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## **WELCOME**



Welcome everyone to our final home match for 2018.

Today we line up against joint competition leaders Sydney Olympic, in a match we must not only win, but win convincingly if we are to maintain any hope of finals football. Our boys won't die wondering, so it will be all or nothing today, with everything on the line. Bring it on! Go you mighty Wolves.

Overall we have enjoyed a reasonably successful season on the pitch.

Our first grade squad have been more than competitive however a lack of finishing in front of goal has cost us dearly. We have played quality football but at this level of competition you have to take every chance on offer otherwise you are going to be made to pay. We created plenty of opportunities but didn't manage to convert into goals and let too many games we should have won, slip through our fingers. While frustrating, our boys continued to turn up and give their all. You always need that touch of good fortune in a competition as strong as the NPL NSW Men's however lady luck deserted us quite regularly across this year. We did learn plenty of lessons and will be much better off for 2019.

The real surprise packet of the year has been the outstanding performances of our U20s. Written off by many at the start of the season, our young guns have really turned on some outstanding football and currently sit in 4th spot on the competition table. They are a hungry, well drilled squad and are poised perfectly to feature strongly in this year's finals series. They believed in themselves from the outset and it is no surprise to anyone within the club how well they have performed. They have been the most impressive of our senior teams in 2018 and have much still to play for. Many of these young players are ideally poised to step up into the big time next year but first, they have quite a few more statements still to make in this season's competition.

After a slow and disruptive start to the year our U18s have strung together a series of impressive results to now claim 5th spot outright on the premiership ladder. They have played themselves back intro strong form at

precisely the right time of the season and are poised to really shake things up in the hunt for the U18s premiership crown. We have some very exciting, young, local talent coming through our U18s ranks and they will feature heavily in Wolves colours for many years to come.

We also have to acknowledge and thank the amazing support we get from our proud and loyal sponsors. Their commitment to our club ensures the mighty Wollongong Wolves continue to maintain our position as the premier representative pathway for football across the Illawarra and South Coast. Organisations including MCR, CDN, UOW College, Karas Smash Repairs, Figtree Physiotherapy, Fraternity Club, 198FM and Illawarra Mercury have proven their belief in our region and our club through their valuable support throughout 2018.

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## **MATCH PREVIEW**





The Wollongong Wolves welcome Sydney Olympic to Hooka Creek Park for this Round 21 encounter penultimate fixture and the final home game for 2018. This will be the seventy-third

meeting since the first one in 1981, including league matches and finals. The result of this initial meeting was a 3-1 victory to the Wolves with Jim McBreen's first goal, together with a Clive Campbell brace, topped off with a Danny Moulis' effort for the away team, being the contributions to the scoring. At this time Ken Morton (WW) and Tommy Docherty (SO) were the coaches.

Sydney Olympic has had many close games with the Wolves over the years and some that blew out in the score, with the previous one being won by Sydney Olympic with relative ease. How will this game fare? Olympic are pressing for the premiership and the Wolves have been on the hunt for a finals berth.

#### THE OPPOSITION TODAY

Before a ball had been kicked in the week prior to Round 1 coach Spanish Gorka Exteberria and Sydney Olympic had parted ways with former Socceroo and Sydney Olympic Hall Of Fame member, Abbas Saad taking over the coaching reins.

New additions to the team for this year include Max Burgess, returning, after playing in Portugal with Uniao in the Liga Pro, to meld with the eleven players that were continuing on from 2017. Former Sydney FC A-League and Sydney United 58 player Riley Woodcock, Sydney FC Youth George Timeothou and Nicola Kuleski together with ex Shark, Callum Fitzpatrick, have been added to the roster. Spanish attacker Alejandro Sanchez Lopez from CD Tuledano also has joined the blue and whites together with Rafael liminez Serrano. In the middle of the year transfer window Saad added former Wolves player Zac MacKenzie from APIA Leichhardt. In addition another former player in James Demetriou has returned after playing overseas with Nottingham forest, Swansea City and Cypriot club, Karmiotissa as well Welsh teams Bangor Town and Barry United.

Honours have been won many times in the past by Olympic with one being the winning of the NSL premiership for season 2002/03. The team won sixteen matches drew three, achieving fiftyone points. Players for the team then were Clint Bolton, Paul Kohler, Franco Parisi, Ante Juric, Jade North, Andrew Packer, Hiroyuki Ishida, Troy Halpin, Tom Pondlejak, Jeromy Harris, Greg Owens, Joel Porter, Wade Srhoj, Labinot Halitit, Mark Byrnes, Zenon Caravella, Andrew Durante, George Souris and Ante Milicic, with the coach being Gary Phillips.

Since 2014 Olympic has finished in 4th, 4th, 6th and in 2017 in 5th position. This shows a consistent year-to-year performance but the club would want to achieve a higher placing in 2018.

Last season, Sydney Olympic began well by winning in Round 1 and at seasons end finished in fifth position on 40 points from 12 wins and 4 draws, scoring and conceding 35 and 23 goals with a goal difference of plus 12 which was the fifth best in the competition. The best and worst score was 4-0, a loss in Round 18 and a win in Round 21. The team was held to nil scores on five occasions. The top scorer was Yu Koboki with 11 goals with nine other players being goal contributors. Max Burgess scored the quickest goal, in the first minute of the Round 5 Rockdale City Suns game. The best result sequence without loss for 2017 was six games, Rounds 1-6, win, win, win, draw, draw and win. Three multi scorers in a single game were brace achievers Koboki, Jinya An and William Angel. The goals scored per match average were 1.59 while the converse was 1.04.

Players who were selected in the 2017 'Team Of The Week' were Angel and An with five selections, Burgess (4), Mitchell Stamatellis (3), Nick Tssatalios (2), Paul Henderson (2), Tom Whiteside (2), Koboki (2), Yiannis Spyrakis (2) Radovan Pavicevic (1) and Jason Madonis (1). Stamatellis was selected in the 'Team Of The Year' and An was named as a substitute.

Henderson, was also named as joint winner of the 2017 Mens 1 'Goalkeeper Of The Year' Award.

#### THE MATCH-UP

Since the 2004/05 NSW competition there have been 25 such league meeting with 12 wins to Olympic and 9 to the Wolves on the field of play with the 2nd match result in 2016 being turned

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around and awarded to the Wolves which change the statistics to 11 wins (SO) to 10 (WW). However, Olympic has scored more goals, 45 to 35. In addition there have been two semi finals with Olympic winning one in 2015 and losing in 2008. Olympic has kept the Wolves scoreless in seven matches while the reverse has happened three times. The most number of goals scored in a single match was seven, in the 5-2 score line in 2009.

At this stage of the 2018 competition Sydney Olympic and the Wolves occupy 2nd (on goal difference) and 8th positions on the league points table with wins and draws respectively. Nil scoring matches for each teams amounts to five (WW) and four (SO).

The top scorer for each club is Peter Simonoski and Alejandro Sanchez –Lopez with eight and fourteen goals respectively. The scorer of the previous goal coming into this match was Simonoski (WW) and Max Burgess (SO).

In Round 19, the Wolves and Manly United played out a 1-1 draw while Sydney Olympic defeated Sutherland 4-1.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

The Spanish striker Alejandro Sanchez Lopez is a consummate goal scorer and his skill on the ball is second to none and is the league's second top scorer. Luke Wilkshire for the Wolves will show his class on the home turf and as he has broken his duck in the scoring department, he could add another at any time. He is the playmaker who sets attacking raids with his set pieces and passing.

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

A Round 30 match and the final one of the 1981 season saw the Wolves play Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park on 13th September.

Olympic: Peter Wilson, George Akoutas, Andy Scott, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Ziras, Ken Wilson, Jim Redfern, Alan Townson, Mark Koussas, Peter Katholos and Graham Jennings. Derek Laing replaced Townson. The coach was Doug Collins.

Wolves: Natch Vardareff, Peter Willis, Arno Bertogna, Chris Dunleavy, Jeff Ainsworth, Lee Adam, Jim McBreen, John Fleming, John Lathan Clive Campbell and Peter Tredinnick. Ken





Morton was the coach.

Wollongong gained the upper hand when Campbell produced a low shot following a subtle back heel from Bertogna to put him through on goal. Bertogna, Tredinnick and Ainsworth made many inroads down the left side to keep the Olympic defence on their mettle. Campbell looked likely to score his second only for Ziras to intervene.

It took until the second half before the home side got on the score sheet. Ziras converted from the spot following a Willis' handball in the seventieth minute. Shots from Wilson and Jennings failed to increase the score before Raskopoulos, fourteen minutes after the first goal, produced the winner. This came from his free kick from outside the penalty area, which brushed Campbell on its way into the net. With this victory Olympic finished in second position and the Wolves were placed fifth, with both teams making the finals.

## SCORES AND SCORERS FROM THE PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETING

1. 2016. Sydney Olympic 0 drew with Wolves 0

- 2. 2016. Wolves 1 (Nicolas Bernal) Olympic 2 (Hagy Gligor x2). (Wolves awarded win due to Olympic fielding an ineligible player)
- 3. 2017. Sydney Olympic 3 (William Angel, Nick Tssatalios, Jason Madonis) defeated Wolves 1 (Yuzo Tashiro)
- 2017. Wolves 2 (Patrick Antelmi, Nick Montgomery) defeated Sydney Olympic 1 (Nick Tssatalios)
- 2018. Sydney Olympic 5 (Radovan Pavicevic x2, Thomas Whiteside, Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez x2) defeated Wolves 1 (Nick Montgomery)

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC PAST PLAYER OF NOTE - PETER RASKOPOULOS

Midfield general Raskopoulos played twelve seasons with the club from 1977 to 1979 and 1981 to 1989 totalling two hundred and twelve appearances including ten from the bench. His debut was at fifteen years of age and six months making it in Round 19 Western Suburbs match at Wentworth Park on 8th August. In total, he scored twenty-one goals at Olympic with his first in the Round 9 West Adelaide clash



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at Pratten Park in the twenty-fifth minute.

Raskopoulos was a gifted footballer with silky skills and good passing ability. He represented his country in fourteen full internationals from 1981 to 1987.

## SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH CLUBS - KEVIN HAGAN

Kevin Hagan, a New Zealand international striker, played for the Wolves in the 1991/92 season. He had a short stint only playing five games and was unable to get on the score sheet in league matches. However, he scored in the first round of the NSL Cup match versus Sydney Olympic. Mike Smith provided a pass to Hagan. He subsequently showed calmness by switching the ball to his right foot, before curling the ball round the custodian to lodge in the bottom right hand corner of the goal. His club debut was against APIA Leichhardt at Gabbie Stadium in Round 1 on 7th October 1991 and the team was victorious. Hagan played well and gained the points for the best performance showing his worth to the winning team, with a score line of 2-0.

The striker played for Olympic before joining the Wolves, playing twenty-five games with seven goals to his tally in the 1989/90 and 190/91 NSL season. His first game for Olympic was on 5th November 1989 versus His initial Olympic goal was in the 18th November Round 3 match with West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium. His final game was in Round 19 on the 7th February 1991 versus Heidelberg United.

Prior to his Olympic stint, he played with St.George in 1987 and 1988 then with APIA Leichhardt in 1989.

Hagan began his career in New Zealand with Napier City Rovers, Manurewa and North Shore United before coming to Australia. He scored eleven international goals for the All Whites.

## WOLVES' PAST PLAYER OF NOTE - DANIEL ALIFFI

Aliffi has the distinction of being a club season Top Scorer and he achieved this in 2007. He scored a total of eleven league goals with a hat trick coming in the match with APIA Leichhardt in Round 17. A handball was detected and Aliffi's first came from the spot. The ball flew into the top right hand corner of the goal. His second came up following the contributions by Ballamodou Conde and Osagie Ederaro. Aliffi

subsequently picked his spot to score. For his third goal, Ederaro laid on a pass and Aliffi gave the 'keeper little chance of preventing with a fine effort.

Earlier in the season, Aliffi goaled the team's first one in the 2007 campaign against Manly United in Round 2. A Tynan Diaz free kick found Ederaro. He headed on for the striker to then head into the goal as defenders quickly converged. He commented later - 'we finally got one. We couldn't wait for the first goal to come and I got a kick in the head for it. It would been even better if we had won.'

Aliffi also won honours when the team won the Tiger Turf Cup. He scored twice in this encounter with Manly United played at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda on the 8th July 2007. In a tense match Aliffi scored from the spot after being brought down. He then hit the ball to the right of the custodian to restore parity, after Manly had gained the advantage by scoring in the 23rd minute. Aliffi got the winner, which was also a spot kick, after Steve Hayes was inconvenienced in the box. This Aliffi dispatched the ball the goalkeeper's left. Aliffi stated post match - 'the team has character and spirit on the field to come from behind and win. I could not score the penalties if the team didn't work together.'

His final game for the club was in 2008 in the Round 5 match with Manly United on the 13th Match at Crehan Park. It was back in the 2002/03 NSL season when he made six starting appearances and eleven from the bench. He came from the bench in the Brisbane Strikers game Round 3 match at Ballymore in Queensland on 5th October 2002 for his debut. He wasn't sighted in the first team in 2003/04 but played in 2004/5 and 2006.

Aliffi was a regular goal poacher who was strong, quick and decisive with good control and an eye for the goal.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Players' comments were taken from interviews conducted by the writer for inclusion in match reports published at the time).

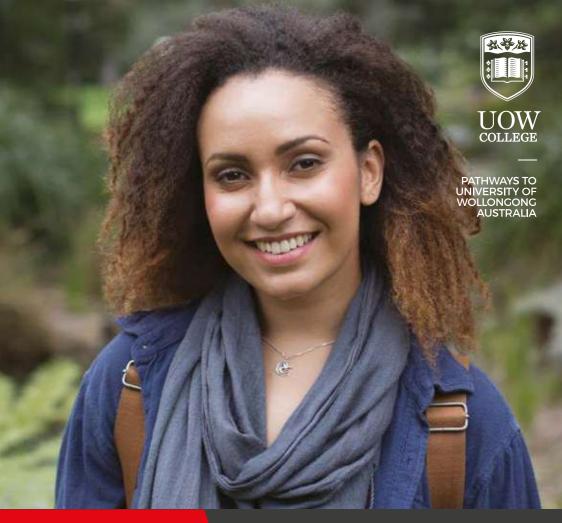
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## SECOND TO LAST



As today's match is the penultimate round, it is timely to reflect on games that were the 'second to last' game of seasons past. As Sydney Olympic is our opponent today, it is pertinent to remember some these occasions in the past in which the Wolves met this Sydney club, in addition to some others.

At Belmore Sports Ground in the Round 29, Sydney Olympic and the Wolves met in the 1998/99 season. Daniel Beltrame, George Souris, Paul Dimech, Robert Stanton, Matt Horsley, Sasho Dimoski, Scott Chipperfield, Ray Younis, Sasho Petrovski and Paul Reid. Michael Brooks, Esala Masi and Gerald Quennett replaced Dimoski, Petrovski and Masi respectively. Cardozo scored the first goal just after half time chested a ball down with his back to goal. He then turned and struck it home sweetly. Anthony Surjan pulled one back with the ball striking his knee then into the goal. A corner had come in and Esala Masi put the Wolves back in front before an unfortunate Stanton put one into his own net, heading in a Kalantzis cross. The match concluded all square. Sydney Olympic comprised George Bouhoutsos, Scott Thomas, Peter Tsekenis, Jason Culina, Pablo Cardozo, Brett Emerton, Chris Kalantzis, Ante Juric, Scott Baillie, Mehmet Durakovic and Milan Blagojevic. Mark Brennan, Norman Tome and Nick Carle subbed on for Culina, Kalantzis and Baillie.

Jim Preston, Peter Willis, Arno Bertogna, Jeff Ainsworth, John Fleming, Alan Waldron, Larry Gaffney, Lee Adam, Peter Tredinnick, Phil O'Connor and Glen Fontana comprised the team that played Sydney Olympic in Round 29, 1982 at home. Only two minutes in, the Wolves went ahead through Fontana with his first touch of the ball. O'Connor had whipped in cross which Fontana met to score. Seven minutes later O'Connor added the second when he connected with an Arno Bertogna pass to duly earn the plaudits. Olympic had the job ahead but got one back with five minutes to go, courtesy of Ken Wilson. He had headed in a Graham Jennings cross. The Wolves defender John Fleming shone out during the encounter and was strongly assisted by Peter Willis, Jeff Ainsworth and Bertogna. Olympic went close on three occasions with Jim Preston beaten only for Bertogna twice, and Ainsworth who managed to clear off the line. Peter Raskopoulos and Wilson impressed for Olympic. Olympics' representatives were Peter Wilson, Martyn Rogers, Ian Rowden, Jim Ziras, Michael Kelly, Gary Phillips, Peter Katholos, Raskopoulos, Jim Redfern, Wilson and Jennings. Lubo Goikovic was the coach.

Last season's 2017 Round 21 game was versus Rockdale City Suns on the occasion of the final game on grass at the Ilinden Sports Centre. The Wolves had every thing to play for in order to make the final series but unfortunately things did not pan out. Patrick Antelmi scored the third goal of the match following a brace to a Suns midfielder in the sixteenth and fifty-six minutes. Antelmi's goal was four minutes before the final whistle when he shot on the turn. The Wolves line-up was Justin Pasfield, Michael Robinson, Darcy Madden, Hayden Morton, James O'Rourke, Chris Price, Ethan Kambisios, Yuzo Tashiro, Peter Simonoski, Steve Hayes and Antelmi, James Markovic and Hristijan Tanoski replaced Madden and Hayes. Coach Timpano stated -we did not start well and the two set pieces undid us. We did claw ourselves back into the match.' Haves - you were right we were a bit sluggish and a bit lethargic. The goal definitely lifted ourselves and we could have snatched something at the end'. Robinson - 'I think we did not turn up in the first half. Second half was a lot better and we gave it to them against the wind.'

In 2014, the 'second to last game' was played in Wollongong and the Wolves hit four with one in reply for Marconi at Hooka Creek Park, Marconi's Jared Lum swept the ball into the goal at the far post with the assistance of the breeze sixteen minutes in. Chris Price scored a hat trick with his goals being scored in the second half on seventythree, eighty-three and eighty-eight minutes. Peter Simonoski scored in the first half, ten minutes after Lum's, when he ran onto a through ball. On receipt he rounded the custodian before slotting the ball into an unoccupied goal. Matthew Bailey provided a defence splitting pass to Price for his second and he went beyond the advancing 'keeper and then goaled. Simonoski turned provider when he set Price's third. He squared a pass to Price and he made no mistake. The team comprised of Daniel Collison, Jack Keating, Michael Robinson, Darcy Madden, Chris Nathanial, Sam Matthews, Zac Mackenzie, Bailey (Capt.), Price, Joseph Lavalle, and Simonoski. Lachlan Reus, Jordan Murray and Mitchell Del Turco replaced Matthews, Lavalle and Simonoski respectively. Coach Nahuel Arrarte stated post match - 'we went missing in the last two weeks. We had our game plan which was to get boys into wide areas.' Price - 'it is always nice (a hat trick) and it doesn't happen very often and I could have scored five, I reckon!' Mackenzie - 'we started a bit shakily and we were all over the place for the first twenty-five minutes. We sort of came together a bit better and we were more compact.'



The teenage members of the team scored two goals in 2009 when the penultimate round opponents were Blacktown City. Corey Gameiro and Peter Simonoski goaled for the club at Hooka Creek Park (Macedonia Park) but Blacktown garnered four. Blacktown's first was in the seventh minute followed by one twenty minutes later and one on forty-nine minutes. Gameiro was put through with only the custodian in his way. He managed to avoid him to calmly place the ball into the goal in the sixty-ninth minute. Four minutes later a corner kick was taken. The ball fell to Jamie McMaster, who chipped it on to Simonoski. He managed to knock the ball into the goal for his club debut goal. Alex Augusto, Chris Nathanial, Alfredo Estevez, Keiran Deane, James Lawrence, Gameiro, Ilija Prenzoski (Capt.) Brendan Kearns, Brian Vanega, Jamie McMaster and Corey Horner were the players. Simonoski replaced Nathanial. Post match coach Glen Fontana stated that - 'we battled hard and showed a lot of character. It was great to see two teenagers score. With all the bleakness of the season, we then see the quality of giving these youngsters a go. I think its sensational'. Simonoski added that - 'It was a good cross that came in. I had a shot that went in and I was pleased with my debut. This level is a lot more physical and faster than what I'm used to.'

The Wolves were in the hunt to win the Premiership in 2008 with Sutherland Sharks the only threat and both team badly needed to win in Round 21 in order to keep the pressure on the other team. The two teams were scheduled to meet in a showdown in the final round. The Wolves did their job though there was a few scares in a 3-2 win over Marconi. The Stallions had scampered out for a two goal advantage leading 1-0 at half time through Martin, when headed in Ozbay's cross. The conditions were slippery as rain fell an hour prior to kick off. Marconi's second goal was from a Jay Lucas penalty kick. When a Tynan Diaz cross was headed onto Price, he picked his spot and the Wolves were on the scoreboard. Diaz combined again when Price headed his cross in. Alfredo Estevez and Ilija Prenzoski combined for Prenzoski to elude the on rushing custodian and a persistent defender to goal with five minutes left on the clock. Price post match stated -'it was good to get the goals. John (Turner-coach) fired us up at half time. Their early goal in the second half did not help matters. The boys were digging in. Our short passing game was played in the second half (to advantage).' Estevez - 'It was very good to get on. I haven't been playing much but I've enjoyed being on a little more today. I had a chance and header also (that just missed.) Everyone believed

we could win, everyone was trying to take all the chances.' The team comprised of Justin Pasfield, Ben Blake (Capt.), Danial Cummings, Price, Diaz, Matthew Bailey, Steve Hayes, Michael Hawrysiuk, Ballamodou Conde, Prenzoski, and Mitchell Long. Estevez, Michael West and Samet Kaynak replaced Blake, Prenzoski and Long.

Played at Perry Park, Brisbane, in the final NSL season, (2003/04), the team played the Brisbane Strikers. The Wolves comprised Andrew Crews, Borislav Dragas, Jacob Timpano, Jason Van Blerk, Adam Hughes, Michael Hawrysiuk, Stuart Young, Nick Sabljak, Danial Cummins, Stewart Van Bentum and Chimaobi Nwaogazi. Dustin Wells, Seven De Giovianniello and Tanju Balabanel replaced Hawrysiuk, Young and Nwaogazi respectively. It was a solitary goal that separated the two sides, one that was scored by the Wolves Nigerian attacker, Nwaogazi.

At Hindmarsh Stadium in the 1993/94 Round 25. the Wolves took on West Adelaide and went back to NSW as 2-0 winners. Richard Lloyd scored the first goal in the 10th minute and Mike Grbevski added the second an hour later. It was a shock result as the Westad team was hunting for a finals spot and this result did them no favours. The Wolves had fashioned most of the chances and the defence of Mike O'Shea and Steve Forshaw in the heart of defence held sway. Brett Hughes, O'Shea, Grbevski, Forshaw, Stuart McLaren, Matt Horsley, Paul McFadden, Lloyd, Mineo Bonetig, Vaughan Coveny and Martin Akers were the run on team.

Round 29 in 1981 saw the Wolves come away with four-goal margin with nothing in reply by Marconi. Before a crowd of 5,819 at Wollongong Showground, on the hour mark the first goal emanated. Jim Breen scored. Fourteen minutes later Peter Tredinnick added the second. A John Lathan brace rounded out the scoring in the seventy-ninth and ten minutes later. Natch Vardareff, Peter Willis, Chris Dunleavy (Capt.) Lee Adam, Jeff Ainsworth, Jim McBreen, John Fleming, Peter Tredinnick, John Lathan, Clive Campbell and Arno Bertogna comprised the team and the coach was Ken Morton.

These selected nine 'second to last' matches features two with Sydney Olympic with the results a 2-2 draw and a 2-1 Wolves victory. The Wolves have won by some high margins in these above matches but have conceded and also achieved a couple of clean sheets. We wait eagerly for the result today.

## THE WAY THEY PLAYED



These are the Wollongong Wolves 2018 players who, through their performances on the field of play have been selected in the Mens 1 'Team Of The Week'. Some players have been selected a number of times which is a testament to their ability.

## ROUND 1 - JUSTIN PASFIELD v Blacktown Spartans at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Pasfield began this season in fine fettle to continue on his 2017 great form in the goal frame. He repelled everything that Blacktown City could muster with a number of former A-League attacking players leading the charge. He snuffed out chance after chance to complete a well-deserved clean sheet and assist greatly in his team's draw.

## ROUND 2 - MICHAEL ROBINSON and QUIVI FOWLER v Rockdale City Suns at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Robinson, in fact had begun the passing movement that lead to the goal when he swept the ball across field to right sided Taylor McDonald. During the entire encounter, Robinson did a mountain of work in his central defender role. He blocked persistently attackers as they looked to gain advantage, winning tackles and intercepting perceptibly. He won a race to the ball with a renowned goal scorer to close down the danger early on and his work ethic did not flag in the hot and trying conditions. His positive display went a long way in assisting his team to victory and to achieve a clean sheet.

Fowler, besides scoring the winning and solitary goal, was impressive with his creative play throughout the heat wave conditions in his second league match with the club. He displayed his close control, was able to win the ball in tackles, read the play well and linked up effectively with his teammates. For the lead-up to his strike, on receipt of a Taylor McDonald pass, Fowler produced a step over to bewilder a marker just inside Rockdale's territory. Another defender was in the vicinity but Fowler zipped in between the two before pushing the ball to Yuzo Tashiro in the centre. Under pressure, the Japanese striker held his ground before laying the ball back to a Fowler who had progressed forward. On receipt of the ball Fowler struck a low drive with his left foot that powered into the goal, eluding an outstretched goalkeeper, as he dived to his right, all in vain.

## ROUND 3 - TAKUYA NOZAWA v Sydney F.C. at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

The Japanese midfielder gave an impressive

display in his third league match. He was involved pro-actively in setting up attacks and showed his experience with his enterprising play. In one instance he went ever so close to notching his debut goal in Wolves' colours. After passing to his country man Yuzo Tashiro. Tashiro held the ball before providing a return pass to Nozawa. His subsequent shot flew in on target, deceiving the custodian, but unfortunately not the far post. The ball bounced off and away.

#### ROUND 5 – PETER SIMONOSKI v Hakoah Sydney City East at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

Simonoski scored a brace of goals in this match and he was ever dangerous to the Hakoah defence with his fleet of foot and insightful positioning. His initial goal was scored in the sixth minute. After Steve Hayes was inconvenienced in the centre of the park, a free kick ensued. Taken by Takuva Nozawa, his right-footed effort floated a high ball forward to his fellow countryman, Yuzo Tashiro, positioned near the left goal post from the Wolves' point of view. He in turn headed the ball across the face of goal. The ball eluded everyone except Simonoski who was at the opposite goalpost. He followed the flight of the ball before whipping it into the goal for his third goal of the campaign with the ball going in faintly off the custodians boot, giving his team the lead.

His brace was brought late in time added on and was the winner. James Baldacchino had intercepted a Hakoah pass before pushing the ball on to Hayes, who was facing his own goal. He subsequently turned and played the ball forward to substitute midfield player Brendan Griffin, positioned just inside Hakoah's half. Taking a touch to steady, Griffin proceeded to swing the play to the left side, picking out Simonoski with precision on the edge of the penalty area. The striker immediately advanced with only the custodian in his way to goal. The goalkeeper moved forward and dived. Simonoski poked the ball inside the far post vaulting the stricken custodian with his momentum following his shot.

## ROUND 7 - JOSHUA MACDONALD v Bonnyrigg White Eagles at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Quicksilver player MacDonald made a number of fast sprints down the right and through the middle in order to spark his teammates into action in the scoring department. He impressed with his endeavours and had the ball in the net on two occasions with deft skill, first being put through by Taylor McDonald to round the custodian and lodge the ball into the unoccupied

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goal and to loft the ball over the custodian, with both efforts only to be unfortunately cancelled out by the offside flag. In another instance, he very nearly scored, only for a desperate line clearance to keep him out with the goalkeeper soundly beaten.

## ROUND 9 - JUSTIN PASFIELD v Manly United at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

The Wolves custodian Pasfield has again gave an impressive display in goal for the team. Against the champions in Manly United, Pasfield made many pertinent saves to keep his team ticking over in the match and guard his territory vehemently. Save after save, either with a diving fingertip over, a dive or two to the left or right, kept Manly at bay. The shot by Manly that went in was an impossibility to save and was no reflection on Pasfield's tremendous ability.

## ROUND 11 - MICHAEL ROBINSON v Marconi at WIN Stadium, Wollongong

Robinson was impressive and the lynchpin at the back for his team. He sent balls forward with accuracy to instigate raids, he timed his tackles with precision and anticipated opposition passes keenly for interceptions. He headed out to diffuse attacking offenses by the opposition and kept his composure when he was under pressure.

## ROUND 12 - LUKE WILKSHIRE v Blacktown City at Lily Homes Stadium, Seven Hills

In his third game for the club, Wilkshire, with his distribution from the midfield, was a paramount influence on proceedings. His free kicks were incisive and kept the opposition in suspense. He took a free kick on sixty-one minutes from a metre outside the penalty area to the left of centre. His effort failed to clear the defensive wall, but rebounded straight back. Wilkshire hit the ball before it had grounded, with a first time shot. It flew towards the goal bouncing prior to the goal to deceive the diving custodian, before entering the target near the post to the custodian's right. His work ethic and skill went a long way in assisting his team in achieving a point against this difficult side.

## ROUND 14 - DARCY MADDEN v Sydney FC at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Madden displayed a powerhouse performance in this free flowing quickly paced match. He intercepted with anticipation, chesting the ball down on one occasion and attacked with relish at the opposite end of the field. He is tenacious in tackling and shutting down attacks and is equally adept in attacking mode with a header

on target, only for the custodian to deny. He then had to double back to enact a tackle to diffuse a dangerous situation. It was all in all am truly impressive display.

## ROUND 15 - NICK MONTGOMERY v Sutherland Sharks at J. J. Kelly Park, Coniston.

Montgomery set up Brendan Griffin and Peter Simonoski for shots on goal in the final minutes before receiving the ball from a headed clearance near the custodian's left post. The ball fell fortuitously at his feet before a powering a thunderous shot into the goal for the match winner. The midfielder played dynamically in the midfield winning in the ball in tackles and providing incisive passes both low and aerial to mount attacks throughout the proceedings.

#### ROUND 16 - PETER SIMONOSKI v HAKOAH SYDNEY CITY EAST at WIN Stadium, Wollongong

Simonoski scored a brace in this match with his match winner coming late in the encounter in the 90+ minutes. He had a couple of scoring opportunities in the first half where he made himself available at these times but he was not successful in converting. However, he was always looking for the opening and tracking back to help out in defense on occasions when required. He scored his first goal in the seventy-fourth minute when he headed home a Takuya flighted ball into the box. Yuzo Tashiro set up his second by providing the pass for a facile finish. A polished finish was executed and this assisted his team to the victory.

### ROUND 19 - JUSTIN PASFIELD v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium.

Pasfield pulled off many top notch, classy saves in this match to preserve the 1 - 0 lead for nearly ninety minutes. He anticipated well coming off his line and beating a nippy striker, the league's top scorer, to the ball before trouble eventuated. A stunning save to the same striker occurred when his free kick eluded the defensive wall. Pasfield had to be on his mettle to push the ball wide of the goal. Earlier a header came from close vicinity to with Pasfield to the fore to deny. Pasfield pulled off another great save to thwart the Japanese midfielder who was one on one with him. His opposite number Ivan Necevski was appreciative and complimentary of Pasfield's sterling effort when he said in a post match interview - 'Credit to Wollongong, Justin Pasfield kept them in the game at 1-0 with some great saves.'



## ROUND 20 - STEVE HAYES v Manly United at Cromer Park, Cromer.

The midfielder player was an influential player in this match both in defence and in attack. He very nearly had the ball into the net for a match winner after connecting with a Darcy Madden cross only for a last ditched clearance off the line to deny him in the final minute action of the game. Hayes won the ball in midfield with timely tackles and interceptions and provided passes to open up the opposition.

#### 'GOAL OF THE WEEK' - ROUND 2 - QUIVI FOWLER v Rockdale City Suns At WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Fowler's goal was scored in the thirty-first minute. On receiving a one two pass from Yuzo

Tashiro who was in centre of the field, Fowler, the enterprising midfield player originally from Queensland, produced a low drive that flew into the left side (from Fowler's viewpoint) of goal near the post, beating the diving custodian with relative ease.

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(Players comments were originally collected by the writer in post match interviews for use in match reports at the time.)



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## **FATHER AND SON**

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Collowing on from Zivko Hristovski and his son Steve, Robert Giraldi and his son Dez, Jeff Allport and his son, Boden and Larry Gaffney and his son Peter, another father and son duo have turned out also for the club.

This father and son combination played at the Wolves in the 1994/95 season and in the 2014 and 2015 season respectively. The father, Peter Murray was a defender who made sixteen appearances for the Wolves with one league goal with the club to his name after he signed from Wollongong Macedonia, a team that was in the National Soccer League at the time for a solitary season.

The elder Murray scored his goal in the Round 8 Brunswick Juventus encounter, with an Adrian Cervinski header on target being handled by a defender as it was projected towards the goal. Murray stepped up to the penalty spot in the thirty-ninth minute, dispatching his spot kick into the goal defying the clutches of the custodian. He also scored another goal in his one cup start against the NSW Under 23 side (which replaced the Newcastle Breakers) in the first of two legs. He was a defender with good aerial ability and possessed an effective clearance in pressure situations.

Striker Jordan Murray played for the club for two seasons and was the top scorer in the 2014 season, his debut season. He scored a further eight goals in his second season and has developed into a top-notch striker. Following the Round 15 Sydney United 58 clash at WIN Stadium in 2015, Jordan scored in the eighteenth minute upon receipt of a Dahri Alsaad pass with his back towards his target. He revolved around to subsequently lash the ball into the goal for his second of the season. In addition he provided the assist for the first goal by scooping the ball across the face of goal to the far post for it to be headed home. He stated post match - 'yes it was about time I whacked one in. It's been awhile. I pushed and pushed until it finally came off.' On his assist -'I'm glad it came off. I could have shot from that position but got the ball to Simmo. We worked as a team and we came off 4-0 in front'.

The younger Murray achieved twenty starting appearances with ten as a replacement in league matches with five starts and two replacement roles in the cup run plus a finals appearance. He scored fifteen league goals and four cup goals.

Following on from the Wolves, Jordan Murray moved to APIA Leichardt, a club where his father played for two full seasons with a further six

appearances in 1990/91, achieving a total of forty-three appearances with seven goals to his credit in the process. Peter's first goal in the 1989/90 season was against the Wolves with his final goal being in Round 1 in the 1990/91 season against St.George before transferring.

The striker first played for APIA in 2016 and scored seven goals with his first in the Round 6 clash versus Rockdale City Suns. He upped the total to twelve throughout the next season.

Jordan Murray played against the Wolves recently in the 2018 Round 19 game at WIN Stadium, a draw being the result with the defence effectively keeping him in check, which was no mean feat. He stated post match - 'we finally got the draw and the Wolves made it hard. The ground is certainly familiar and the Cup game win was good last week.' In addition in 2018 he is the leading goal scorer in the Mens 1 competition having scored twenty-two goals, consisting of one hat trick and four braces. His goals for the APIA have helped win the 2017 Premiership and the 2018 Waratah Cup. In all likelihood, he will be the 2018 Mens 1 competition top scorer by the end of the season.

The younger Murray played in the 2018 Round of 32 for APIA against Port Melbourne to win after he played in the same stage of the FFA Cup with Wolves in the 2014 game with Central Coast Mariners. In Round 20, he achieved four goals in a single match, versus Sydney United 58 in a tremendous scoring spree.

In the final league match in 2014, Murray scored a brace against APIA Leichhardt. He stated - 'I wish I had got the third (ruled offside) but I was happy with two to help the team. It close but not close enough. We could have bagged a couple more. We marked them well and executed well today in the 5-1 win. They play on artificial turf and had to come down here on a rainy day, they didn't have a chance.'

As a player, he is a quick off the mark and has acute acceleration, being a deft striker with good close ball skills. He takes on defenders with confidence and certainly has an innate sense where the goal is. He is comfortable on the ball and can hold up play and possesses a strong shot.

This has been another father and son moment - Peter and Jordan Murray.

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## **FIRST GRADE NPL NSW MEN'S**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	20	13	3	4	55	23	32	42
2	Sydney Olympic FC	20	13	3	4	35	19	16	42
3	Sydney United 58 FC	20	11	2	7	35	28	7	35
4	Blacktown City FC	20	9	7	4	27	17	10	34
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	9	3	8	37	40	-3	30
6	Marconi Stallions FC	20	7	6	7	27	29	-2	27
7	Manly United FC	20	6	7	7	28	30	-2	25
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	6	6	8	20	32	-12	24
9	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	6	4	10	30	31	-1	22
10	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	20	6	4	10	26	40	-14	22
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	20	6	2	12	26	36	-10	20
12	Sydney FC	20	3	3	14	24	45	-21	12

## **U20'S NPL NSW MEN'S**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	20	13	1	6	38	23	15	40
2	Sydney FC	20	11	6	3	60	37	23	39
3	Sutherland Sharks FC	20	12	1	7	43	26	17	37
4	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	9	4	7	30	25	5	31
5	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	10	1	9	29	31	-2	31
6	Sydney United 58 FC	20	9	3	8	27	25	2	30
7	Manly United FC	20	8	4	8	30	23	7	28
8	Marconi Stallions FC	20	8	2	10	25	37	-12	26
9	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	20	8	1	11	29	32	-3	25
10	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	20	5	7	8	22	28	-6	22
11	Sydney Olympic FC	20	4	4	12	18	40	-22	16
12	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	4	4	12	19	43	-24	16

## **U18'S NPL NSW MEN'S**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	20	16	2	2	50	24	26	50
2	Blacktown City FC	20	16	1	3	47	17	30	49
3	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	13	1	6	39	22	17	40
4	Manly United FC	20	9	6	5	37	25	12	33
5	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	10	3	7	25	23	2	33
6	Marconi Stallions FC	20	9	5	6	32	21	11	32
7	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	10	2	8	23	27	-4	32
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	20	7	4	9	26	23	3	25
9	Sydney United 58 FC	20	6	2	12	20	34	-14	20
10	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	20	5	0	15	20	40	-20	15
11	Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	20	2	2	16	19	45	-26	8
12	Sydney Olympic FC	20	2	2	16	14	51	-37	8

## **U20'S MATCH PREVIEW**

Wollongong Wolves sit just a point ahead of sixth-placed Sydney United 58 as the 2018 regular season enters the final stretch; snapping an indifferent run of form with a 2-1 win over Manly United last week.

To remain in control of their own fate, a win over Sydney Olympic on Sunday afternoon is a must. A 1-1 draw at Belmore Sports Ground earlier in the season points to a difficult game for the Wolves, even if these sides are separated by 15 points and seven places on the ladder.

Sydney Olympic lost 1-0 to Sutherland Sharks in Round 20; neither an unexpected nor particularly disappointing result for a side that has struggled to find its rhythm this season. The best Olympic can do is to finish ahead of Rockdale City Suns and avoid the wooden spoon – Bonnyrigg are to far ahead of them to catch.



## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**



CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	60	49	80	136	265
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	60	15	50	168	233
Sydney United 58 FC	60	20	60	140	220
Sydney Olympic FC	60	8	32	168	208
Marconi Stallions FC	60	32	52	108	192
Rockdale City Suns FC	60	40	32	120	192
Wollongong Wolves FC	60	33	62	96	191
Manly United FC	60	33	56	100	189
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	60	32	62	88	182
Sutherland Sharks FC	60	25	74	80	179
Sydney FC	60	50	78	48	176
Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC	60	8	44	88	140

#### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING**

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GRADE	POINTS MULTIPLIER
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U20	Premiership Points X 2
U18	Premiership Points X 1

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## **BRING IT ON HOME**



'Bring it on home' concerns all the Wollongong Wolves goals scored during the 2018 season in both the league and cup for the coach, the team and the club, with the specific circumstances as far as possible behind these players' and team efforts.

#### GOAL 1 - QUIVI FOWLER - 31' Round 2 v Rockdale City Suns at WIN Stadium.

Fowler played a pass to Yuzo Tashiro who drew defenders and a lay off pass was returned. Fowler controlled, before letting fly with a powerful effort that eluded the despairing custodian in heat wave conditions. In the post match interview he stated -'I have settled in well with the team. The conditions were tough but we played well considering. It was pleasing to score.'

## GOAL 2 - RYAN ENSOR - 72' Round 3 v Sydney FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

From the edge of the penalty area on the artificial surface, Ensor's drive gained a slight deflection on its way into the goal but not enough to alter the positive outcome. The ball had popped out to him and he hit it straight away with it landing inside the near post for his initial goal for the club.

#### GOAL 3 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 86' Round 3 v Sydney FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

The late substitute came off the bench to alter the outcome of this match by snaring the winner. After Yuzo Tashiro had hooked the ball forward into Simonoski's path, his subsequent first time right-footed strike flew into the goal entering close and low to the far post.

#### GOAL 4 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 6' Round 5 v Hakoah Sydney City East at Athletic Field, Pagewood.

A Nozawa free kick was angled to the left of goal where his compatriot Tashiro was located. He jumped high to meet the ball, heading it across the face of goal. Simonoski was at the far post, moving to tuck the ball home as the custodian tried valiantly but in vain, to keep it out with his feet.

#### GOAL 5 – PETER SIMONOSKI - 93' Round 5 v Hakoah Sydney City East at Athletic Field, Pagewood.

Central defender James Baldacchino had pushed the ball forward to Steve Hayes positioned in the middle between the sidelines, before subsequently moving the ball on to Brendan Griffin. His perfectly weighted, flighted pass found Simonoski with space to spare on the left just inside the penalty area. He motored in and being one on one with the custodian, he slotted the ball into the goal for the match winner, beating the advancing custodian, hurdling him with his momentum.

#### GOAL 6 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 18' Cup Round 4 v Kellyville Kolts

Simonoski met a Fowler free kick to make his effort count.

#### GOAL 7 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 44' FFA Cup Round 4 v Kellyville Kolts

A Nozawa corner kick was curled in with the ball being headed on. Simonoski was there to slot home and bring up his brace for the match, his second of the season. It was good to get the early win and to get onto the score sheet was a bonus.

### GOAL 8 - DARCY MADDEN - 85' FFA Cup Round 4 v Kellvville Kolts

Madden hit his first goal for 2018 late in the proceedings with five minutes to spare.

## GOAL 9 - YUZO TASHIRO - 35' v APIA at Lambert Park.

A spot kick conversion was the Japanese striker's initial goal for the season. He gave the former A-League 'keeper little chance in stopping it even though he had guessed the correct side and made a faint touch. Tashiro powered his right-footed shot to the left of the diving goalkeeper.

## GOAL 10 - TAKUYA NOZAWA - 72' v APIA at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

A Fowler free kick was whipped into the box where a defender got his head to the ball and another tried to clear. However, Nozawa took possession, charging into the box from the right side and near the post with a defender in tow. He shot, with his effort traversing through the custodian to embed in the far corner of the goal.

## GOAL 11 - QUIVI FOWLER - 7' FFA Cup Round 5 v GHFA Spirit at I.I. Kelly Park, Coniston.

Fowler took possession of the ball early in the match to the left of centre and about twenty five or so metres out. Sizing up his opportunity with space to operate in, his ensuing left footed shot zoomed high to lodge inside the goal.

## GOAL 12 - YUZO TASHIRO - 90' in Round 9 v Manly United at WIN Stadium. Wollongong.

Midfielder Griffin, positioned outside of the box, had sent the ball out to Nozawa who pushed it back to substitute Jordan Nickolovski, coming on for his initial time in first grade. At the corner of the penalty he took a touch to push the ball

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slightly forward. He in turn floated a high ball in that Tashiro, located just outside the goal area, rose and picked his place beyond the 'keeper with his goal bound header.

## GOAL 13 - NICK MONTGOMERY - 45' in Round 10 v Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sportsground.

In the lead up, a Nozawa free kick from the right side of the field a couple of metres inside of Olympic's territory was whipped in, and subsequently headed out by an Olympic defender. Brendan Griffin gained possession under constant pressure inside the penalty area. He dribbled the ball towards the sideline for a short time before changing direction and making forward progress. The defender, who was shadowing Griffin, ultimately stuck his foot out to relieve Griffin of possession, with the ball finding Nozawa. Another defender met his first time inward pass. He cleared unconvincingly as a teammate was in the vicinity also trying to connect. The ball ran to where the Wolves' captain Montgomery was standing. He produced a rocket that blasted from his right foot to the left of a diving custodian to bulge the back of the net.

## GOAL 14 - YUZO TASHIRO - 11' in Round 11 v Marconi at WIN Stadium Wollongong

It was a Takuya Nozawa free kick that was the prelude to the goal. He pushed the ball in with Peter Simonoski continuing to flick it on. Yuzo Tashiro was positioned to the left of the goal in anticipation. He moved forward and squeezed his header home on eleven minutes, in close proximity to the goalkeepers left goal post.

#### GOAL 15 - LUKE WILKSHIRE - 60' in Round 12 v Blacktown City at Lily Homes Stadium, Seven

Wilkshire had begun a move by sending a long ball up for Peter Simonoski, who, in space, ran forward in possession. A metre outside the penalty area he was stopped in his tracks by a burly experienced defender who knew what he was doing at that moment, and he was duly rewarded for his action by a yellow card. Wilkshire put the free kick in and it rebounded directly to him after hitting the defensive wall. He hit it first time straight back and this time, drilling his effort with the ball lodging inside the near post and eluding the custodian.

#### GOAL16 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 45' in Round 13 v Rockdale City Suns at Ilinden Park, Rockdale

Brendan Griffin beat Rockdale's Patrick Savor to the ball on the centre circle line in the Sun's half before playing his left footed pass into the path of Simonoski who let the ball run forward with space to spare. He let fly with his first time shot swerving in the air as it curled in off the far post. 'I saw him back tracking so I thought I would hit it first time and hope for the best.'

## GOAL 17 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 45+' in Round 14 v Sydney FC at WIN Stadium, Wollongong

This spot was brought about as Joshua Macdonald was brought down after bursting into the box by Sydney FC's Patrick Flottmann in the time added on in the first half. With the custodian diving the wrong way, Simonoski took the spot kick, directing it into the goal.

#### GOAL 18 - JORDAN NIKOLOVSKI - 60' in Round 15 v Sutherland Sharks at J.J.Kelly Park, Coniston

In his first starting appearance Nikolovski, from about thirty metres out, received the ball out of defence from Darcy Madden. He ran to where the ball was, took a touch before lobbing the ball over the custodian's head before it took one bounce into the goal. He stated post match-'It was unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable. I wasn't sure what I would do. I had the wind at my back, saw the 'keeper off his line and I thought I would go for it'. He certainly did!

#### GOAL 19 – NICK MONTGOMERY - 90+2' in Round 15 v Sutherland Sharks at J. J. Kelly Park, Coniston

Montgomery's powerhouse shot from inside the penalty area rocketed into the goal rising as it traversed. Prior Ryan Ensor had worked his way down the left eluded a player before cutting back a pass to Peter Simonoski. He jinked to his left before finding the space to shoot. The Sharks custodian beat the ball away with his hands but it went to his left and the Sharks' tall defender Jacob Tratt headed away with Luke Wilshire in attendance. The ball fell into the path of Montgomery and he did the rest in the 90+2 minute. Montgomery had showed his frustration and disappointment when after an earlier Simonoski shot was saved, he slumped to the ground momentarily. However, he got to get the job done in a spectacular way for the match winner.

#### GOAL 20 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 74' in Round 16 v Hakoah Sydney City East at WIN Stadium

Substitute Takuya Nozawa took a short corner kick from the left side to Luke Wilkshire. He returned the ball to Nozawa before he subsequently flighted a cross in. Simonoski connected with the



ball, jumping to steer his header into the right hand side of the goal at mid height.

#### GOAL 21 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 90+ in Round 16 v Hakoah Sydney City East At WIN Stadium.

Luke Wilshire had provided a pass to substitute Yuzo Tashiro before he burst forth in the penalty area from the left side. He spied Peter Simonoski and off loaded the ball into the striker's path and he duly slotted it into the goal for the match winner.

#### GOAL 22 - YUZO TASHIRO - 19' in Round 17 v Sydney United 58 at WIN Stadium.

A Luke Wilshire free kick was floated into the box. A defender leapt beating Yuzo Tashiro to the ball at his position to the left of the goal, heading the ball into Brendan Griffin's path. Barely inside the penalty area, Griffin provided his right footed cross from the right side of goal for Tashiro to score with an angled header, outmaneuvering two defenders in close proximity. He projected the ball past the diving custodian into the far corner of the goal on nineteen minutes for his team to go into the lead.

#### GOAL 23 - PETER SIMONOSKI - 2' in Round 19 v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium

Darcy Madden pushed the ball parallel to the right sideline up for Steve Hayes to run onto. When he collected the ball he moved it inward for Yuzo Tashiro. He subsequently lifted the ball over to the far post where Simonoski was positioned. The ball fell to him via from a nod by a defender and he headed it into the goal over the head of the custodian in the second minute for the quickest goal of the season.

## GOAL 24 - PETER SIMOMOSKI - 14' in Round 20 v Manly United at Cromer Park, Cromer.

The striker latched onto a loose ball to dispatched it past the custodian into the goal for a well intentioned effort.

These were the goals that were brought on home in 2018 thus far up to Round 20, with two rounds still yet to feature.

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Manager: Kimberley Fitzpatrick

#### **UNDER 15s**



Luke Morgan Harrison Anagnostopou-los Brandon Angelevski Antoni Anic Andrew Aston Deakin Brownlee Salvatore Di Bella Ryan Doig Dax Kellv Gabriel Krsteski Tony Krstevski Logan Mathie Oliver Mitrevski Daniel Payne Rilev Smithson Omezikam Uchendu Coach: Steve Honey Assistant: Allan Iones 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 Ioshua 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 lavden Branovski Chisholm Brown Beniamin Caroutas Jay De Gouveia Callum Donnelly Aleksandar Dulevski Damon Grav Kyron Guevara Jyden Harb Cooper Kerridge Noah McNeill Aiden Miranda loel Palermo Sebastian Tomasiello Kalani Vella

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 Ioshua Keir Martin Kolevski Heath Marsden Liam Mayridis Tristan Nikolovski Adrian Pontone Harry Taylor Miles Thompson Thomas Tugrul Christian Vuiic Kieran Wardle Harry Wililo

Coach: Brendan Griffin



## **TEAM LISTS**

#### **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**





- Mathew Nikolovski 1
- 2 **Louis Connell**
- 4 Jack Hooper
- lared Wilev
- 5 Brodie Clarkson
- 7 Branislav Radmanovic
- 8 **Iames Carli**
- 9 Marcus Bimbilovski
- 10 Harrison Taranto

Manager: Robert Positti

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



- 27 Tae Jung
- 28 Ali Dulleh
- 29 Ericson Ehiozee
- 32 Adam Hristodoulou
- Luke Okuda 35
- 37 Ahmad Safdari

Coach: Anthony Harb Assistant: David Nicotra

- **Brian Sutomo**
- 39 Theph Theph
- 41 Fikret Berisha
- 42 Wahid Hamayoun 43 Kamran Qayumi

## **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

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

- Joel Starr
- 10 lake Levv
- Joshua Correia 12
- 13 Liam Rae
- 14 **Brendan Low**
- Jarrod Alston 15
- 16 Hayden Purkiss



- lames Antoniou
- 3 Dean Ellis
- 6 Samuel Harb
- 7 lay McGowan
- 8 lack McLoughlin
- 9 Christian Sinacori
- 10 Andre Taouil

Coach: Tom Bazdaric Assistant: Paul Oliveri

- Mitchell Ward
- 12 Domenic Citarella
- 13 Damian Hill
- Bradley Rapaport Connor Bellman 14
- 15
- 16 Peter Patsiavoudis



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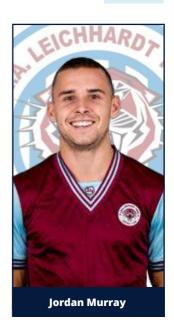


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## **TOP GOAL SCORERS**



NAME AND CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Jordan Murray (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	23
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	14
Chris Payne (Sydney United 58)	12
Anthony Frangie (Hakoah)	11
Joey Gibbs (Blacktown City)	10
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale City Suns)	10
Tasuku Sekiya (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	10
Jeremy Cox (Sydney FC)	9
Jaewook Woo (Bonnyrigg White Eagles)	9
Peter Simonoski (Wollongong Wolves)	9
Adrian Vranic (Sutherland Sharks)	9



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ROUND 7 ROUND 9

ROUND 7 Bonnyrigg White Eagles FC 0-1

> ROUND 14 Sydney FC 1-1

ROUND 17 Sydney United 58 FC 1-3 ROUND 15 Sutherland Sharks FC

2-1

**ROUND 2** 

**Rockdale City Suns FC** 

**Manly United FC** 

1-1

ROUND 19
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC
1-1

ROUND 11 Marconi Stallions FC 1-0

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