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ROUND 21

Saturday
3 AUGUST 2019
7pm

MARCONI STADIUM



CLUB WELCOME

Marconi Stallions FC semi final hopes are at risk when they host high flying Blacktown City in a “possible” preview of the upcoming final series.

The Stallions are “walking the semi final tight rope” and must pick up at least a point to stay ahead of the “log jam” for fifth spot.

Currently sitting clear fifth on 29 points the Stallions are just three points clear of Sydney Olympic, Manly United and Rockdale City Suns all on 26 points.

Marconi Stallions FC have “bounced back” from a “disastrous” loss to last placed Hakoah Sydney East FC to remain unbeaten in four matches since.

They have been playing “semi final pressure football” since then with a draw and three successive wins against top five rivals - Sydney United 58 FC (draw), Sutherland Sharks, Mt Druitt Town Rangers and Sydney Olympic.

To add to their pressure, they face competition front runners Wollongong Wolves in the final round.

The pressure mounts even further against the high flying third placed Blacktown City FC. They are

“fresh” from beating top of the table Wollongong Wolves 2-0. They too have everything to play for as well, they are a chance for a top two finish. They trail APIA Leichhardt Tigers by just two points.

Blacktown City FC too are in “top form”. Including the win over the competition leaders they have won four and drawn one of their last five matches. They have also beaten Rockdale City Suns, drawn with APIA Leichhardt Tigers and beaten both Sydney FC and Manly United.

Blacktown City are leading the prestigious Club Championship with Marconi Stallions in ninth place.

The target men from both sides, Marconi captain Marko Jesic (10 goals) and Mitch Mallia (9 goals) will be key men for the Stallions.

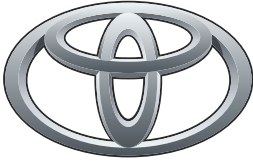
For Blacktown City Joey Gibbs (8 goals) and Leroy Jennings (4 goals) will be the dangermen.

How Marconi Stallions “back up” from their interstate mid-week FFA Cup match (final 32) will also have a significant impact on the outcome of this crucial fixture.



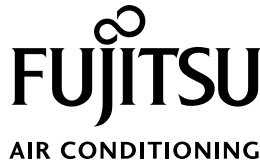
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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



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
14	Peter	Pelekanos
15	Lachlan	Sepping
16	Liam	Youlley
17	Kristian	Sekutkoski
18	Anthony	Trimboli
19	Zac	Cairncross
20	Richie	Cardozo
23	Brandon	Vella

Coach: Peter Tsekenis

Team Managers: Frank Mammoliti and
Peter Papoythis

Goal Keeper Coach: Ante Covic

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Brett
Studman

Gear Steward: Robert Tolomeo, Robert
Filippin, Laborio Bivona

1	Tristan	Prendergast
3	Daniel	Collins
4	Yianni	Spyrakis
5	Grant	Lynch
6	Matt	Lewis
7	Devante	Clut
8	Daniel	Araujo
9	Joey	Gibbs
10	James	Demetriou
11	Mani	Gonzalez
12	Lachlan	Campbell
14	Henry	Davies
15	Mason	Versi
16	Dale	Howarth
17	Dakota	Askew
18	Joshua	Bartolotto
19	Adam	Berry
20	Dylan	Niski
21	William	Mutch
22	Leroy	Jennings
23	Daniel	Bragg
24	Jackson	Bandiera

Coach: Mark Crittenden

Assistant Coach: Matthew Bingley

Manager: Graham Crawhall

Assistant Manager: Ross Bourke

Physio: Rebecca Gonzalez

Strength & Conditioning: David Maiolo,
Joshua De Rooy

Referee:

N. Waldron (NZ)

Assistant Referees:

L. Greenshields, N. Wotton

Fourth Official:

J. Katz

MATCH PREVIEW

The finals hopes of Marconi Stallions go on the line as they take on Blacktown City at Marconi Stadium on Saturday.

The Stallions hold onto fifth spot after three straight wins and victory this round will all but secure their place in the playoffs.

They have seemingly found their groove at just the right time after an up and down season.

Mitch Mallia's return from suspension proved to be game changing last week as the former Perth Glory and Sydney FC player scored the winner.

Against his former side he will be required to lead the charge in what is sure to be a thrilling sub plot.

Blacktown City are another team hitting their peak when it matters most as was proven in their upset of Wollongong Wolves last Sunday.

Few expected Mark Crittenden's side to be so high up the ladder at this point of the season but the veteran coach has built a squad which is both hard to break down and is stocked with match winners.

Marconi will be a big test for City but they will be determined to prove themselves against a team

stocked with so many of their former stars.

Expect a few fireworks in a match with so much riding on it.



1ST GRADE - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	14	3	3	49	16	33	45
2	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	20	11	6	3	40	26	14	39
3	Blacktown City FC	20	11	4	5	30	21	9	37
4	Sydney United 58 FC	20	8	6	6	27	29	-2	30
5	Marconi Stallions FC	20	9	2	9	40	29	11	29
6	Sydney Olympic FC	20	7	5	8	30	31	-1	26
7	Manly United FC	20	7	5	8	24	30	-6	26
8	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	8	2	10	25	37	-12	26
9	Mt Druiett Town Rangers FC	20	6	6	8	37	45	-8	24
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	20	5	7	8	27	31	-4	22
11	Sydney FC	20	6	3	11	32	45	-13	21
12	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	3	1	16	11	32	-21	10

1ST GRADE REVIEWS

Sydney Olympic 0 – Marconi Stallions 1 at Belmore Sports Ground

A 10-man Marconi Stallions has secured a 1-0 win over Sydney Olympic in a tense battle on Sunday evening at Belmore Sportsground.

A 77th minute Mitchell Mallia strike was all it took for the visitors to claim the lead, despite Liam Youlley receiving a red card in the 85th minute.

The result gives Marconi a crucial three points and will see them break away from a deadlocked race for fifth position and finals football.

It also means Olympic will be facing an uphill battle to finish the regular season within the top five.



Blacktown City 2 – Wollongong Wolves 0 at Lily Homes Stadium

Blacktown City FC have temporarily placed a spanner in the works of Wollongong Wolves' hopes of claiming an early Premiership after shocking the league leaders with a 2-0 win at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

The celebrations for the South Coast based side will have to wait another week as a first half goal from Grant Lynch and a second half strike from Joey Gibbs made the difference in a tight contest.

It was a huge result for Blacktown who are now in with a shot of a top two finish after APIA's shock draw to Sydney FC on Saturday.





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

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TOP GOAL SCORERS



THOMAS JAMES
WOLLONGONG WOLVES

NAME & CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Thomas James (Wollongong Wolves)	20
Chris Payne (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	19
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	11
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	11
Fabricio Fernandez (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	11
Mirjan Pavlovic (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	10
Marko Jesic (Marconi Stallions)	10
Jeremy Cox (Sutherland Sharks)	9
Mitchell Mallia (Marconi Stallions)	9





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
37	Nicholas	Fitzgerald
38	Billy	Nunes
40	Damien	Tsekenis
41	Chiba	Ashour

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

26	Alen	Aganovic
27	Alec	Purves
29	Daniel	Colosimo
31	Stuart	Gosling
32	Carlos	De Olivera
33	Anthony	Gallo
34	Suley	Bangura
35	Rhett	Desilva

Coach: Andy Montgomery
Assistant Coach: Daniel Lownds
Manager: Dean Montgomery

U20'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	20	12	6	2	39	15	24	42
2	Sutherland Sharks FC	21	12	4	5	36	22	14	40
3	Sydney FC	22	10	6	6	33	22	11	36
4	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	20	10	5	5	28	15	13	35
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	10	5	5	39	29	10	35
6	Sydney Olympic FC	21	9	4	8	24	27	-3	31
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	20	7	4	9	37	45	-8	25
8	Marconi Stallions FC	20	6	5	9	24	34	-10	23
9	Manly United FC	20	6	4	10	29	35	-6	22
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	7	1	12	22	33	-11	22
11	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	4	6	10	28	42	-14	18
12	Sydney United 58 FC	20	2	4	14	21	41	-20	10

U20'S MATCH PREVIEW

Blacktown City could wrap up the Premiership with a game to play should they win at Marconi Stadium on Saturday afternoon; the leaders two points in front of Sutherland having played on match fewer.

A draw would virtually secure first place, too, with Blacktown enjoying a goal difference of +10 over the Sharks.

Still, the team at the top will want to build up a head of steam going into the finals, and will surely look to beat Marconi for the second time this season when they meet on Saturday.

Marconi head into this match on the back of a 2-0 defeat away to Sydney Olympic, a result which left them twelve points off fifth ahead of this weekend's match.

Blacktown arrive at Marconi Stadium following a 1-0 win over Wollongong Wolves last weekend. Any kind of result here would take an immense amount of pressure off the leaders in Round 22.



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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

1	Zane	Cunico
2	Corey	Smith
3	Ryan	Duffy
4	Blake	Richards
6	Ryan	Attard
8	Bradley	Tapp
9	Connor	Rose
10	Thomas	Bienasz
11	Kai	McLoughlin
12	Ben	Berry
13	Christian	Cirino
14	Tyren	Burnie
15	Caleb	Jackson-Brown
16	Cameron	Veldhuizen
30	Daniel	Zahra

Coach: John Carnevale

U18'S - NPL NSW MEN'S

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	20	17	2	1	60	15	45	53
2	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	20	13	5	2	50	29	21	44
3	Sydney FC	20	11	4	5	42	26	16	37
4	Sydney United 58 FC	19	9	5	5	42	29	13	32
5	Manly United FC	20	8	5	7	33	31	2	29
6	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	20	8	3	9	34	33	1	27
7	Rockdale City Suns FC	20	8	3	9	31	32	-1	27
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	20	7	3	10	31	39	-8	24
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	19	5	4	10	27	43	-16	19
10	Marconi Stallions FC	20	5	3	12	19	36	-17	18
11	Sydney Olympic FC	20	4	3	13	16	39	-23	15
12	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	19	2	4	13	19	49	-30	10

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	60	53	84	148	285
Wollongong Wolves FC	60	19	44	180	243
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	59	10	70	156	236
Rockdale City Suns FC	60	27	70	104	201
Sydney FC	62	37	72	84	193
Sutherland Sharks FC	61	24	80	88	192
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	60	44	50	96	190
Sydney Olympic FC	61	15	62	104	181
Marconi Stallions FC	60	18	46	116	180
Manly United FC	60	29	44	104	177
Sydney United 58 FC	59	32	20	120	172
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	60	27	36	40	103

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ROUND 21 FIXTURES

SYDNEY FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC
 7:00 PM / SAT 3 AUG LAMBERT PARK

MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS BLACKTOWN CITY FC
 7:00 PM / SAT 3 AUG MARCONI STADIUM

MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS HAKOAH SYDNEY CITY EAST FC
 7:00 PM / SAT 3 AUG POPONDETTA PARK

MANLY UNITED FC VS APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS FC
 3:00 PM / SUN 4 AUG CROMER PARK

SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC
 4:00 PM / SUN 4 AUG BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC
 4:30 PM / SUN 4 AUG ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

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
v Sydney Olympic FC
1-3

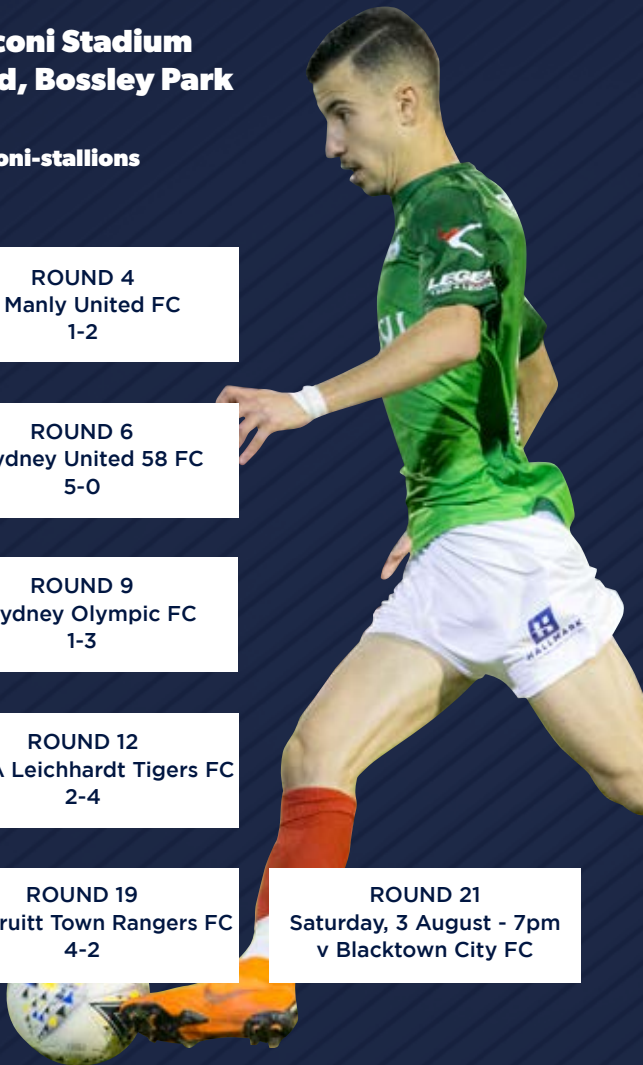
ROUND 11
v Wollongong Wolves FC
1-3

ROUND 12
v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC
2-4

ROUND 14
v Sydney FC
5-2

ROUND 19
v Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
4-2

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v Blacktown City FC



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