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ROUND 09

Saturday
4 MAY 2019
7pm

MARCONI STADIUM



CLUB WELCOME

In one of the most anticipated matches of the season reigning Champions, Sydney Olympic, will be hoping to continue their improved form when they face Marconi Stallions FC in a vital round nine match.

After a slow start to the season, Sydney Olympic showed glimpses of their "old self" when they outplayed premiership fancies APIA Leichhardt Tigers (3-1) in the grand final replay last round.

Marconi Stallions FC on the other hand, after "galloping" up the premiership table with three successive wins, "came back to the field" against lowly Mt Druitt Rangers to share the points (3 all draw). They needed a goal in extra time to get the one point.

The Stallions missed an opportunity to move into second place and currently are sitting in fourth a point behind joint placed Apia Leichhardt and Sydney United 58FC (13 points).

Sydney Olympic are in seventh place just two points behind the Stallions in a congested competition as the half way mark of the season draws near.

The outcome of this match could hinge on the strikers of both teams. Marconi Stallions FC "pair" Mirjan Pavlovic (8 goals) and Marko Jesic (6 goals) have provided 14 of the teams 18 goals scored so far in 2019. Pavlovic has been most consistent averaging a goal a match. He is currently second to Wollongong Wolves Thomas James (10) on the top goal scorers list.

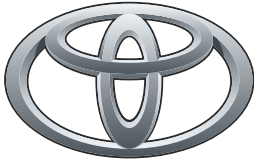
Spanish star Alex Sanchez (5 goals) will be the dangerman for the Marconi Stallions FC defence. He scored a double in the win over APIA Leichhardt Tigers.

Both teams are through to Round six of the FFA Cup with matches to be played next week.



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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



1	Nenad	Vekic
2	Nathan	Millgate
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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	Paul	Henderson
2	Thomas	Whiteside
4	Mitch	Stamatellis
6	Nicola	Kuleski
7	Will	Angel
8	Jason	Madonis
9	Radovan	Pavicevic
10	Harris	Gaitatzis
11	Jinya	An
12	Zach	MacKenzie
14	Alex	Sanchez
16	Brendan	Hooper
17	Jack	Stewart
19	Darcy	Burgess
20	Eze	Consoni
21	Alex	Gollan
22	Michael	Gaitatzis
23	Troy	Danaskos
24	Hagi	Gligor
25	Dimitrios	Petratos
26	Billy	Patramanis
33	Niko	Tsattalios

Coach: Abbas Saad

Assistant Coach: Giancarlo Italiano

Goal Keeper Coach: Stacy Alogdellis

Manager: Parry Hatzi

Assistant Manager: David Nicotra

Physiotherapist: Sam Mahabady

Trainer: Archie Kazas

Referee:

H. Jomaa

Assistant Referees:

P. Teleki, J. Park

Fourth Official:

I. Covic

MATCH PREVIEW

A return to the winners circle and the top three will be on the agenda for Marconi Stallions when they host Sydney Olympic FC at Marconi Stadium on Saturday.

Marconi made a lucky escape in round 8 with a last gasp equaliser deep into added time to stretch their undefeated streak to four games.

The Stallions have taken their game to a new level in that time and quickly become one of the teams to beat in the NPL NSW Men's competition.

The strike force of Marko Jesic and Mirjan Pavlovic was already a fearsome challenge for opposition defences and the return to form of Mitch Mallia only bolsters Marconi's threat in front of goal.

Coach Peter Tsekenis has not needed to make many changes to his starting lineup in recent weeks but still has talented veterans Nathan Millgate and James Baldacchino on the bench as well as rising star Martin Fernandez who has done very well coming on.

Their opponents Sydney Olympic come into the clash riding high on confidence after a 3-1 win against APIA Leichhardt Tigers.

The return of Spanish sensation Alex Sanchez was a game changer for Olympic with the striker scoring twice in the victory.

Olympic have had a stuttering start to the campaign but the win against rivals APIA could be a turning point for Abbas Saad and his players.

At home Marconi will be favourites for this clash but an Olympic side at full strength will be tough to beat.



1ST GRADE - NPL NSW MEN'S

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

1ST GRADE REVIEWS

Mount Druitt Town Rangers 3 v Marconi Stallions 3 at Popondetta Park

A dramatic Mirjan Pavlovic strike in added time has helped Marconi Stallions snatch an incredible 3-3 draw against Mt Druitt Town Rangers in a six goal thriller at Popondetta Park on Saturday.

The Stallions were forced to fight back twice against a resilient Rangers team including Pavlovic's nail-biting 91st minute equaliser only moments after Mt Druitt took the lead in the final minute of regulation.

The Rangers showed they were made of stern stuff, they fell behind early but scored twice to take a half-time lead through Toufic Alameddine and Luke Clifford.

After defending their goal for much of the second half, Fabricio Fernandez's delightful chip looked to have sealed their second win but it was more late heartbreak for the Town Rangers.

For the visitors, a point was gathered through sheer will and determination. Marko Jesic gave the Stallions the perfect start before they were pegged back. Marijan Pavlovic kept fighting until the end, picking up a brace to ensure the Stallions winning streak was extended.



Sydney Olympic 3 v APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 at Belmore Sports Ground

Sydney Olympic returned to winning ways with a 3-1 victory over APIA Leichhardt Tigers in a Grand Final rematch on ANZAC Day.

The reigning champions managed to replicate the result from their Grand Final victory last season, with Spanish star Alex Sanchez again scoring a double.

Sanchez's two goals accompanied one from Jinya An, to thwart APIA's one goal to Chris Payne.

The win gives Olympic a much-needed lift after a slow start to the season, while diminishes APIA's chances of catching up to league leaders Wollongong this round.





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

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TOP GOAL SCORERS



CHRIS PAYNE
APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS

NAME & CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Thomas James (Wollongong Wolves)	10
Chris Payne (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	8
Mirjian Pavlovic (Marconi Stallions)	8
Marko Jesic (Marconi Stallions)	6
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	5
Jordan Swibel (Sydney FC)	5
Peter Simonoski (Sydney United 58)	5
Jeremy Cox (Sutherland Sharks)	4
Brendan Cholakian (Manly United)	4
Amaury Gauthier (Hakoah Sydney City East)	4

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
39	Gian	Sacco
40	Damien	Tsekenis
41	Chiba	Ashour

Coach: Nahuel Arrarte
Assistant Coach: Osvaldo Riva
Team Manager: Robert Tolomeo

28	Salvatori	Agostino
29	Brian	Sutomo
30	Marley	Beeston
31	Ericson	Ehiozee
32	Kamran	Qayumi
34	Ali	Hamdan
35	James	Antoniou
36	Mitchell	Ward
37	Genki	Kohyama
38	Andre	Taouil
39	Aoto	Saito
40	Francis	Tsiponis

Coach: Jason Conroy
Assistant Coach: Mark Gannon
Under 20's Team Manager: Paul Oliveri

U20'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

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

U20'S MATCH PREVIEW

Marconi blew past Mt Druitt in Round 8; putting four past the Rangers at Popondetta Park last weekend to edge up into ninth place ahead of a make-up game against Manly United mid-week.

The Stallions were on the opposite end of a hiding against Manly United, and went down 4-1 as they dropped back to tenth.

This week Marconi return home to face Sydney Olympic, who will be looking to regain their foothold in the race for first after losing 2-0 at home to APIA Leichhardt last weekend.

Olympic have struggled for consistency through April: with only two wins in the past month, they sit three points behind competition leaders Blacktown City ahead of their match at Marconi Stadium.



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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	Alexander	Athanasieris
52	Jeremy	Dinh
53	Samuel	Harb
54	Damian	Hill
55	Mohammed	Khamis
50	Paul	Mariani
56	Giovanni	Panuccio
57	Massimo	Lopane
58	Peter	Politis
59	Josip	Milicevic
60	Mathew	Segecic
61	Aidan	Sheils
62	Ahmad	Elakkaoui
63	Theph	Theph
67	Hassan	Soueid
65	Oliver	Portas

Coach: Ante Juric
Assistant Coach: Anthony Harb

U18'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	8	6	1	1	23	7	16	19
2	Sydney FC	8	6	0	2	22	10	12	18
3	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	8	6	0	2	21	18	3	18
4	Sydney United 58 FC	8	5	1	2	20	13	7	16
5	Sutherland Sharks FC	8	4	0	4	12	13	-1	12
6	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	8	3	1	4	15	15	0	10
7	Marconi Stallions FC	7	3	0	4	9	13	-4	9
8	Manly United FC	7	2	2	3	13	14	-1	8
9	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	8	2	2	4	11	17	-6	8
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	8	2	1	5	14	18	-4	7
11	Rockdale City Suns FC	8	2	1	5	10	17	-7	7
12	Sydney Olympic FC	8	1	1	6	6	21	-15	4

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Wollongong Wolves FC	24	7	24	72	103
Blacktown City FC	24	19	38	44	101
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	24	8	28	56	92
Rockdale City Suns FC	24	7	28	52	87
Sydney Olympic FC	24	4	32	44	80
Sydney United 58 FC	24	16	8	56	80
Marconi Stallions FC	22	9	16	52	77
Manly United FC	22	8	14	52	74
Sydney FC	24	18	20	28	66
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	24	18	22	24	64
Sutherland Sharks FC	24	12	22	20	54
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	24	10	8	28	46

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING

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

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

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2019 FIXTURES

HOME GROUND - Marconi Stadium
121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

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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
Saturday, 4 May - 7pm
v Sydney Olympic FC

ROUND 11
Saturday, 18 May - 7pm
v Wollongong Wolves FC

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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