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#### CLUB WELCOME



Welcome back to WIN Stadium!

After being away for the past 4 weeks, it is great to be back home for today's fixture against Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC.

We managed to take 10 out of 12 points away from home and the performances over the past 4 weeks have been due reward for the hard work which the boys have put in since last November. They have been training hard both in terms of the number of sessions and the intensity of those sessions. Some of these young men have been putting in 5 sessions per week and I have ensured that our intensity at training is consistently high. I do not accept anything less than 100% effort and intensity in training and the boys are now well aware of that!

The intensity which we have trained with has allowed us to perform well. We need to maintain those levels every week to succeed in this league. If we continue to work hard during the week and execute our plans on match day – I believe that we will win the competition this season. That is the level of faith I have in this squad. We have real talent – talent which is young, quick and mobile. Teams have struggled to match our speed and mobility so far this season.

I do not like to single out individuals. Our attack in TJ, Lachlan Scott, Takeru Okada and Harry Callahan has been in the spotlight – and rightly so. We are creating chances and scoring. They deserve the plaudits they are getting. There is also room for them to improve.

Whilst our attack has been good, our midfield and defence has been equally as good. I would not swap Nick Littler for any defender in the league. Young Nikola Djordevic came out of last seasons under 20's and has been superb next to Nick and was in the Football NSW Team of the Week for his performance against Sydney Olympic. Guy Knight and Taylor McDonald are keeping our edges safe and getting balls into the right areas. James Stojcevski and Ben Tosi in the centre have been strong in protecting our defence, breaking down play and then transitioning us into attack.

Perhaps the most pleasing thing for me has been the reaction of those players who have not yet featured too much on matchday. Their attitude has been spoton and they have supported those who are playing. These are important aspects of success and these boys will be needed in the not too distant future – and they will perform.

We need your support. I would love to see massive crowds here at WIN Stadium, so please bring your family and friends to the games.

I hope you enjoy todays match. Bring on 3 more points!

Luke Wilkshire - First Grade Coach

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This match is the initial home Mens 1 league meeting between Mount Druitt Town Rangers and the Wollongong Wolves in the Round 6 clash at WIN Stadium. However, the two teams have previously met, this being in the FFA Cup of 2015.

# THE OPPOSITION TODAY - MOUNT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC

New additions to the 2019 continuing Aiden Desmond coached squad include former Bentleigh Greens player Blake Thompson, Rockdale's Toufic Alameddine, Sutherland's Adrian Vranic and Felipe Zapata plus Uruguayan striker Fabrizio Fernandez.

Mount Druitt was incorporated in 1970 and plays in a yellow and green strip. Two Scotsman, one who was a Rangers fan and another who supported Celtic, formed the team, hence the name and green colours. The club played in the Mens 2 competition in 2018 and at the conclusion of the season had won twenty games out of twenty-six with two draws and four defeats. The team scored sixty-six goals and

conceded twenty-six with a goal difference of forty and a goals per game ratio of 2.53%. Emmanuel Gonzalez was the top scorer with twenty-five goals with Hiten Saloh and Alexander Vlismas being the next in line with eleven and six goal hauls respectively. Besides these players, other who played during 2018 include David O'Leary, Brian Griffin-Collis, Kuag Reec, Lachlan Roberts, Luke Grima, Luke Clifford, Matthew Clowes, Nickolas Trimble, Alvin Singh, Calum Kermack, Cooper Coskerie, Daniel Gullo Joshua Gould, Kristopher Vlismas, Jake Mamone, Lord Darkoh, Trent Sierra, Daniel Rezo, Jordan Gomez and Carlos Saliadarre. With the club winning the club championship by twenty-eight points on three hundred and seventyeight, the promotion to the Mens 1 competition was set. The team also finished in first position on the point's table on sixty-two points and was coached by Desmond. In the Mens 2 Final Series, the Rangers were bundled out at the Grand Final Qualifier, losing a close match 2-1, with Griffin-Colls being the goal scorer.

#### THE MATCH UP

For the first five matches played so far in 2019 the Town Rangers result sequence is loss, draw, win, loss and loss in comparison with the Wolves' win, win, draw, win and win.



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The opposition occupy tenth position on the point's table with one win, one draw and three losses while the Wolves statistics in this regard place the club in first position are four wins and one draw. The Wolves are on thirteen points with the Town Rangers on four points.

The goals tally is eight for the Town Rangers and thirteen for the Wolves, a goals per game average of 1.6 and 2.6 respectively.

The top scorers for each club are Thomas James with seven goals and Cooper Coskerie with a three goal tally.

In the previous round Mt. Druitt were defeated 2-4 by Sydney FC and the Wolves scored two to defeat Sydney Olympic nil. The latest scorer for each club was Darcy Madden (WW) and Jordan Gomez (MDTR).

The best result for each team so far in 2019 were Wolves 3 v APIA 0 in Round 3 and Mt.Druitt 2 v Rockdale City Suns 0 in Round 4.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

Adrian Vranic is a striker who is quick on the acceleration, has an eye for goal and is dangerous to defences. He has scored against the Wolves in previous seasons and in no doubt, will want to repeat these actions.

Goalkeeper Carlos Salidarre is an experienced shot stopper and will be to the fore with his endeavours in the goal frame. He has played against the Wolves previously when he played with Blacktown Spartans.

The Wolves' striker with A-League experience with Western Sydney Wanderers is Lachlan Scott and his skill and acceleration will stand him in good stead during the match. He will certainly delight the home crowd when he scores. He scored his initial club goal in Round 4 versus Sydney FC and will be eager to salute at home. He followed up with another against Sydney Olympic a round later.

A Central defender with much league experience is Nick Littler who has been impressively safe and secure at the back for his team. As the anchor doesn't necessary follow that he stays put, but Littler is a player that shows that he can score when he has progresses forward, doing just this in Round 4. A goal at home would not go astray.

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

At Popondetta Park, Emerton on the 1st April 2015, the two teams met for the first time in the Preliminary Round Of the FFA Cup (and Waratah Cup)

The Wolves team was Tom Hamilton, Darcy Madden, James Baldacchino, James O'Rourke, Chris Price, Joseph Lavalle, Brendan Griffin, George Codrea, Peter Simonoski, Bradley Welch and Shannon Fielding. Jordan Murray, David Stojic and Sam Matthews replaced Fielding, Welch and Codrea. (The Mt. Druitt line-up was unable to be resourced or their scorers despite numerous attempts).

The Wolves scored their first goal in the thirteenth minute through Madden with Welch adding another one four minutes later. At the half time break, it was 2-1 to the Wolves with the home team getting one back. In the second half, The Rangers rallied and got another goal to even up the scores to force the game into extra time. As the game went the extra distance, Mt Druitt was certainly not out of the contest and was doing well against the higher placed opposition. It looked as though the game would go to the penalty shootout as neither could fashion a winning goal. However, Simonoski eventually came to the Wolves' rescue by scoring the winner, with three minutes of the match remaining to finally see off the threat provided by the Rangers.



# SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. 2015 - Mount Druitt Town Rangers 2 defeated by Wolves 3 (Darcy Madden, Bradley Welch, Peter Simonoski) after extra time.

#### **WOLVES' PLAYER OF NOTE - JACK KEATING**

Wingback Keating played six seasons with the club from 2009 to 2014 achieving sixty-six league starting appearances and six as a replacement. In addition, he made six cup starts. He was an overlapping right wing back who provided good crosses into the opposition box. His debut was as a substitute in 2009 coming on the sixty-third minute against Sutherland Sharks in Round 5. In the 2012 Round 9 Blacktown City match Keating played well in defence and in his attacking duties. His distribution was effective. He stated in the post match interview -'definitely I think that we were the better team tonight especially in the first half. We were all over them with many chances. Sometimes it just not comes off for you and this was one of these nights. In the second half we came out looking to play and we had a few early chances. All in all a draw would have been a fair result... That header I should have put away but it would have been my

first for the season. But I'm not known for my scoring prowess.... We have had a few away wins which is always good and when we play them at their home ground in the second round, We hopefully can do to them and give them the same feeling that they gave us tonight... We need to keep the ball rolling, tonight is a minor setback but we bounce back.' Following the 2014 narrow loss to Bonnyrigg white Eagles in the Round 5 fixture, Keating in his





interview stated - 'I think the boys put in a much better performance for the crowd today. We won't be happy with the result but we will be happy that we came out and performed like we wanted to. We definitely matched them. Bonnyrigg is one of the bigger teams and haven't been performing and had something to prove.' Keating in his matches made timely interventions, made forays down the sideline and aided his team with effective displays. He was composed on the ball, good ability to clear and to pass to the feet of players. Keating played in the FFA Cup Round of 32 in 2014, which was his final match other than his last league match in the APIA Leichhardt Round 22 fixture on 17th August 2015. He played in the finals match of 2012.

#### **MOUNT DRUITT PLAYER OF NOTE - KUAG REEC**

Reec is a striker who has played for the Rangers from 2016 to 2018 playing forty-two games for the club and scoring a tally of twenty goals. Three were scored in the 2018 season with his best tally, eleven goals, being achieved in the 2016 season. Overall, his club strike rate is 47.6%. Prior to playing for the Rangers he played for Spirit FC. In the 2015, he scored for Spirit in the Round 5 Of the FFA Cup against the Wolves on 15th April at John Crehan Park, Cringila. It was in the twenty-fourth minute

when a Wolves' defender turned and inadvertently passed the ball straight to a delighted Reec. He then moved forward, saw where the goalkeeper was and fired in his shot. It zoomed into the goal beating the despairing custodian. The striker's goals in 2018 for Mt. Druitt were achieved against St. George FC, Western Sydney Wanderers and North Shore Mariners.

#### By Malcolm Rowney

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





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#### **NEW BOYS IN TOWN**

#### PART 2

This is a continuation of the article published in the previous match day program with these players concerned having had previous experience at the club.



#### STEPHAN DIMOSKI

Striker Dimoski previously played in the 2016 and 2017 seasons making a total of six substitute appearances in the 2016 Premier League and one cup substitute appearance in 2017. He scored his debut goal in the 2016 Round 12

Hakoah Sydney City East away fixture, achieving in the eighty-eighth minute to ultimately give his team a share of the spoils. An opposition defender had been red carded and Joshua MacDonald took an ensuing free kick. He propelled the ball forward but it cannoned off the defensive wall. Barely on the field for four minutes, Dimoski was in the right place at the right time to power the ball into the goal.

Now that he has rejoined to the club, home supporters will hope that he will enact this goal scoring deed many times over in the forthcoming matches. He made his return on the field with an

appearance off the bench versus Manly United at Albert Butler Memorial Park in the 2019 Round 1 fixture and followed up in Rounds 2 and 3.



#### **NICOLA DJORDJEVIC**

The central defender has been at the club before this season's elevation to the senior team. He played in the Youth teams from at least the Under 16s level. He is strong in defence and in the Mens 1 matches he has played in so

far in 2019, he has impressed in his partnership with Nick Littler in anchoring the defence. In the Round 3 Sydney United 58 match, he produced a goal to get on the score sheet, proving he is effective in attack at set pieces. On the hour, the defender met Takeru Okada's free kick to head the powerfully ball into the goal. Djordjevic is composed on the ball, strong in the tackle, efficient in the air to cut out crosses and free kicks and has a strong clearing kick when required and provides good distribution from the back.

By Malcolm Rowney



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# A NEW BEGINNING

The 2019 Wollongong Wolves team has charted 'a new beginning' equalling and attaining some records to date with their opening five games in competition.

With four wins and draw in the bag from these matches, including two victories over strong sides in APIA Leichhardt and Sydney Olympic, it has only been achieved only once before, in the 2000/01 seasons with the same permutation. In 2019, thirteen goals have been scored and six conceded as against eight and three goals in the comparable 2000/01 season with a 2.6 and 1.6 goals scored average and 1.2 and 0.6 goals conceded average respectively. In addition, striker Thomas James is the only Wolves player to have been on the score sheet in four opening games and is the only player to score seven goals in four opening games. He is the competiton's top scorer at this stage and after five rounds has a strike rate of 1.4 per game. The team's start has been the best in NSW Premier League competition during the years the team has competed, sitting on the top of the table since this campaign began. However, the difficult part is keeping this standard up throughout the competition and staying at the top. It is still early days in the scheme of things and the team has it all before them to make this season. one never to forget.

Coached by Luke Wilkshire, the players who have been on the field so far are Justin Pasfield, Taylor McDonald, Nick Littler, Nikola Djordjevic, Guy Knight, Ben Tosi, Harry Callahan, Takeru Okada, James Stojcevski, Lachlan Scott, Thomas James, Jordan Nikolovski, James Markovac, Brendan Griffin, Stefan Dimoski, Darcy Madden and Bul Juach.

Wolves' league goal scorers to date are James (7), Scott (2), Djordjevic (1), Nikolovski (1), Littler (1) and Madden (1).

Another record that was equalled is the winning score line of 4-3 that the 2019 team had against their name on the scoreboard on the 30th March at





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Lambert Park versus Sydney FC in Round 4. It is not a score line that is often procured, however, in the case of the club's history, this indeed has eventuated on one other occasion and that was in the 1999/00 season on the 2nd January 2000.

Following is how these two 4-3 wins evolved.

When the first occasion of a 4-3 winning score happened, the team that achieved this in the 1999/00 season, was Les Pogliacomi, George Souris, Alvin Ceccoli, Robert Stanton, David Cervinski, Matthew Horsley, Scott Chipperfield, Noel Spencer, Sasho Petrovski, David Huxley, Esala Masi. Anthony Surjan, Neil Harlock and Paul Dimech replaced Spencer, Huxley and Masi respectively.

The opposition was Parramatta Power for the first goal, when Ceccoli had passed to Chipperfield who eluded a defender to provide a square pass to Masi. He scored from close range two minutes in. Seven minutes later the Power equalized. However, a minute later, Chipperfield's out swinging corner kick found Cervinski. He shot, sending the ball in low, only for his effort to be cleared off the line. The ball went up into the air with Masi rising highest to head the ball in and the Wolves were ahead once again. Parramatta got back to even Stevens once more before Chipperfield headed in a Horsley cross. Two minutes on, Masi achieved his hat trick. Petrovski connected with a long throw in, sending his effort whacking into the far post. The ball rebounded to Masi and he powered home. The opposition added another but the 4-3 result stood.

Playing their second game at Lambert Park in 2019, Scott was the initial scorer pushing Okada's lifted pass from the left into the goal eluding the goalkeeper's attempt to prevent. Okada again set up number two. His subsequent cross allowed Littler to slot home at the far post. James continued his form after working through on the left side. He powered the ball into the goal. Sydney FC reduced the arrears before half time. Scott went close with a header from McDonald's cross before Stojcevski eluded the defence with a run into the penalty area. He subsequently played the ball to James, who ultimately achieved his brace. Sydney came back with two more and it was game on. With three minutes to go, Sydney added their third. With a three-goal buffer early it was now reduced to one. However, the team kept their composure to emerge the winners. The team consisted of Pasfield, McDonald, Littler, Djordjevic, Knight, Tosi, Callahan, Okada, Stojcevski, Thomas and Scott. Nikolovski and Bul replaced Callahan and Scott respectively.

Conversely there have been seven other instances of a 4-3 or 3-4 score lines and all of these were defeats, but that indeed is another story.

'A new beginning' with new players and a new coach in 2019 is matching old records and setting new ones. Many more may be in the offing. We are in for a tremendous ride.

By Malcolm Rowney







# MAN ON THE RUN

A 'man on the run' is one valuable commodity to have in any football squad. He is one who has an indefatigable energy, is speedy and has the ability to perform for the benefit of the team. The Wolves have been the beneficiaries of one such player since 2015 and that player is Brendan Griffin, one exceptional 'man on the run'.

Up until the conclusion of the 2018 season and Griffin's fourth season at the club, the mainly midfield player had appeared eighty-three times, from seventy-four league appearances, eight Cup games and one finals match. In all, he has been on the scorer's list on seven occasions with some spectacular ones to boot. In addition, in 2019 he played his first match in Round 1 versus Manly United coming on as a replacement on seventy-one minutes.

Griffin's junior club was Bangor in the Sutherland Shire after playing rugby league earlier on in his sporting career. He progressed to the Sutherland Sharks junior team at Under 12s level before later, being with the Central Coast Mariners at youth level in 2010. He also gained selection in the Young Socceroos, gaining a lost minute trip to Vietnam for a tournament. The midfielder also plied his trade with Moss FK in Norway for two years in 2013 and 2014. In addition, he had a stint with Spirit FC in the Mens 2 competition prior to signing for the Wolves.

Griffin's elements of his skills include the ability to score goals from distance, the creation goal scoring opportunities, the switching of the point of attack with long cross field balls, an acute fitness level and an abundance of stamina with a high work rate, the hitting of sharp crosses, staying composed no matter what, the prediction of passes and moves before they happen and a never-say-die attitude.

The first league game for Griffin eventuated in the 2015 Round 1 Sydney Olympic match at Belmore Sports Ground on the 15th March with his initial goal being scored in Round 5. A wayward opposition clearance found Peter Simonoski, who then in turn moved the ball on to Sam Matthews. He, in turn passed to Griffin, who was positioned at the edge of the penalty area. His subsequent left footed shot zoomed into the goal at Blacktown Football Park against Blacktown Spartans in the seventy-first minute for his team's equalizer. This goal was ultimately selected as the Mens 1 'Goal Of The Week', this showcasing the quality of the strike.

Two rounds further on, with Bonnyrigg White Eagles being the opponents, Griffin added his second goal. With a Matthews feign, the ball ran to Griffin who, from outside of the box, ultimately let fly with a shot that swerved slightly to the right as it traversed into the goal. This was a top strike. Post match, he stated -'It (an early error) has happened before when we have played, but today we showed character and came from behind twice. It was good to get our first win.' Against the Bonnyrigg White Eagles in Round 7 a Griffin pass provided a long pass up field to Peter Simonoski who carried on to goal. A well-taken achievement of brace was added to the score sheet in the Heritage Round 14 versus Sutherland Sharks. A left footed shot went like a torpedo towards the goal, whacking into the underside of the bar into the Sharks domain. This goal was also nominated as 'Goal Of The Week'. His brace was brought up when his right footed angled shot zoomed into the goal and these goals and his defensive and attacking display earned selection in 'Team Of The Week'. In the Cup run, the team won against Yagoona Lions in the Round 6 fixture and Griffin scored one of eleven goals for the match. He also displayed his effectiveness from set pieces when his corner kick from the left side caused a flurry in the Manly United defence, followed by a clearance of sorts falling into the path of Darcy Madden for his goal to eventuate. In this season, Griffin made twenty-two appearances in the league with two as a replacement, four Cup starts and one finals match.

In 2016, fifteen starting appearances and three from the bench together with two cup appearances were his statistics. His initial game of the season was in Round 1 versus the Mens 1 new boys, Hakoah Sydney City East. A floated Griffin pass gave a scoring chance for Kota Kawase but his effort went wide. Later, his curling free kick from the right of centre allowed Peter Simonoski to bring up the winner. Two rounds later, he had a targeted shot after Brett Wilson had cut loose in Round 4. The Rockdale City Suns custodian was forced to deal with Griffin's great effort, with the outcome being not what was intended. Following the loss to Blacktown Spartans, Griffin tried a shot from distance to assist his team in the hope of restoring equilibrium after he blocked an attempted shot earlier. He also had a powerfully hit free kick that skimmed the defensive wall. Following the matches' conclusion, he stated - 'we are playing well and creating chances but not putting them away. We will bounce back. It has

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happened in the last few weeks. We are putting in.' Griffin, in the Parramatta Round 10 encounter, came on as a substitute and was to the fore, lashing a cross diagonally past the custodian's domain but nary a touch was effected. As his team tried to chase down the APIA lead in Round 16, the midfielder had a number of shots that alas, did not bring up the desired outcome, with one being set up with a downward header by Zac Mackenzie.

The next season, he brought up one cup appearance plus seventeen league appearances, including five as a replacement with a two-goal haul in the final match of the season at WIN Stadium versus Sydney FC. His brace was brought up in the seventy-seventh minutes following his first effort, fifty-five minutes prior. For his first goal, Patrick Antelmi pushed the ball back to Nick Montgomery. From just outside the penalty area on the right side, he lifted the ball into Peter Simonoski's vicinity. He then laid the ball off to Griffin with the midfielder then hitting the ball into the goal, close to the near post. The custodian got a slight touch but not enough to prevent Griffin's sterling effort. For his brace, Antelmi from wide on the right swept the ball high across field to Chris Price on the left and in the box. He let the ball bounce once before conveying it on to Griffin, positioned just inside the penalty area in the centre. He let fly with a left footed shot, which swerved in its trajectory, ultimately to lodge high inside the far post. In the first match at Lambert Park, in Round 11 against Sydney FC, Griffin was relaying crosses for the attacking players and harassed and won the ball in the midfield battles. - 'It was very disappointing especially as we went one nil up. We should have been more composed. There were sloppy mistakes from all of us and we should have been more professional about the rest of the game. They are very quick on the counter and we had to be mindful of that. They play some good football. Well done, Sydney.' Earlier in Round 8 Sutherland Sharks away game, the midfielder swept in a free kick that caused duress in the Sharks defence with a goal then being scored with some conjecture either by Yuzo Tashiro or an own goal. At Cromer Park, Dee Why, Griffin, on receipt of a James Markovac pass, burst through a Manly challenge to return the ball from whence it came for Markovac to score in due course. Round 17, Griffin played in the right defender's role and made his presence felt with his winning of balls, intercepting perceptively and winning aerial battles. Coach Jacob Timpano stated in his post match interview - 'Griffo stepped in at right back and I thought he was excellent.'

In 2018, twelve starts and five replacement roles plus one Cup game were his statistics for this season. Griffin in his performances got things moving in midfield and instigated movements that lead to goal conversions. At Athletic Field Pagewood, Griffin received a Steve Hayes pass. A great ensuing pass from Griffin then found Simonoski to hit one. In the Round 9 fixture with Manly United the opposition, he began a movement that ultimately led to Yuzo Tashiro's goal in this game with two other players continuing the ball movement to Tashiro. Griffin stated post match - 'we created a lot chances, put the pressure to get one back. It was a pity we could not get a second. The 'keeper did a good save. Definitely disappointed not to get the win at home, though it was good to be back on grass after we had injuries playing on artificial. ... We always knew it was going to be a tough game. We had a good second half and we, at least, scored a goal at home. in the last game we could not.' The midfielder took possession of the ball after a Sydney Olympic player had headed out in Round 10. Subsequently, he moved forward with the ball at close quarters before

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altering his direction with the ball taking a touch off a defender but going to a teammate. Another defender became involved before a goal emanated. Against Sydney United in Round 17, Griffin placed a right footed cross from the right side of goal for Yuzo Tashiro to nod home. Griffin was instrumental in setting up a further goal in Round 13 versus Rockdale City Suns. At Ilinden Park, Griffin won the sprint to the ball with a Suns player before putting his left footed pass into the path of Peter Simonoski to score in the forty-fifth minute. In addition, in time added on, a top Griffin shot struck the cross bar unfortunately for his team. Earlier, he was played in but his effort traversed wide.

In the final turn out versus Central Coast Mariners in a friendly trial in October at WIN Stadium, Griffin endeavoured to thread the ball through a small opening. However, an interception was forthcoming much to his chagrin. Later, a Wolves corner kick saw Thomas James send the ball over for Okada Takeru, who then proceeded to lift the ball on to Griffin. The opportunity was presented, but sometimes, things just do not come off.

In 2019, he made two appearances, with both of those as replacements in the second half. He has certainly has not let the side down at all and very nearly added to his goals tally in the Round 2 fixture at Lambert Park versus APIA Leichhardt. In time added on, Griffin took the opportunity presented, only to hit the goal post.

Griffin's highlights include playing his first game, playing in the 2015 finals at Lambert Park, and scoring two braces versus Sutherland Sharks and Sydney FC, together with a 'Team Of The Week' selection and 'Goal Of The Week' recognition in his initial season at the club.

Brendan Griffin is indeed a 'man on the run' and his purposeful running in the Wolves' engine room and his all round play has brought a grand contribution to the team and club.

#### By Malcolm Rowney

(Brendan Griffin's and coach Jacob Timpano's' comments were quoted from the writer's original interviews that were for included in his match reports at the time.)

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# **TEAM LISTS**



#### **UNDER** 16s

Luke	Morgan
Harrison	Anagnostopoulos
Brandon	Angelevski
Antoni	Anic
Andrew	Aston
Andrew	Balaskas
athan	dedis
Thomas	Dunn
Owen	Fitzpatrick
Dax	Kelly
Lochlan	Kennedy
Noah	Lehn
Logan	Mathie
Nathan	Paull
Daniel	Payne
Riley	Smithson
	Harrison Brandon Antoni Andrew Andrew athan Thomas Owen Dax Lochlan Noah Logan Nathan Daniel



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#### 1-GK Jake Charlston lake Almond Anagnostopoulos lames Edward **Bowling** Julian De Freitas lack Duffy joshua galevski Ashton Kouzan Iosiah Lewis-Dunkley 10 Noah McNeill Luke Palermo 12 Luca Papalia 13 William Provino 14 Anton Radice-Jones 15 Deklan Rawson

**UNDER** 

15s



#### **UNDER** 14s

1-GK	Max	Cunial
2	Jacob	Bye
3	Noah	Crapis
4	Zachary	De Jesus
5	Lachlan	Groves
6	Adam	Kairis
7	Roman	Kalmanidis
8	Martin	Kolevski
9	Oliver	Kuk
10	Brodie	Masters
11	Liam	Mavridis
12	Tristan	Nikolovski
13	Adrian	Pontone
14	Miles	Thompson
15	Jayden	Trajcevski
16	Thomas	Tugrul



#### **UNDER** 13s

Antonio

1-GK	Max	Cunia
2	Jacob	Bye
3	Noah	Crapis
4	Zachary	De Jesus
5	Lachlan	Groves
6	Adam	Kairis
7	Roman	Kalmanidis
8	Martin	Kolevsk
9	Oliver	Kul
10	Brodie	Masters
11	Liam	Mavridis
12	Tristan	Nikolovsk
13	Adrian	Pontone
14	Miles	Thompsor
15	Jayden	Trajcevsk
16	Thomas	Tugru



#### **UNDER** 12s

Sansone

Jacob Hastings Christian Anagnostopoulos **Lenny Atsas** Taj Demito Ben Harman Kyan Hawke **Noah Hewett** Oscar Kielv Michael Marijan Noah Mathie Ryan Molnar Callum O'Donnell **Rishay Patel** John Perri Beau Randle Lennox Roodenrys **Ashton Stapleton Brayden Steel** Noah Stella **Zane Stroemer** 

# **TEAM LISTS**



#### UNDER 11s

Christian Beleski **James Benedetti** Billy Beniuk Lucas Dubowski Kolby Guevara **Axl Hornby** Khaled Houchaymi Isaac Kostovski Gabriel Lombardi Cooper Markovic Jared Mihajlovic Eliiah Millet Lucas Moreira Innocent Nwali Samuel Palermo **Jet Sanders** Jordan Sirijovski **Noah Smart** Luca Spaseski Lukas Srbinoski **Lachlan Taylor** 



#### UNDER 10s

Noah Petrolo Mattias Banovic Samuel Burke Myke Caldrmoski Kahuitara Te Ra Chase Finley Cole Lukas Galic Fabian Gaudiosi Harvey Gottlieb Kristian Graovac Leo Halios-Lewis Travis Kosevic Jarrah Longbottom Zachary McNeill novak novakovic Kve O'Donnell Declan Pearce Diego Sansone **Lewis Tomlinson Byron Morris** 



# UNDER 9s

Nate Russell
Stefen Anagnostopoulos
Andre Arbolino
Harley Bermudez
Austin Craig
Leron Elmazi
Jude Kiley
Wil Leddy
Bailey Mitchell
Samuel Perez
Cash Sanders
Haydon Sharman
Dean Srbinoski
Christian Ugonotti
Samuel Ugonotti





# U20'S TEAM LISTS



1	Brendon	Krcanoski
2	Luke	Day
3	Joshua	Alcorn
4	Jack	Hooper
5	Tim	Chapman
6	Jason	Pappas
7	Joel	Starr
8	Jake	Levy
9	Marcus	Bimbilovski
10	Liam	Wille
11	Jackson	Mortimer
12	Jordyn	Della Vedova
13	Brendan	Mitrovski
14	Bul	Juach
15	Adrian	Avello
16	Tatsuki	Nagatsuka
17	Brendan	Low

Coach: Manny Mavridis

25	Matt	Nikolovski
28	Andre	Cavalero
29	Callum	James Richards
30	Coen	Fritz Emmengger
31	George	Marangos
32	James	Kolic
33	Leonard	Abdo
34	Lucas	Prismall-Webster
35	Mathew	Crossley
36	Nikita	Parkes
37	Robert	Sudzum
38	Sam	Webb
39	Ismail	Hares

Coach: Stamati Glaros Assistant Coach: Alexi Kramer S&C: Shannon Codd TD: Stewart Montgomery

	U20'S - NPL NSW MEN'S								
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Sydney Olympic FC	5	4	1	0	10	5	5	13
2	Blacktown City FC	5	4	0	1	14	5	9	12
3	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	5	3	1	1	7	2	5	10
4	Sydney FC	5	1	3	1	9	6	3	6
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
6	Manly United FC	4	2	0	2	4	7	-3	6
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	5	2	0	3	4	10	-6	6
8	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	5	1	2	2	9	8	1	5
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	5	1	2	2	3	6	-3	5
10	Sydney United 58 FC	5	1	1	3	3	7	-4	4
11	Marconi Stallions FC	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
12	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	5	0	2	3	7	12	-5	2

#### **U20'S MATCH PREVIEW**

Wollongong Wolves suffered their third defeat in a row when they were beaten 1-0 by Sydney Olympic last weekend, and remain winless since their Round 2 victory over Sydney United 58.

Wolves sit seventh after their first five games but will like their chances of getting a result against their opponents this weekend, as they host Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Win Stadium.

The competition's newest side is in ninth heading into Round 6, with both their losses coming in fixtures away from Popondetta.

Still, Mt Druitt are unbeaten in three games, having beaten Rockdale and drawn with Sydney FC before being held by Sydney Olympic in Round 5.



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# **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	15	5	20	48	73
Wollongong Wolves FC	15	4	12	52	68
Blacktown City FC	15	10	24	28	62
Sydney Olympic FC	13	1	24	28	53
Sydney FC	15	12	12	28	52
Sydney United 58 FC	15	10	8	32	50
Manly United FC	13	1	12	32	45
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	15	9	4	24	37
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	13	12	8	16	36
Marconi Stallions FC	12	6	4	24	34
Rockdale City Suns FC	14	4	12	16	32
Sutherland Sharks FC	15	6	10	12	28

#### **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

	<b>1ST GRADE - N</b>	IPI	. N	SV	V N		N'S	5	
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4	Sydney United 58 FC	5	2	2	1	7	7	0	8
5	Sydney Olympic FC	5	2	1	2	10	8	2	7
6	Sydney FC	5	2	1	2	10	10	0	7
7	Blacktown City FC	5	2	1	2	5	5	0	7
8	Marconi Stallions FC	5	2	0	3	7	6	1	6
9	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	5	2	0	3	6	6	0	6
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11	Rockdale City Suns FC	5	1	1	3	2	10	-8	4
12	Sutherland Sharks FC	5	1	0	4	4	7	-3	3



# U18'S TEAM LISTS



Luke	Genua
Lachlan	Bryce
Petar	Jurisic
Aaron	Calver
Mason	Mavridis
Cody	Ashburner
Jarrod	Alston
Keegan	Matias
Lewis	Grimshaw
Navarone	Darjani
Joel	Dowling
Rocky	Lavalle
Harry	Lloyd
Jordan	Prentovski
Josh	Correia
Noah	Vidler

Coach: Richard Lloyd

Managers: Scott Nicols & Robbie Day

2	Cooper	Halfpenny
3	Nathan	Grimaldi
4	Blake	llitch
5	Blake	Steward
6	Riley	Howarth
7	Olayinka	Sunmola
8	Dimos	Vlahos
9	Rhys	Osmond
10	Jesse	Hirschowitz
11	Anthony	ldehen
12	Dilan	Pel-Kun
13	Zane	Sharma
14	Callum	Garrett
15	Jacob	Debien
17	Joseph	Carbone
18	Daniel	Goni
21	Jerome	Narayan
22	Brendan	Allen

Coach Joe Dermillio

Assistant Coach: Christian Belardo

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12	Sydney Olympic FC	4	0	1	3	2	11	-9	1		

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ROUND 1 v Manly United FC 2-1 ROUND 6 Sunday, 14 April - 3pm v Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC

ROUND 9 Sunday, 5 May - 3pm v Blacktown City FC ROUND 10 Sunday, 12 May - 3pm v Rockdale City Suns FC

ROUND 13 Sunday, 2 June - 3pm v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC ROUND 14 Sunday, 9 June - 3pm v Sydney United 58 FC

ROUND 15 Sunday, 16 June - 3pm v Sydney FC ROUND 16 Sunday, 23 June - 3pm v Sydney Olympic FC

ROUND 18 Sunday, 7 July - 3pm v Hakoah Sydney City East FC ROUND 19 Sunday, 21 July - 3pm v Sutherland Sharks FC ROUND 22 Sunday, 11 August - 3pm v Marconi Stallions FC Albert Butler Memorial Park



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