to the squad who include Hayden Morton, a returnee (formerly with the Wolves in 2017), Hristijan Tanoski (also Wolves 2017) and former Sydney United players, Adrian Vranic, Jacob Tratt, and Nick Olsen with the latter two also being returnees. Ex Parramatta Goalkeeper Ryan Norval has replaced the retired custodian, the long serving and high performing Nathan Denham. In addition, Juan Zapata has signed from Sydney FC Youth as well as Leo Malfala (Sharks junior) and Lachlan Hughes (from Mens 2).

Sutherland Sharks club has won honours since its inception in with one being the 2008 Premiership. The team finished in the top position winning twelve matches and drawing eight to achieve forty-four points to win with a plus nine-goal difference. Players who were in the squad during this successful season were - George Souris (captain), Phil Zabaks (GK), Nick Stavroulakis, Michael Katz, Jim Bakis, Matthew Hall, David Huxley, Ben Spruce, David Reid, Jim Nikas, Brad Boardman, Neil Jablonski, Michael Robinson, Nathan Denham, Matt Brandalise, James Lawrence, Pedj Bojic, Aram Tayebi-Derezkala, Brendan Gan and Shane Lyons.

In the last four years of the competition since 2014 the Sharks have concluded each season in sixth, tenth, seventh and having concluded the 2017 campaign in tenth position. The club will be endeavouring to get back that successful feeling.

In 2017, the team took seven matches before they achieved their first victory with four others to follow during the season. There was a coaching change during the season with Carlos Villazon making way for Grant Lee. The team finished in 10th position on 16 points from five wins and one draw on the plus side of the ledger, scoring and conceding 29 and 55 goals with a goal difference of minus 26, the second lowest in the competition. The goal scoring average per game was 0.72 while goals conceded average was 2.50. The team had ten nil scoring games, which was the equal second highest. Tomohiro Kajiyama was the top scorer with a tally of thirteen goals with four other players getting on the scorers list plus an own goal. Kajiyama was the also the joint Golden Boot winner for the entire competition. Two multi scorers in a single game were brace scorers Kajiyama with two and Jeremy Cox.

The best sequence without loss was two matches - win and draw in Rounds 9 and 10.

Three players were selected in the 'Team Of the Week' during 2017, Jeremy Cox with three appearances, together with Denham (1) and Kajiyama (1).

THE MATCH-UP

Since the teams have met in the NSW based competition there have been twenty-seven league matches between the two sides with the Sharks four wins ahead on fourteen and leading the scoring by fifteen league goals on fifty, with the nil scores remaining at eight apiece. The Sharks best win was 5-1 in 2009 while the Wolves best was 4-0 in 1987. The most number of goals scored in a single match was six, in the 5-1 match in 2009 and 4-2 in the 2008 Grand Final.

The last meeting ended up being a 3-0 victory to the Sharks in Round 4.

So far in 2018, the Wolves have four nil scores and occupy ninth position while Sutherland is placed sixth and has five nil scores. The top scorer for each club is Peter Simonoski and Adrian Vranic with five and seven goals respectively. The scorer of the each team's previous goal coming into this encounter was Simonoski and Ryoga Suyama.

The sequence record for the last five matches

is Sharks - win, loss, loss, win and loss, Wolves - loss, win, draw, loss and draw. In the last five meetings

In the previous rounds, the Wolves drew 1-1 with Sydney FC and Sutherland was defeated 2-0 by Hakoah Sydney City East.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sutherland's Jacob Tratt in midfield and Adrian Vranic had splendid games in the first 2018 meeting at Seymour Shaw Park and will be out to impress in this game again.

Darcy Madden is equally at home in defence or in attack and he is an accomplished player who is quick on his feet, reads the play as well as showing anticipation in timely intercepts. Brendan Griffin covers much ground in his matches and he works extremely hard for the team, winning the ball perceptibly, setting up supports and at times providing assists for the goal scorers and bobbing up to score in addition.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

An away game at Seymour Shaw Park saw the 2010 Wolves, coached by Trevor Morgan take on Robert Stanton coached Sutherland Sharks in Round 3. The line-ups were as follows-

Wolves - Brody Crane, Alex Mansueto, Greg

Valic, Dave Abel, Nick McInerney, Lisandro Berbis, Tayfun Buyyukopru Jason Trifiro, Andrew Paine and Ken Chun. Kieran Deane, Andres Gomez and Andrew Keep were subbed on for Mansueto, Valic and Chun.

Sharks- Nathan Denham, George Souris, Michael Robinson, Chris Price, Blake Powell, Ben Spruce, Neil Jablonski, Nick Stavroulakis, James Lawrence, Yianni Fragogiannis and Huseyin Jasli. Kyle Stewart and Stephen McConologue replaced Powell and Jasli.

At the time of this game both teams were near the bottom of the standings with neither team achieving any points to this stage. The Wolves started proceedings in a positive frame of mind with precision passing and had the first opportunity on goal. Valic collected with a Buyyukopru corner kick, though it went over the bar. Powell had a go at the other end though Valic got in to block his attempt. Jasli tried to lob Crane but his effort went wide. Buyyukopru could not beat Denham but just short of the half hour Sutherland struck. Price got his pass away to Fragogiannis whose subsequent cross was headed in by Powell. The second half had Denham saving McInerney's endeavour, and McConologue was through with only Crane to beat but his



shot bulged the side netting. Prior the Sharks went further ahead on fifty minutes. Souris began the move with Jasli receiving the ball. He eluded a defender, rounded Crane before squaring the ball to an unmarked Price, who calmly slotted the ball home. Robinson had to make some last ditched tackles to deny the likes of Trifiro, Paine and Chun. However, on this occasion Sutherland won the three points.

SCORES AND SCORERS FROM THE PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

1. 2016. Wolves 3 (Nicolas Bernal 2, Darcy Madden) defeated Sharks 1 (Josh Da Silva)
2. 2016. Sharks 3 (Matthew Gordon, Nick Littler, Jack Press) defeated Wolves 1 (Nicolas Bernal)
3. 2017. Sutherland Sharks 0 defeated by Wolves 3 (Yuzo Tashiro x2, own goal)
4. 2017. Wolves 3 (Peter Simonoski x2, Yuzo Tashiro) defeated Sutherland Sharks 0
5. 2018. Sutherland Sharks 3 (Nick Olsen, Adrian Vranic x2) defeated Wolves 0

SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH CLUBS - NATHAN DENHAM

Denham came from the Belconnen Blue Devils in Canberra to the Wolves for the 2006 season and played fourteen league games and two cup games. While at Belconnen, he had played

against the Wolves in Wollongong for the first time on the 10th April 2005 at Crehan Park. He was also signed for 2007 but only played one cup game versus Greensland FC keeping a clean sheet and was the reserve goal keeper on the bench for most of the league games.

At the Wolves, he was adept at the high balls and safe under pressure and possessed a good throw. In his debut game against the Sutherland Sharks on 19th February 2006, Denham was impressive making a number of good saves, one in which he showed his bravery by plucking the ball from the attacker's bootlaces in a one on one confrontation.

From the Wolves he went Sutherland Sharks and has been the incumbent there from 2009 to 2017 amassing a ton of first grade games, even though in 2017 he has sometimes been on the bench. He has been named in the 'Team Of The Week' quite a number of times with the latest being for Round 2 in 2017 and Round 1 in 2016 as a testament to his skills as a goalkeeper. He has a long distinguished career and has won honours with Sutherland, winning the Championship in 2009 by defeating Marconi 4-1 and the Waratah Cup in 2009 and 2012.

When Sutherland were defeated by the Wolves in 2012's Round 22, Denham stated post



match- 'we just did not get there (Finals) at the last hurdle. We had a lot of good wins. It is disappointing that we are not in the finals but we put our best out there. We played well against the bigger teams but lost to the lower placed teams.'

In the 2013 season Sutherland turned the table by winning 3-1 in Round 12 –Denham stated –'Yes, things have been great for us. After last season we were disappointed in not making the finals. We made a real point of this year to at least make the finals and may be push for the first past the post. So far so good it's coming along well and tonight was good as we keep in touch with Bonnyrigg...my mate Haysey had a shot which went past the post and I was at full stretch and pulled my abs. so hopefully I won't be out for too long.'

In 2014 Sutherland won one and lost one with the Wolves. Denham stated at Seymour Shaw Park - 'we always show character. I think the Wolves ran out of legs and let us back in.... It was a good result for us'. In the return match he commented - 'we did not turn up. It was a hard one. For myself, I tried my best but it was a nice cut in by Bailey and Zucco was right there but apart from that I didn't really feel threatened. The one that came off the post was fortunate for me.'

Denham was back in goal in Round 8 2016 for the Sharks after losing his position for a time. 'Our performance in the second half deserved at least to get some goals back. When you concede, it is hard to come back from. We let them get away in the first half. I have been out for three weeks... I'm happy to be back.'

Denham retired from playing at the conclusion of the 2017 season and was indeed a stalwart at the Seymour Shaw Park team, being a huge credit to the Sharks club and the others he was with, including the Wolves. He played for the Under 20s side that made the Grand Final and he was the custodian in the winning side that was crowned the Champions.

WOLVES' PAST PLAYER OF NOTE - GLEN FONTANA

Fontana, was an inaugural striker at the Wolves for four seasons from 1981 to 1984 made forty-nine appearances with a further seven from the bench, scoring a total of eight goals. He scored on his starting debut but

his initial appearance was as a substitute coming on for New Zealander Brian Turner in the Round 1 Sydney Olympic match at Wollongong Showground. He made a further sub. appearance before his start in the Newcastle KB United match at International Sports Centre, New Lambton. He scored in the thirty-eighth minute. His teammate John Lathan had burst down the outside of the box with three opposition defenders trying in vain to relieve him of possession. He then put a cross in and Fontana, through the middle being ten metres out, latched onto the ball, directing it past a despairing custodian into the goal. Fontana in an email interview in 2011 - 'my first goal against Newcastle was in front of 13,00 was on my starting debut... Morton was extremely happy for me as he had gambled by starting me this game.' The Lathan and Fontana combination worked again in the Round 25 Adelaide City match when Fontana again headed home a Lathan cross. His final goal was also against Newcastle in Round 28 1984, scoring in the tenth minute at Adamstown Oval.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players' comments were originally taken from the writer's interview for the match reports of the time.)



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When a spot kick is taken in regular match time or in a match defining penalty shootout, the custodian needs to 'hold on' with their concentration when the ball flies towards the goal vicinity, if indeed it is on target. The following custodians may not always have held onto the ball but they held on in other ways to keep the ball from entering their domain. Following are a selection of such instances beginning from the 2004/05 Premier League seasons, when the goalkeepers did exactly this to save their team from conceding. In one instance a single player had the dual role of being the custodian and the penalty taker, having responsibility to score and save, however not for the same club.

SCOTT WHALAN - 2005 Round 19 v Penrith - Nepean FC

At John Crehan Park, Cringila, Whalan dived to his right to keep out the low drive from Penrith-Nepean's Luke Boyd in the thirty-fifth minute.

ZLATKO JOSEVSKI - 2007 Round 9 v Bankstown City Lions.

This was the Lions chance to equalize after conceding a few minutes earlier. Bankstown's Nahuel Arrarte was given the job of the spot kick against a former Lions teammate goalkeeper. Zlatko Josevski read Arrarte's drive expertly. He dived with his outstretched hand to push the ball onto the goal post before it was ultimately scrambled away. Josevski stated post match - 'we deserved a bit of luck actually. I have had the bonus of practicing about a hundred penalties from that bloke'.

ALEX AUGUSTO - 2009 Round 5 v Sutherland Sharks

Wollongong's Jamie Pitt was yellow carded for an indiscretion in the box in the 29th March at Slacks Flat Oval, Bulli Showground. The Shark's Jim Bakis stepped up to the mark. In anticipation Augusto spread

his arms in order to put the kicker off to some degree. Bakis directed his spot kick to the left of the custodian, who parried Bakis' attempt to deny him. Following, his teammates pushed to ball out of harm's way. Augusto had prevented the score from blowing out any further.

BRODY CRANE - 2010 Round 16 v Bankstown Lions

Crane, the two-season goalkeeper for the Wolves and captain, was between the sticks in this game. Wolves' defender Nick McInerney had impeded Hussein Salameh's progress and the referee pointed to the spot. Custodian Zlatko Josevski had returned to Bankstown following his one season stint at the Wolves. He came out of his area to take the penalty. He dispatched the ball to the right of centre. Crane dived to get his hand on the ball to maintain the equilibrium. Josevski had to scuttle back quickly as Tayfun Buyukoprou lifted the ball towards the unoccupied goal.

DANIEL COLLISON - 2012 Round 10 v APIA Leichhardt

The New Zealand striker for APIA, Andrew Bevin was impeded in the sodden ground. He got up to take the penalty kick. His subsequent effort went to the left of goal with Collison anticipating it perfectly, diving to his right to save in a good display of shot stopping. However, he could hold the slippery ball and the Tigers regained possession, but could not

ALEX AUGUSTO



add to their score.

TOM HAMILTON - 2014 Waratah Cup v Sutherland Sharks

On the Wednesday 7th May at Hooka Creek P, it was 0-0 all after ninety minutes and 1-1 after one hundred and twenty minutes. Hamilton who was impressive in shot stopping throughout the tie, saved Jacob Tratt's spot kick, his team's third one after Sutherland's first two were converted. The Wolves had converted through Ben Zucco, Michael Robinson and James Baldacchino. If Hamilton was to save the next one the Wolves would be victorious as two more had been converted with each team achieving one. The Shark's Panni Nikas shaped to kick but Hamilton stood his ground. The ball came in and Hamilton managed perfectly to deny the Sharks for a second occasion with a sterling effort.

TOM MANOS - 2015 Round 15 v Sydney United 58

In the late stages of this encounter on the 21st June at WIN Stadium, former Wolves player Stepjan Paric was one on one with Tom Manos from the penalty spot. He shot with the result that the ball hit Manos, rebounding to the Sydney United player once more. He took possession and powered in another shot in the goal's direction. Manos denied him once more with a great save.



JUSTIN PASFIELD - 2016 FFA Cup Round of 32

Before a WIN Stadium crowd of 8029, on the 10th August, Sydney FC was the Wolves opposition. Milos Ninkovic had sent a precision pass forward to Carney out on left. With McGinn in tow, Carney eluded the defender and played the ball in. It came back to his vicinity and he reacted quickly by progressing into the box in possession with McGinn tugging on his shirt, ultimately bringing him down. The referee took some time to consider his verdict but finally awarded the penalty. The incredibly skilful Serbian player Ninkovic was to face off against Justin Pasfield who was moving in one place as Ninkovic lined up and composed himself. If converted Sydney would hit the lead. However, this was not one of Ninkovic's best efforts, with his tame shot being expertly saved by Pasfield, getting down to his right to push the ball away out of harm's way.

LUKE KAIRIES - 2018 Round 5 FFA Cup v GHFA Spirit F.C.

Kairies made his second match appearance in the Cup for the Wolves on this night, Wednesday 2nd May at J. J. Kelly Park. Earlier in the match he was unable to prevent the Spirits' Jacob Harris spot kick. However, another penalty kick was awarded later in that first half. Harris stepped up once again, fancying his chances to bring up his brace. However, Kairies was not going to be denied this time and by picking the correct direction of the ball and fully stretched, he kept it out with a good save. He stated post match- 'I got a bit lucky with that. The first one was a clear penalty but the second one was a bit soft. I'm glad I came through for the boys.'

Hold on. These custodians have justifiably done so.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players comments were originally taken from interviews that were conducted for publication in the writer's match reports at the time.)

With an opening round 0-0 draw in 2018, it was back to the record books to see how many seasons also commenced with this scoreless 'stalemate' result. Lo and behold, there was a further four. In addition, a number of players played in two of these matches many years apart and in each of two others, an opposition player was shown the red card.

From 1981, it took eight years for this initial 0-0 result to register on a scoreboard in an opening season fixture and it emanated in 1989, with APIA Leichhardt being the adversary. Warwick Young, Mike Hollifield, Jock Morlando, David Skeen, Peter Kotamanidis, Ray Vlietstra, Rade Stefanovski, Mineo Bonetig, Danny Crainie, Randall Easthorpe and Pat Brodnik comprised the team.

APIA fielded a number of new players for this encounter, one being striker John Kosmina, with the Wolves sporting much the same line-up as in the previous season. There was a lot of tough tackling early on before APIA's Rod Brown and Pedro Ricoy spurned chances, with goalkeeper Warwick Young safe in the goal frame stopping other Tiger's attacks. At the other end, Pat Brodnik hit Tiger's custodian Tony Pezzano in

the chest, with this being the closest thing to scoring. The game did not reach any great heights and much of the play could be described as dull.

Three seasons (1992/93) later versus the Newcastle Breakers, John Filan, Mike O'Shea, David Green, Charlie Yankos, Martin Bourke, Matthew Horsley, Paul McFadden, Richard Lloyd, Mineo Bonetig, Dale White and Mike Smith represented the club. On Friday night, the 5th October 1992 at Breakers stadium in Newcastle, neither team could conjure up a winning goal despite opportunities that were presented to the Breakers Troy Halpin and Jason Polak and to Wolves players Smith and White. However, Filan and his opposite number Mike Gibson held sway and neither goal were breached.

The NSW championship year of 2008 commenced with a spectacle result with now defunct team Penrith Nepean United. The team comprised of Justin Pasfield, Ben Blake (Capt.), Daniel Cummins, Tynan Diaz, Michael West, Mitchell Long, Steve Hayes, Ballamodou Conde, Chris Price, Daniel Aliffi, Ilija Prenzowski, Lachlan Cahill and Osagie Ederaro replaced Price and Prenzowski. The Wolves had much of



the possession and territorial advantage, as the opposition was content to sit back, soak up pressure then break quickly if an opportune moment arrived. Best chances for the home team were from the substitutes Cahill and Ederaro. A Cahill bullet like shot brought out the best in custodian Daniel Schwarzer, with a tremendous save, and goalkeeping clearly runs in this custodian's family. Ederaro tried a spectacular overhead kick, which again was kept out defiantly. West and Diaz sent in a myriad of crosses but none could be converted. Other targeted shots were by Hayes, Prenzoski, Aliffi and Price. Penrith did not help their cause at all by having a player dismissed. Blake stated post match that 'It's hard to play against a team that puts so many players behind the ball. We just could not break them down'. Coach John Turner said - that the opposition 'did not come to play. They came for a nil all draw...and the goalkeeper pulled off three miracle saves. Long, on playing his former team stated - 'they gave it to me...we created many chances but we couldn't put them away'.

The most recent nil score result emanated in 2018. The team was Justin Pasfield, Michael Robinson, James Baldacchino, Nick Montgomery (Capt.), Joshua Macdonald, Ryan Ensor, Caoimhim 'Qiuv' Fowler, Michael Stojanovski, Yuzo Tashiro and Takuya Nozawa. Peter Simonoski and Taylor McDonald subbed on for Fowler and Stojanovski respectively. Blacktown City was the opposition and it was a match with plenty of excitement with shots on goal happening many times.

The Wolves had a number of debut players in this match, those being Ensor, Fowler, Stojanovski, McDonald and Nozawa and as the match progressed acquitted themselves positively. The play seesawed from one end to the other and Tashiro and Nozawa had chances together with Blacktown's former A-League strikers Joey Gibbs and Mitch Mallia (recently called up for the national team of Malta). Both goal frames were impregnable as Pasfield and Blacktown's Tristan Prendergast saved with panache and guile.

Coach Jacob Timpano stated 'It was a point but the way the game did finish we are a little disappointed that we did not claim all three points against ten men on the balance of the game. We were well structured and disciplined.' Captain Nick Montgomery - 'Blacktown are a good side and a big threat in the final third and we nullified that. Both teams had the right intentions and it was a great game for the spectators.' Ensor - 'I'm not going to lie but I was very nervous before today, the first time I have played in this competition. I was really excited and happy with my performance.'

Following on from these stalemates, ensuing results in Round 2 have been two victories (in 1989, 1992/93) and one defeat (2008).

How did each team fair at the season's conclusion when this initial round 'stalemate' result occurred? In 1989 and 1992/93, the final ladder displayed the club in ninth and fourth placed positions respectively. The 2008 team fared better, achieving second place on goal difference, while the 2018 line-ups' position is yet to be determined.

A season opening round concluding without a victory or a defeat can either set the tone for solid improvement, or show later concerns that evolve with the team. However, a point earned is a point gained, something that can be said for a nil scoring 'stalemate'.

By Malcolm Rowney

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Wollongong Wolves entertain Sutherland Sharks in a top of the table affair on Sunday hoping to keep their outside premiership chances alive.

The Wolves are eight points behind the competition leaders with eight rounds remaining but have a great chance to reduce the deficit at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

The South Coast outfit were narrowly pipped 2-1 by Sydney FC at home last weekend and will be hoping to avoid similar disappointment this time around – however they will need to redouble their efforts or the visit of the competition heavyweights.

Sutherland returned to form with a 2-1 win over Hakoah Sydney City East last Saturday after suffering back to back defeats in the previous two weeks. The Sharks still hold a six-point gap over second-placed Sydney FC, but can't afford to take rest of the campaign lightly and have set their sights on replicating their premiership and championship double of 2017.

They'll first need to deal with the immediate challenge of Wollongong – whom they defeated 1-0 in the verse fixture at Seymour Shaw in round four. It's likely to be another arm-wrestle on Sunday which will make for an intriguing contest in the context of the premiership race.



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POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney Olympic FC	14	10	2	2	25	11	14	32
2	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	14	8	2	4	31	15	16	26
3	Blacktown City FC	13	7	3	3	20	11	9	24
4	Sydney United 58 FC	14	6	2	6	19	18	1	20
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	14	6	2	6	26	27	-1	20
6	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	5	3	6	21	20	1	18
7	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	5	2	7	19	20	-1	17
8	Manly United FC	14	4	5	5	19	21	-2	17
9	Marconi Stallions FC	14	4	5	5	16	21	-5	17
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	4	4	6	13	24	-11	16
11	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	13	4	3	6	17	28	-11	15
12	Sydney FC	14	2	3	9	18	28	-10	9

U20'S NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	10	1	3	34	16	18	31
2	Sydney FC	14	7	5	2	38	30	8	26
3	Blacktown City FC	13	8	1	4	28	18	10	25
4	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	7	2	5	22	15	7	23
5	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	7	1	6	22	26	-4	22
6	Sydney United 58 FC	14	6	1	7	22	16	6	19
7	Manly United FC	14	5	3	6	20	16	4	18
8	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	13	4	4	5	15	17	-2	16
9	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	14	5	1	8	19	22	-3	16
10	Marconi Stallions FC	14	5	1	8	17	29	-12	16
11	Rockdale City Suns FC	14	3	4	7	14	32	-18	13
12	Sydney Olympic FC	14	2	4	8	13	27	-14	10

U18'S NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	14	11	1	2	33	19	14	34
2	Blacktown City FC	13	11	0	2	33	13	20	33
3	Rockdale City Suns FC	14	9	1	4	27	16	11	28
4	Manly United FC	14	8	2	4	29	18	11	26
5	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	14	7	2	5	17	17	0	23
6	Marconi Stallions FC	14	6	4	4	20	15	5	22
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	5	2	7	13	20	-7	17
8	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	14	5	0	9	18	22	-4	15
9	Sydney United 58 FC	14	4	2	8	14	22	-8	14
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	3	4	7	16	16	0	13
11	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	13	2	2	9	15	33	-18	8
12	Sydney Olympic FC	14	1	2	11	9	33	-24	5



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	39	33	50	96	179
Sydney Olympic FC	42	5	20	128	153
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	42	15	32	104	151
Sutherland Sharks FC	42	13	62	68	143
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	42	23	44	72	139
Rockdale City Suns FC	42	28	26	80	134
Sydney United 58 FC	42	14	38	80	132
Manly United FC	42	26	36	68	130
Wollongong Wolves FC	42	17	46	64	127
Marconi Stallions FC	42	22	32	68	122
Sydney FC	42	34	52	36	122
Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	39	8	32	60	100

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING

Football NSW will use the following process when ranking the Clubs within each Competition: NPL NSW Men's, NPL 2 NSW Men's, NPL 3 NSW Men's and Men's State League – senior club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system;

GRADE	POINTS MULTIPLIER
1st Grade	Premiership Points X 4
U20	Premiership Points X 2
U18	Premiership Points X 1

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nplnsw.com.au/club-championship/



ACQUA PLUMBING SOLUTIONS



A number of players with the Christian name of 'James' (and the derivative Jamie) have turned out for the Wollongong Wolves and these are their stories at the club from the latest to the earliest. Two are currently at the club while one was here for a couple of years recently. Some of these names will readily come to mind while others may stimulate the memory.

JAMES BALDACCHINO



The central defender has been a fixture at the heart of the defence for quite a number of years working in tandem with the likes of Jacob Timpano, Michael Robinson and James O'Rourke. His first starting appearance was in the Round 4 Marconi Stallions match in 2013,

though he came on earlier as a substitute in Round 2 replacing Ricky Zucco.

He played four years from 2013 to 2017 and to date (up to Round 2018) he played seventy-six league games, fifteen cup appearances and one finals start which is a total of ninety-two games in all competitions.

In 2017, he went to Malta to play with Floriana F.C. and in the Under 21s Malta national side. He returned for the 2018 season to reacquaint with Robinson at the back.

Baldacchino's most recent of three goals was scored in Round 10 in 2016 versus Parramatta F.C. A David Stojic corner kick was whisked in. Kota Kawase headed the ball on to Baldacchino, who in turn headed it into goal on the hour mark. Unfortunately it was not enough as the opposition won 4-3. Baldacchino stated following the conclusion of the match - 'I'm lost for words to be completely honest. ...We will have to work out what went wrong. It's always nice to grab a goal but the job was not done.' He went close in the 2018 Round 14 Sydney FC game when he came on as substitute, with two headers from close

vicinity to the target looking goal bound but unfortunately were ultimately denied.

JAMES MARKOVAC

Markovac scored his initial goal in the 2017 Round 14 game with Manly United played at Cromer Park. It emanated in the fifty-seventh minute. He had won the ball in the centre of the field before striding forward. With room to move, he struck from twenty-five metres out, with his powerful effort zooming past the custodian. For his display in this match, he was selected in NPL NSW Mens 1 'Team Of The Week'. He made a total of four starting appearances in 2017 with his first appearance in Round 12 versus Parramatta F.C. He is in the squad for the 2018 campaign but has yet to feature.

JAMES O'ROURKE



Central defender O'Rourke came to the Wolves in 2015 after a three-season stint at Bankstown City in both the Premier League and Mens 2 competitions. Prior he played at Sydney University FC and Bankstown and at Walsall in England in the youth team. He made his debut in Round

2 with Blacktown City and played a further seventeen league games during the season. He played four cup games and made one finals appearance. He was selected in the 'Team Of The Week' for his display in Round 18 in a losing side versus Bonnyrigg White Eagles. In an interview following a defeat by Rockdale City Suns, - 'It's great here ..It is a very good environment. Individually, I think I've gone okay. It was very scrappy today and we made it hard for ourselves'.

In 2016 O'Rourke had a season defining injury early in training after he had played four Pre-season games. In one of these games versus Manly he scored after only three minutes. He played did not take to the field during the

season proper before returning to the field in Round 17, 2017. He came on from the bench in the win against Sydney United following some tune up games in the under 20s team, before played four more. He stated -'It was good to get back out here again and a good game to make a return.'

Following his playing in Round 19 at Albert Butler Park against Sutherland Sharks, O'Rourke stated -'It was definitely a good performance...Both teams had to adjust to the pitch and we adjusted better...I am slowly getting back to fitness and in the three games I've been involved in, there are three wins.'

At the end of 2017, O'Rourke returned to Sydney to turn out with Bonnyrigg White Eagles in 2018.

JAMES LAWRENCE

The midfielder Lawrence came to Wollongong from the Sutherland Sharks and at the end of his Wolves 2009 commitments he returned to the Seymour Shaw club. He made his debut in

Round 2 against Bonnyrigg White Eagles and it was the only win of the season. He made a total of eighteen league starts with one appearance from the substitutes bench with an additional two appearances in the cup. He scored one goal and that was in his third match. It occurred in the eleventh minute, by scrambling the ball over the Sydney Olympic goal line.

JAMIE McMASTER

With experience playing in England for Leeds United, McMaster played the last four games of 2009 with the striker scoring in his final match - Round 22, in the 6-5 loss to APIA. He scored from the penalty spot in the sixty-eight minute, the fifth goal for the team and the ninth in the match.

JAMES MONIE

The striker with many clubs prior, Monie came into the team in Round 12, 2009, staying for a further five games. In his debut he linked well with Ilija Prenzoski but did not get on the



JAMIE McMASTER



JAMES MONIE

scorecard until his final game in Round 22. His goal eventuated in the twenty-first minute. It was his team's initial goal. Lawrence provided the pass to Monie in space. He had no trouble in shooting the ball past the custodian. Later in the same match, Monie set up Hayes for his goal, by heading the ball to him. In the earlier Sydney Olympic 1-1 draw with Sydney Olympic, Monie stated after his impressive performance - 'It is always hard playing up front by yourself. But it's good having Haysey just behind. He works so hard and it's like having another striker up there with you...it was a good result... when I came down the team had four points. I knew it was a much better side than that...It's a habit getting points.....'

JAMES VAUGHAN

Vaughan, an Englishman was brought in to enhance the defensive qualities of the team playing four games, from Round 12 onwards. In his debut he provided the assist for the first goal against Bankstown Lions, sending in a cross following an overlapping run, that was duly converted into a goal. Vaughn showed vision and skill on the ball.

JAMIE PITT

Pitt played six games in 2009 in Rounds 1-5 and Round 7, playing a total of six games. His debut was against Bankstown Lions and his final game was in the Round 7, Marconi Stallions match with the result being 7-0 against. Pitt was defender who did not shirk his duties and got forward for shots on goal on occasions.

JAMES YOUNG

Young made only a solitary substitute appearance coming on in the 2006 Round 18 and final match of the season in the 2-1 victory over Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sports Ground.

JAMIE DUMMETT

Defender Dummett played in two seasons, 1983 and 1984, making a total of ten appearances. His debut was in Round 9 versus Brisbane Lions.

JAMES (JIM) PRESTON

Preston was the very first goalkeeper for the Wolves in 1981 and achieved forty-nine appearances in his three seasons at the club. He was the club's debut custodian playing against Sydney Olympic in Round 1, 1981 at the Wollongong Showground.

JAMES (JIM) McBREEN

McBreen scored the very first goal for the Wolves against Sydney Olympic at the Wollongong Showground on 15th February 1981. In the 37th minute, McBreen was the recipient of a shot that was deflected onto the post. He made Olympic pay by converting this opportunity in this season. McBreen made twenty-five starts and one from the bench scoring seven goals in total. In his second season, 1983, after playing for APIA Leichhardt in between, he tallied twenty-one starting appearances and one from the bench.

These have been the details of the 'James' who have held the ladder steady together with the Jamie's.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players' comments were conducted by the writer in post match interviews to be used in the match reports at the time.)



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TEAM LISTS

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UNDER 16s



Luke Genua
 Sebastian Black
 Tyson Black
 Lachlan Bryce
 Jayden Calver
 Navarone Darjani
 Harrison Dennis
 Owen Fitzpatrick
 Lewis Grimshaw
 Anthony Krsteski
 Rocky Lavalle
 Keegan Matias
 Mason Mavridis
 Michael Mendes
 Will Natrass
 Noah Vidler
 Coach: Manny Mavridis
 Assistant: Tom Anagnostopoulos
 Manager: Kimberley Fitzpatrick

UNDER 15s



Luke Morgan
 Harrison Anagnostopou-los
 Brandon Angelevski
 Antoni Anic
 Andrew Aston
 Deakin Brownlee
 Salvatore Di Bella
 Ryan Doig
 Dax Kelly
 Gabriel Krsteski
 Tony Krstevski
 Logan Mathie
 Oliver Mitrevski
 Daniel Payne
 Riley Smithson
 Omezikam Uchendu
 Coach: Steve Honey
 Assistant: Allan Jones
 Managers: Terina Hartley and Ben Mitrevski

UNDER 14s



- 1 Jake Charlston
- 2 Jake Almond
- 3 James Anagnostopou-los
- 4 Julian De Freitas
- 5 Jack Deale
- 6 Jack Duffy
- 7 Joshua Franco
- 8 Joshua Galevski
- 9 Jacob Krkovski
- 10 Flynn Madden
- 11 Daniel Merola
- 12 Joshua Nikolovski
- 13 Luke Palermo
- 14 Anton Radice-Jones
- 15 Deklan Rawson
- 16 Sebastian Stanojevic

Coach: Todd Parker
 Manager: Steve Stanojevic

UNDER 13s



Morgan Woolnough
 Jayden Branovski
 Chisholm Brown
 Benjamin Caroutas
 Jay De Gouveia
 Callum Donnelly
 Aleksandar Dulevski
 Damon Gray
 Kyron Guevara
 Jyden Harb
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 Noah McNeill
 Aiden Miranda
 Joel Palermo
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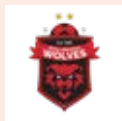
Coach: Andrew Thompson
 Assistant: Phil Vidler
 Manager: Anthony Palermo

UNDER 12s



Max Atsas
 Thomas Bent-Genge
 Alessandro Calmasini
 Noah Crapis
 Max Cunial
 Lachlan Flood
 Lachlan Groves
 Adam Kairis
 Joshua Keir
 Martin Kolevski
 Heath Marsden
 Liam Mavridis
 Tristan Nikolovski
 Adrian Pontone
 Harry Taylor
 Miles Thompson
 Thomas Tugrul
 Christian Vujic
 Kieran Wardle
 Harry Wililo
 Coach: Brendan Griffin

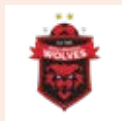
UNDER 11s



Christian Anagnos-topoulos
 Lenny Atsas
 Taj Demito
 Ben Harman
 Jacob Hastings
 Kyan Hawke
 Oscar Kiely
 Micah Leimbach
 Michael Marijan
 Noah Mathie
 Odhran McDermott
 Ryan Molnar
 Rishay Patel
 John Perri
 Beau Randle
 Lennox Roodenrys
 Jimmy Skarvelis
 Ashton Stapleton
 Noah Stella
 Zane Stroemer

Coach: Alfredo Esteves

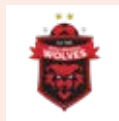
UNDER 10s



Christian Beleski
 James Benedetti
 Billy Beniuk
 James Calci
 Cooper Ellis
 Kolby Guevara
 Axl Hornby
 Khaled Houchaymi
 Isaac Kostovski
 Gabriel Lombardi
 Cooper Markovic
 Elijah Millet
 Lucas Moreira
 Innocent Nwali
 Samuel Palermo
 Jordan Sirijovski
 Noah Smart
 Luca Spaseski
 Lukas Srbinoski
 Lachlan Taylor

Coach: Vlado Srbinoski

UNDER 9s



Jaxon Bojlevski
 Samuel Burke
 Myke Caldrmoski
 Kahuitara-Te Ra Chase
 Jack Foley
 Fabian Gaudiosi
 Leo Halios-Lewis
 Jarrah Longbottom
 Kingston McLerie
 Zachary McNeill
 Jared Mihajlovic
 Novak Novakovic
 Declan Pearce
 Diego Sansone
 Leroy Szanto
 Lewis Tomlinson

Coach: Chris Halios-Lewis



TEAM LISTS - U20'S

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- 1 Mathew Nikolovski
- 2 Louis Connell
- 4 Jack Hooper
- 5 Jared Wiley
- 6 Brodie Clarkson
- 7 Branislav Radmanovic
- 8 James Carli
- 9 Marcus Bimbilovski
- 10 Harrison Taranto

- 11 Tory Musumeci
- 12 Jordan Nikolovski
- 13 Nikola Djordevic
- 14 Mitchell Ferraro
- 15 Kristofer Nicolaou
- 16 Jordan Pyne
- 17 Brandon Stojcevski
- 19 Thomas Dunlop

Manager: Robert Positti



- 3 Richard Stewart
- 23 Deren O'Brien
- 24 Adam Massoud
- 25 Blake Currey
- 26 Harry Sutherland
- 27 Harrison Quirk
- 28 Noah Chia

- 30 Joshua Briskoski
- 31 Gabriel Contigiani
- 32 James Temelkovski
- 33 Thomas Papa
- 38 Jacob Forster
- 53 Kuot Maliet

Coach: Nick Dimovski
Assistant Coach: Steven Gordon
Manager: Craig Simmons

U18'S



- 1 Brendon Krcanoski
- 2 Luke Day
- 3 Kayne Kotevski
- 4 Joshua Alcorn
- 5 Tim Chapman
- 6 Jordyn Della Vedova
- 7 Jason Pappas
- 8 Brendan Mitrovski

- 9 Joel Starr
- 10 Jake Levy
- 12 Joshua Correia
- 13 Liam Rae
- 14 Brendan Low
- 15 Jarrod Alston
- 16 Hayden Purkiss

Coach: Richard Lloyd
Assistant Coach: Scott Nicholls
Manager: Robbie Day



- 50 Louis Zabala
- 41 Lucus Camilleri
- 46 Luke Allen
- 39 Nathan Cupitt
- 48 Jaden Casella
- 44 Aidan Dennis
- 42 Benjamin Raatz
- 45 Luke Sauer

- 13 Charlie Jones
- 40 Bailey Pimentel
- 49 Tristan Maher
- 47 Jacob Gjorjevski
- 38 Thomas Sutton
- 51 Thomas Potts
- 54 James Nikolovski

Coach: Jane Talcevski
Assistant Coach: Nathan Denham
Manager: Michael Camilleri

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TOP GOAL SCORERS

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NAME AND CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Jordan Murray (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	11
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	8
Jeremy Cox (Sydney FC)	8
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale City Suns)	8
Adrian Vranic (Sutherland Sharks)	7
Jordan Figon (Rockdale City Suns)	6
Tasuku Sekiya (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	6
Joey Gibbs (Blacktown City)	6
Panny Nikas (Sydney United 58)	6



**Does not include FFA Cup goals*



2018 WARATAH CUP FINALS SCHEDULE

ELIMINATION FINAL

Wednesday, 13 June 7:30pm

Rockdale City Suns FC v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC

SEMI-FINALS Wednesday, 27 June 7:30pm

Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC v Hakoah Sydney City East FC

7:30pm Marconi Stallions FC v Winner of Elimination Final

WARATAH CUP FINAL Sunday, 15 July 4pm

Winner of Semi Final 1 v Winner of Semi Final 2

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- match dates are subject to change, pending each Clubs Competition Fixtures
- kick off times are subject to change for midweek matches pending what time the lights must go out at the venue
- all matches in the Waratah Cup must be played on a synthetic field
- Football NSW will determine the venue for the Waratah Cup Final



2018 FIXTURES



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HOME GROUND -
WIN STADIUM Harbour St, Wollongong

ROUND 1
Blacktown City FC
0-0

ROUND 2
Rockdale City Suns FC
1-0

ROUND 7
Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC
0-1

ROUND 9
Manly United FC
1-1

ROUND 11
Marconi Stallions FC
1-0

ROUND 14
Sydney FC
1-1

ROUND 15
Sunday 17th June @ 14:00
Sutherland Sharks FC

ROUND 16
Saturday 23rd June @ 19:00
Hakoah Sydney City East FC

ROUND 17
Sunday 1st July @ 15:00
Sydney United 58 FC

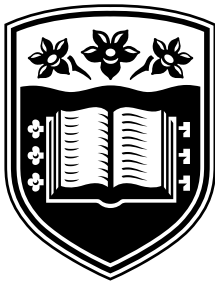
ROUND 19
Saturday 21st July @ 19:00
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC

ROUND 21
Sunday 5th August @ 15:00
Venue TBA
Sydney Olympic FC





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