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ROUND 12

Saturday
25 MAY 2019
7pm

MARCONI STADIUM



CLUB WELCOME

It is fitting that APIA Leichhardt Tigers are at Marconi Stadium for the start of the second round on the weekend that the Marconi Stallions FC will be celebrating Italian Republic Day.

The question is will the Stallions have extra reasons to celebrate the big day on Sunday after the game the night before?

Going on current form the Stallions have a massive task.

APIA Leichhardt Tigers will be strong favorites given their consistent form throughout the first half of the season. They are in second place on 21 points and have lost just two games so far.

Sharp shooter Chris Payne has played a key role for the Tigers scoring 11 of his team's 19 goals.

APIA Leichhardt had a "scare" last round leaving it very late before overcoming a stubborn Mount Druitt Town Rangers (3-2).

Marconi Stallions on the other hand have not won a match since beating Sutherland Sharks in late April. They have lost three games in succession and there are concerns that the side tipped to be the "danger

team" in 2019 are falling behind. Currently they are five points behind fourth place Sydney United (18 points).

They will need to stage a major form reversal to worry the consistent high-flying APIA Leichhardt Tigers in one of the games oldest derbies (Italian).

The first-round clash at Lambert Park to kick off the season was a tight affair settled by a brilliant Corey Biczo goal (Apia 1-0).

Marconi Stallions "twin striker force" of Mirjan Pavlovic and Marko Jesic hold the key to a revival. Jesic scored in the last round 3-1 loss to top of the table Wollongong Wolves who scored three goals in just ten minutes to add more heartbreak to the Stallions season so far.

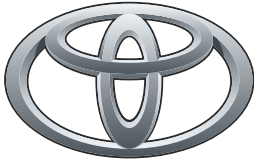
Jesic has now scored seven goals and is moving up on Mirjan Pavlovic (8 goals) who has gone quiet in recent weeks.

APIA Leichhardt Tigers will be "backing up" from a Round Six FFA Cup match mid-week against St George FC. The Stallions won their Round Six match last week against Hakoah Sydney East (3-1).



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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



1	Nenad	Vekic
2	Nathan	Millgate
3	Giorgio	Speranza
4	Roberto	Speranza
5	James	Baldacchino
7	Sean	O'Connell
8	Connor	Evans
9	Anthony	Frangie
10	Marko	Jesic
11	Mitch	Mallia
12	James	Andrew
13	Yianni	Nicolaou
14	Peter	Pelekanos
15	Lachlan	Sepping
16	Liam	Youlley
17	Kristian	Sekutkoski
18	Anthony	Trimboli
19	Zac	Cairncross
20	Richie	Cardozo
21	Mirjan	Pavlovic
23	Brandon	Vella

Coach: Peter Tsekenis

Assistant Coach: Stevan Antonic

Team Manager: Frank Mammoliti

Goal Keeper Coach: Ante Covic

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Brett Studman

Gear Steward: Robert Tolomeo, Robert Filippin, Laborio Bivona

1	Ivan	Necevski (GK)
3	Paul	Galimi
4	Josh	Symons
6	Chris	Payne
7	Tynan	Diaz
8	Corey	Biczo
10	Franco	Parisi
11	Andre	De Jong
12	Sam	McIlhatton
13	David	D'Apuzzo
14	Lachlan	Hughes
15	Themba	Muata-Marlow
16	Sean	Symons
17	Sam	Gulisano
18	Adrian	Ucchino
19	Dom	Nasrabadi
20	Michael	Trajkovski
21	Michael	Kouta
22	Blake	Tuxford (GK)

Coach: John Calleja

Manager: Sergio Bucciarelli

Manager: Sam Barletta

Manager: Vincent Leto

Physio: Michael Sawan

Referee:

T. Danaskos

Assistant Referees:

J. Adabjou, S. Ho

Fourth Official:

H. Sappey

MATCH PREVIEW

Derby bragging rights go on the line this Saturday as Marconi Stallions host APIA Leichhardt Tigers at Marconi Stadium.

The Stallions have lost their way in recent weeks and will be hoping that a win against competition frontrunners APIA is the perfect elixir to kick-start their season.

Marconi has slumped out of the top five and down to eighth place after a loss against Wollongong Wolves last week.

Coach Peter Tsekenis will be furiously searching for a way to inspire his star studded squad back to winning ways.

Marko Jesic had a Jekyll and Hyde game against the Wolves with the striker netting a brilliant goal before missing a penalty.

Tsekenis will need to help his big name players find more consistency if Marconi are to be a real premiership threat.

APIA come into this game seemingly out of their own recent downturn in form.

A tough comeback win against Mt Druitt last week showed their is still plenty fight left in the tank at Lambert Park.

Winger Corey Biczo has had a tough run with injury but demonstrated he is a major contributor to the Tigers success when fit after scoring the winner against the Rangers.

Depth could prove to be a concern for APIA with star recruit Andre de Jong departing the club to join South African Premier Soccer League team AmaZulu.

Don't be surprised to see APIA explore the transfer market in the coming weeks with former favourite son Blake Powell set to make his Lambert Park return.

Marconi should never be written off and will push APIA all the way on Saturday night.

Expect an explosive game with plenty of end to end action.

1ST GRADE - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	7	3	1	25	11	14	24
2	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	11	6	3	2	19	13	6	21
3	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	6	2	3	11	14	-3	20
4	Sydney United 58 FC	11	5	3	3	16	18	-2	18
5	Manly United FC	11	4	5	2	16	12	4	17
6	Blacktown City FC	11	5	2	4	9	11	-2	17
7	Sydney Olympic FC	11	4	3	4	22	18	4	15
8	Marconi Stallions FC	11	4	1	6	20	17	3	13
9	Sydney FC	11	3	2	6	17	22	-5	11
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	2	4	5	18	25	-7	10
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	1	5	5	10	15	-5	8
12	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	11	2	1	8	8	15	-7	7

1ST GRADE REVIEWS

Marconi Stallions 1 – Wollongong Wolves 3 at Marconi Stadium

A brilliant brace from Japanese midfield maestro Takeru Okada has inspired Wollongong Wolves to an incredible second half comeback to defeat Marconi Stallions 3-1 at Marconi Stadium on Saturday.

With the Wolves looking down the barrel at a second defeat in as many weeks as the Stallions took a 1-0 lead, Okada netted a pair of delightful finishes along side a Darcy Madden goal to claim all three points.

However, for the Stallions it was a game of what ifs as Peter Tsekenis' side squandered their chances after taking the lead just after half time courtesy of Marko Jesic.

Jesic would go from hero to zero later in the match when he missed a penalty which would've put Marconi in the box seat to win.

The result means Wollongong stretch their lead at the top of the table while Marconi remain in the middle of the fight for a finals spot.



APIA Leichhardt Tigers 3 - Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2 at Lambert Park

A Corey Biczo strike in the closing stages has helped APIA Leichhardt Tigers fight back to snatch a dramatic 3-2 win against Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Goals from Sean Symons, Adrian Ucchino and Biczo gave the Tigers the edge in a thrilling end to end clash.

Toufic Allameddine opened the scoring early in the first half, before Symons equalised before the break.

Ucchino put APIA ahead a little over ten minutes after the restart but the home side were pegged back when Fabricio Fernandez scored for Mt Druitt with 10 minutes left on the clock.

However, Biczo was to have the final say in the closing stages netting the winner and a valuable three points for APIA.





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TOP GOAL SCORERS



CHRIS PAYNE
APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS

NAME & CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Thomas James (Wollongong Wolves)	12
Chris Payne (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	11
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	9
Mirjan Pavlovic (Marconi Stallions)	8
Marko Jescic (Marconi Stallions)	7
Brendan Cholakian (Manly United)	7
Peter Simonoski (Sydney United 58)	6
Jeremy Cox (Sutherland Sharks)	6
Jordan Swibel (Sydney FC)	5
Fabricio Fernandes (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	5

PHOTO GALLERY





U20'S TEAM LISTS



26	Kristofer	Nicolaou
27	Dylan	Locaputo
28	Martin	Fernandez
29	Ethan	Dosanjh
30	Emilio	Fadel
31	Christian	Nascimben
32	Advin	Trbencevic
33	Andrew	Holder
34	Aiden	Kenny
35	Kye	Soares
36	Nicholas	Railz
37	Nicholas	Fitzgerald
38	Billy	Nunes
40	Damien	Tsekenis
41	Chiba	Ashour

Coach: Steve Appleby
Assistant Coach: Osvaldo Riva
Team Manager: Robert Tolomeo

30	Michael	Van Walsum (GK)
31	Cameron	Ward
32	Nick	Azzone
33	Peter	Nichols
34	Zander	Regan
35	Oscar	Bernauer
36	Nathan	Mellino
37	Alexander	Graorovski
38	Bradley	Dollin
39	Anthony	Sparacino
40	Zeke	Prisuda
41	Jacob	Ritchie
42	Camil	Abouchaaya
43	Gian	Fiorese
44	Christopher	Lountzis
45	Kashmir	Stelio-Prasad
46	Nikolas	Blaskovic
47	Miguel	Da Silva
50	Harris	Fotopoulos (GK)

Coaches: Gerard Peacock and Matthew Michael
Manager: Joe Garufi

U20'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	11	9	1	1	29	7	22	28
2	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	6	2	3	20	13	7	20
3	Sydney FC	11	4	5	2	19	12	7	17
4	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	11	5	2	4	13	8	5	17
5	Sydney Olympic FC	11	5	2	4	15	17	-2	17
6	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	4	3	4	13	14	-1	15
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	4	2	5	18	20	-2	14
8	Manly United FC	11	4	2	5	18	22	-4	14
9	Marconi Stallions FC	11	3	3	5	16	22	-6	12
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	4	0	7	11	21	-10	12
11	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	11	2	4	5	18	26	-8	10
12	Sydney United 58 FC	11	2	2	7	12	20	-8	8

U20'S MATCH PREVIEW

Marconi Stallions were pushed all the way by Wollongong Wolves in Round 11, but found an edge in the second half to win 3-2 at Marconi Stadium last weekend.

Lachlan Sepping and Martin Fernandez put Marconi into a 2-0 lead at the break, before Lewis Grimshaw and Tatsuki Nagatsuka levelled the score for the visitors with 20 minutes to go. Marconi were back

in front only a few minutes later after a horrific own goal from Wollongong gifted the Stallions all three points.

Marconi will be tested again this weekend by APIA Leichhardt, who arrive at Marconi Stadium after a disappointing 1-0 loss to Mt Druitt Town Rangers in Round 11. The Tigers dropped to fourth place after their third defeat in five matches.



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U18'S TEAM LISTS



43	Ivan	Sunjic
45	Luke	Cukar
46	Domenico	Martino
47	Vincenzo	Melissari
48	Jacob	Sebayang
49	Aidan	Milicevic
50	Omar	Onwari
51	Joshua	Ibrahim
54	Diego	Bonillo
55	Jayden	Whittle
56	Lachlan	Hancock
57	Jose	Teal
58	Adam	Cukar

Coach: Can Ozdemir
Assistant Coach: Atila Stibinger
Team Manager: Robert Tolomeo

51	Oliver	Hughes
52	Marcus	Apostolakis
53	Joshua	Azzopardi
54	Alexander	Zinnato
55	Yianni	Solidakis
56	Daniel	Azzone
57	Adam	Manoski
58	Nick	Andrews
59	Ryan	Kamper
60	Nate	Dunshea
61	Vincent	Fedele
63	Bronson	Spencer
64	Asheitip	Amom
70	Jett	Griffiths (GK)

Coach: Sam Solidakis
Assistant Coach: Anthony Mazza
Manager: Jill Shoemark

U18'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	11	9	1	1	30	7	23	28
2	Sydney FC	11	8	1	2	30	14	16	25
3	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	7	2	2	29	24	5	23
4	Sydney United 58 FC	11	6	1	4	27	19	8	19
5	Marconi Stallions FC	11	5	1	5	14	20	-6	16
6	Manly United FC	11	4	3	4	20	18	2	15
7	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	11	4	2	5	19	19	0	14
8	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	4	2	5	18	22	-4	14
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	4	1	6	18	21	-3	13
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	2	2	7	16	24	-8	8
11	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	11	2	2	7	14	27	-13	8
12	Sydney Olympic FC	11	1	2	8	10	30	-20	5

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	33	28	56	68	152
Rockdale City Suns FC	33	14	40	80	134
Wollongong Wolves FC	33	8	24	96	128
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	33	8	34	84	126
Manly United FC	33	15	28	68	111
Sydney United 58 FC	33	19	16	72	107
Sydney FC	33	25	34	44	103
Sydney Olympic FC	33	5	34	60	99
Marconi Stallions FC	33	16	24	52	92
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	33	23	28	40	91
Sutherland Sharks FC	33	13	30	32	75
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	33	14	20	28	62

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING

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

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ROUND 2
v Rockdale City Suns FC
1-2

ROUND 4
v Manly United FC
1-2

ROUND 5
v Hakoah Sydney City East FC
3-1

ROUND 6
v Sydney United 58 FC
5-0

ROUND 7
v Sutherland Sharks FC
3-1

ROUND 9
v Sydney Olympic FC
1-3

ROUND 11
v Wollongong Wolves FC
1-3

ROUND 12
Saturday, 25 May - 7pm
v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC

ROUND 14
Saturday, 8 June - 7pm
v Sydney FC

ROUND 19
Saturday, 20 July - 7pm
v Mt Druit Town Rangers FC

ROUND 21
Saturday, 3 August - 7pm
v Blacktown City FC



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