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Congratulations to all of our supporters on the premiership win!!! It's certainly a great feeling to bring the cup back to the South Coast after 32 years. To have lead the competition since round 1 and to win it playing in the manner we have and scoring plenty of goals is very satisfying.

Many months ago in this program I expressed that I was confident we would win trophies this season. I have seen a work ethic and football quality in this squad since we came together in late October last year.

All of the players have been able to deliver a high level of commitment each and very week. I am proud of them all. They are a fine bunch of young men. I genuinely care for them like they are my own. We have created history and we will have a common bond for the rest of our days.

We have worked hard for 10 months, sometimes up to 5 sessions per week. Winning does not come along without sacrifice. All of the players and staff at the club have made those sacrifices and deserve to enjoy the rewards today.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff and my family. Yuzo Tashiro has been a fantastic assistant and is loved by all. Mat Whalan and Figtree Physio have been superb in keeping the boys fit and strong. John Krajnovic has been great with the keepers. Thank you to my dad Mark for taking on the managers role and to my brother-in-law Egor for his work around the group. A big kiss and thank you to my wife Kristina who has supported me throughout and has put up with lots of hours out of the house and many phone calls.

In the front office, Susan Gatt is irreplaceable. Tory Lavalle's support of the club is amazing and we enjoy each other's company and have fun. Our region is lucky to have Tory and everyone must appreciate what he does for us all.

Whilst we will enjoy today and the premiership win, there is much more to do.

This trophy is only one out of the three we want to win.

Marconi are in good form and have a strong squad. They will be a handful today and during the finals series. However, we are determined to maintain our standards and I expect our men to go about our business in their normal manner. Winning is a habit we must continue

I hope you all enjoy today and I look forward to seeing you all back at the Fraternity Club tonight to celebrate the season so far.

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## **MATCH PREVIEW**







The team from Bossley Park, the 2019 Waratah Cup champions and the 2018 FFA Cup Round Of 32 qualifier, Marconi Stallions, are the guests today for their final round of the competition, the Round 22 fixture at WIN Stadium with the 2019 Premiers, Wollongong Wolves. This is the twenty-fourth meeting between the two teams in the NSW based competition since the first in the 2004/05 season on 8th May 2005. Two hundred and thirty goals have been scored in total between the two teams with an average of 3.3 goals per match.

#### THE OPPOSITION TODAY - MARCONI STALLIONS

Marconi has won many honours since the football club evolved from 1958 and in 1980 the team won the NSL Cup Final beating Heidelberg United 3-0 in a replay after drawing 1-1 after extra time, defeating St.George 4-0 and Brisbane Lions 1-0 in the Semi-Final and Preliminary Final as the team advanced to the Final. Players in the team at that time were Allan Maher, Peter Brogan, Ivo Prskalo, John Russell, Ken Lindsay, Paul Degney, Gary Byrne, Peter Raskopoulos, Roberto Vieri, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic and Peter Sharne, Jim Muir, Jim Cant, Berti Mariani and Tony Henderson.

New additions to the Peter Tskenis coached squad in this 2019 season include Nathan Millgate from APIA Leichhardt, former Blacktown City players Connor Evans, Zach Cairncross, Mitch Malia, Robert Speranza and Giorgio Speranza, together with former Hakoah Sydney City East's Anthony Frangie and James Baldacchino from the Wollongong Wolves plus Anthony Trimboli. A host of players have departed including Michael Beauchamp, Peter Triantis, Mateo Poljak, Marc Warren, Christopher Nunes Charles Mendy, Sean Rooney, Judah Cleur, Hassan Jalloh, Troy Danaskos and Theo Kofinas.

In 2018, Marconi finished in sixth position earning thirty points from 8 wins and 6 draws and enduring nine losses. The team scored and conceded thirty and thirty-four goals with a goal difference of minus 4. In Round 1-11 the team scored and conceded 11 and 18 goals with a goal difference of minus 7. In Rounds 12-22, 19 goals and 16 and a plus 3

goal difference were the outcomes. The team had improved in the second half of the season, scoring more goals and conceding less. Five clean sheets were achieved and there were five nil scores, which was the third highest in the league, but to the good of five other teams. Thirty goals were scored and thirty-four were conceded with an average goal per game ratio of 1.36 and 1.54. Sean O'Connell scored the quickest goal. It came in first minute in Round 16. The top scorer was Sean Rooney with a seven goal tally with twelve other players sharing in the scoring. Rooney's strike rate was 0.31. Hassan Jalloh was a multi-scorer in a single match with a brace in Round 20. The best result sequence without loss was four Rounds 6-9, draw, draw win and draw and In Rounds 12 -15, draw, draw, win and win. Players who were selected in 'Team Of The Week' were Marco Jesic with five appearances and Michael Beauchamp with three. James Andrew (2) Rooney (20), Chris Nunes (2) with Marc Warren, Nenad Vekic, Peter Pelekanos, Mateo Poljak and Hassan Jalloh with one apiece, lesic was selected in the 'Team Of The Year' as a substitute.

#### THE MATCH - UP

Coming into this match, Thomas James and Marko Jesic and the top scorers with twenty-one and eleven goals with James and Brandon Vella scoring each team's previous goal in Round 21. The Wolves in the head to head scoring department have a slight edge over Marconi leading 39 to 38 goals with four nil scores being four (WW) and six (MS).

The result sequence for the last fives games for Marconi are, loss, loss, loss, win and win, while the Wolves have posted, win, win, win, loss and win.

In the previous round, Marconi defeated Sydney Olympic 2, and the Wolves defeated Rockdale City Suns 2-1.

The position in the standings for Marconi and the Wolves is fourth and first respectively. The Wolves on 48 points are sixteen ahead of the Stallions.

The Stallions, compared to the ten by the Wolves, have attained four clean sheets during this season and have five nil scoring matches compared to the Wolves two.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

The experienced Mitch Mallia is a striker who scores his fair share of goals with eight for Marconi

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during 2019. The former Sydney FC and Blacktown City player is a fast player who likes to take players on. He, indeed, has scored against the Wolves in the past with his former club, Blacktown City and will certainly be just as dangerous to the Wolves' defence.

Goalkeeper Justin Pasfield, the captain of the team, has led by example from between the posts with his sterling protection of his domain, reading the play well and positioning himself to the best advantage when opposition offensive plays deliver shots on goal. The form, skill and experience of the former A-League custodian are one of many reasons why the team has set the high standard.

Mallia will do his best to breach the Wolves goal and Pasfield will do his utmost to prevent this from happening.

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

In the 1990/91 season in the Round 5 encounter at Brandon Park on 7th November 1990 Wollongong consisted of, George Bouhoutsos, David Green, Charlie Yankos, Mike Hollifield, Jock Morlando, David Skeen, Zivko Hristovski, Richard Lloyd, Mladin Kuc and Jason Oldridge. Replacements were Lawrie McKinnna and Pat Brodnik for Kuc and Oldridge.

The corresponding Marconi line-up consisted of, Bob Catlin, Mark Jones, lan Gray, Jean-Paul De Marigny, Robert Wheatley Paul Okon, Peter Katholos, John Markovski, David Seal with substitutes Steve Calderan and Zlatko Nastevski who came on for Katholos and Seal.

The Wolves in the tenth minute had a first chance through Kuc, but he spurned his shot with an unconvincing effort instead of crossing, with the result being easily cleared. Lloyd put Kuc through but the offside flag went up and Oldridge cleared the bar after Hollifield and Bate were involved. However Marconi went ahead when Bouhoutsos kept out a Gray free kick. He lost possession and Seal zipped in to score on thirty-seven minutes. Five minutes later, Skeen found a loose ball and from twenty-five metres out let fly. Skeen hit pay dirt. After the interval, the home went into the lead. A Hollifield free kick was dispatched on the left side from his own half. Lloyd received it to head home. A little later, Hristovski was displayed the red card and for the final twenty -eight minutes of the match, the Wolves were reduced to ten. Despite Marconi's

subsequent attacks, the scored remained at 2-1 to the home side.

## SCORES AND SCORERS FROM THE PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

- 1. 2015. Marconi 0 defeated by Wolves 1 (Peter Simonoski)
- 2. 2015. Wolves 2 (Joey Lavalle, Jordan Murray) defeated Marconi 0.
- 3. 2018. Wolves 1 (Yuzo Tashiro) defeated Marconi 0
- 4. 2018. Marconi O Wolves 3 (Peter Simonoski x3)
- 2019. Marconi 1 (Marco Jesic) defeated by Wolves (Takeru Okada x2, Darcy Madden)

## MARCONI PAST PLAYERS OF NOTE - IVO PRSKALO and ALEX BROSQUE

Ivo Prskalo (1948-2010) was at the club from 1977 to 1982 amassing one hundred and forty-one appearances and he came to Australia from Velez Mostar in what was known as Yugoslavia. He was a defender who provided enticing crosses and was a consummate guardian of his territory. He achieved the NSL 'Player Of the Year' for 1979, a year in his team won the championship and also when he was selected for the Socceroos, ultimately making fourteen appearances against other national teams. He scored his only goal, a penalty conversion in 1980. Prskalo was a strong tackler who intervened perceptibly to cut out passes, crosses and the like and being highly motivated.

Striker Brosque played three seasons with Marconi, totalling fifty-five appearances including forty-six starts. He was on the score sheet thirteen times with his initial club goal scored in the Round 11 Sydney Olympic match. Angelo Costanzo played a long ball over the top of the defence to put Brosque through on goal. He used his body to shield the ball from a defender before pushing the ball past the advancing custodian into the goal with two minutes of the match remaining. Following on from Marconi he played overseas for Feyenoord in Holland and KVC Westerlo in Belgium before returning to Australia with Queensland Roar. He then went to Sydney FC for five seasons then overseas again with Shimizu S-Pulse in Japan and Al Ain in United Emirates Republic for two seasons each. A further five seasons at Sydney FC being captain eventuated

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before retirement following the 2018/19 A League season. In total he scored fifty-seven times for Sydney FC. Brosque had quick acceleration, a good eye for goal, close ball skills and a deadly left foot shot.

## SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH CLUBS - NAHUEL ARRARTE

Arrarte made twenty appearances with the Wolves in the 2003/04 NSL season scoring two goals in all. His initial goal was in Round 9 versus Parramatta Power a minute short of the half hour mark, when a Stuart Young dummy gave space for Arrarte and he did not disappoint. He scored his second in Round 16 with his free kick being swung around the South Melbourne defensive wall into the goal on thirteen minutes.

He was at the Marconi club from 2007 to 2013 scoring a number of goals from his midfield position. The midfielder and Marconi captain, in the 2012 Round 12 Wolves match tried to chip the Wolves custodian two minutes in. Post match he stated - 'Unfortunately, it was one of those games and we were on the losing end. But full credit to the Wolves, they took their chance. I was proud of our boys, we worked hard. We tried to play football and when both teams do that, hopefully the crowd was happy. But we were not.' Arrarte scored three goals in this season. Arrarte had highly developed skills, worked diligently for his team, had composure on the ball and could bend the ball in free kicks and corner kicks to gain the maximum advantage.

## WOLVES' PAST PLAYERS OF NOTE - CHRIS NATHANIEL and SASHO DIMOSKI

Nathaniel numbered ninety-one league games and fifteen cup games in his six season career at the Wolves from 2009 to 2014. He played on the left side and was a good wing/back, overlapping to good effect. He scored six goals in total with his first coming in the 2010 Round 21 West Sydney Berries match. A sweeping Wolves move saw fifteen passes being taken with nary an opposition touch that was commenced by Nick McInerney. It culminated in the sixty-eight minute when Nathaniel, who was in the centre of the park, projected the ball into the net for his team's third goal of five. His final goal was in the 2013 Round 8 Bonnyrigg White Eagles when a Michael Robinson cross from the right side was cut back to Nathaniel. He then proceeded with his shot that pulled one back for his team in the eightyfirst minute. His last game was in the 2014 Round 22 APIA Leichardt encounter when he replaced James Baldacchino on eighty minutes and he was an unused substitute in the FFA Cup Round Of 32 Central Coast Mariners match. Another of his goals was scored in the 2013 Round 7 Rockdale City Suns fixture. Nathaniel scored the initial match goal after half an hour at Crehan Park. A Wolves' shot had rebounded off a defender and Nathaniel on receipt of the ball lashed it into the goal. He stated post match - 'It was a very good point with the number of players out, we did well... I got a boot to the ear...It's good to score and it has been a while.... They had a lot of experienced players and their 'keeper pulled off a good save at the end.' In the 2012 Round 3 Rockdale City Suns encounter, Nathaniel blocked a shot on the line and set up the attack with a pass for a striker whose ultimate shot flew centimetres wide. Nathaniel stated following proceedings -'they came out and defended well and after our first goal, the next two a bit easier. The pressure was eased a lot.'...playing in midfield? -lt's a lot different than playing at the back and I think I have slotted in there nicely. There is a lot of support from the older guys to go forward.'

Nathaniel had good adept ball skills, a strong left foot and could provide effective crosses and his passing was paramount.

Dimoski played a total of ten seasons with the Wolves from the 1990/91 season to the 1999/2000 one. He amassed one hundred and fifteen appearances including sixty-five starts. Fifteen goals was his tally with three seasons being a nil return for him with six goals being his best haul in 1996/97. His final goal was in the 1998/99 Round 30 Adelaide City match when he scored his teams' second goal in the forty-seventh minute. Dimoski was a player who could find space and he put sustained pressure on defences and used his physicality to shield the ball well. He had sound judgment and a good touch.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Comments from players originated in interviews conducted by the writer for inclusion in the match reports at the time.)

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As the name suggests, the formation of this new football club was centred around providing matches for their young children.

The success of the club was immediate. Numbers grew quickly. Interest in the new. local club sky rocketed.

In 1972, realising their club had expanded much faster than anyone could have imagined it was decided to rename the club.

The mighty Shoalhaven United Football Club was born.

Launching with their new Board and Ladies Auxiliary, Shoalhaven United Football Club entered the competition providing players from Under 7s upwards. The local players now had a team of their own covering all their respective age groups.

Red and Black trim were selected as the official





colours and Shoalhaven United Football Club have been proudly playing under these ever since.

Since 1969 the club has experience regular success right across their grades.

Some of the most memorable include -

The club's first main bit of silverware where they were crowned champions The Wiggins Teape Shield.

The mighty red and blacks first trophy of many, many more to come.

In 1978 the First Grade side emerged victorious in the Pre Season Cup and went on to claim the Minor Premiers crown as well

1979 was even more successful for the first grade team. Victory in "The Switching On The Lights Knockout" was followed by Minor Premiers honours once again and additionally they also took out the Premiership. Reserve Grade added to the success of the season also finishing as Minor Premiers.

Celebrations were certainly long and loud that year.

Nurturing and developing their junior players was at all times a paramount focus for the Bears. This was more than evident in 1983 when their Under 13As



## SHOALHAVEN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

took out the Minor Premiership, Premiership and emerged victorious in the Knock out Cup registering their own Triple Triumph for the season.

Always enjoying and promoting a family club philosophy Shoalhaven United has experienced regular success across the years, throughout all their age groups. This is more than evident in the number of Senior Club Championships they have secured particularly in recent years and also the numerous junior titles and awards they have gathered.

The mighty red and black Bears have developed generations of players over their long and proud history and this year they boast over 370 registered players from Under 6s through to senior men's and women's and their over 35s mens team.

As with many clubs, Shoalhaven United function and prosper through the dedication and commitment of their passionate volunteers and parents. For over 50 years they have been an icon throughout Nowra and the Shoalhaven and continue to provide all the players, and particularly the juniors under the mighty Bears logo with the love of football they will have with them forever.

Our beautiful game continues to thrive and grow across Nowra and the Shoalhaven and we are very fortunate we have the Red and Black Bears are still there looking after our next generation of stars and introducing more and more kids to our beautiful





They have been doing it strongly, proudly and successfully for over 50 years now and we are greatly looking to their ongoing successes over the next 50 years and many, many more.

Well done Shoalhaven United Football Club.

GO THE MIGHTY BEARS









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## **ON TOP**

Having the lead the competition all throughout the season from Round 1 - Round 21 and will be after today's Round 22 with a record breaking run, the imposing Wollongong Wolves team has kept up their points scoring momentum to achieve the Premiership for the third time with a game to spare, after the club's previous successes in this regard in 1987 and 1988. Indeed it has been a long time coming and that makes it so much sweeter. The Wolves indeed are 'on top' and it has been a fantastic and truly impressive effort along the journey for the ultimate honour.

With just three defeats occurring, compared with a win tally of fifteen games (up to Round 21), a high tally of five of these victories being by four goals to nil, this was a huge accomplishment for the team.

With coach Luke Wilkshire being integral in signing players to suit his system and to the fore in welding these players into such a cohesive champion unit that has certainly accomplished, he has definitely shown the way forward. With his vast experience and success as a Socceroo and playing with teams overseas and in Australia under astute and successful coaches, this has stood him in good stead for his own coaching career, with the Wolves benefitting greatly from this. On this journey, he was well assisted by his support staff, assistant coach, Yuzo



Tashiro and goalkeeper coach John Krajnovic, with these staff members having done a fantastic job, together with Mark Wilkshire (manager) and Scott Whalan (Physio) and Chairman, Tory Lavalle, and Administration Manager, Susan Gatt.

The players gelled as a high functioning team and although there were standout individual performances the team was the ultimate. The defence only allowed in fourteen goals, which was the least amount conceded in the competition. A high number of clean sheets were attained, the midfielders created, scored and held their own in defence and attack, the strikers contributed at the pointy end with thirty-two goals, and went back to assist their defence with a high workload. The team ultimately scored ten more than the second highest scoring team in the competition.

These players who achieved this accolade are as follows.

#### **JUSTIN PASFIELD**

Captain of the team and one to keep a lid on the team perspectives throughout the season run and minds on the job at hand, was a huge player in the team with the protection of his domain, achieving eleven clean sheets. He led by example and verbal encouragement and made great saves along the way. He was involved in the 2008 disappointment at the final hurdle and this season was not going to go the same way if he had anything to do with it. He has been a captain of the highest order.

#### **TAYLOR McDONALD**

Made many attacking forays down the right and played precision passes setting up goal scoring opportunities, scoring himself and defending stoically and effectively and with self control and calmness. McDonald gave impressive displays consistently and shone out down the right corridor and was fundamental in the backline with all his endeavours.

#### **NICK LITTLER**

His vast experience and defensive work as a central defender was exemplary in scope, with his reading and activation of and in, the demanding situations that came his way, his defending ability was paramount for the team. Littler displayed poise under pressure, assured and confident as he cut

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out opposition passes with both feet and head and scored a couple of goals to boot.

#### **NIKOLA DIORDIEVIC**

Central defender Djordjevic, playing his first season at this level, has been admirable and played with aplomb, determination, with resilience and high effectiveness and settled in quickly and decidedly to make the position his own. He scored a goal that made all and sundry sit up and marvel and he never let the side down.

#### **CHRIS PRICE**

The experienced left defender, Price, who also had the Premiership disappointment of 2008, has shown mental toughness this season in spades and has shown out in his up and down movements in the left corridor as he provided incisive passes to assist in goal conversions and played with discipline and spirit with sterling defence.

#### **DARCY MADDEN**

A valuable team member, Madden scored some decisive goals and creative same with guilt-edged passing and well directed crosses. He was the difference at times in the team and he made the most of his scoring opportunities with head and feet and with strength of mind and body.

#### **TAKERU OKADA**

A midfield dynamo that cut opposition defences to threads with insightful and sharp passes, indefatigable running into space and with the ball at his feet combined well with his teammates, Okada was an instrumental and definitive part of the lineup. In addition, he added goals to his bank of skills.



#### HARRY CALLAHAN

Young gun Callahan with his explosiveness in his acceleration, and with his close skill and effervescent play gave a good sight in every match he played. He took on the opposition with speed and guile coupled with confidence and determination and he added spark.

#### **GUY KNIGHT**

Knight, in the midfield, won his tackling battles, and provided silky and crisp passes, angled at times to his give his front runners options. He was composed on the ball, and had tight control. He has been a vital part in the engine room of the team and possesses a strong left foot.

#### **BEN TOSI**

Tosi was strong on the ball in midfield with a high work rate and was comfortable when under pressure. He was assured and avoided rash challenges with good technical ability and won his fair share of tackles and intercepted perceptibly.

#### JAMES STOJCEVSKI

He was the creative midfielder who carved out his niche with panache and skill, probing defences with his low and overhead passes. Stojcevski was the stylistic playmaker, ticking over the attacking ploys and movements and changing the momentum of matches, switching play judiciously to keep defences off guard. He was the specialist dead ball taker.

#### **THOMAS IAMES**

James has been a revelation in front of goal with his scoring prowess being second to none. He has assisted with guilt-edged passes to set goal conversions by his striking partner and defended as well. He used flicks and tricks to bring others into the fray and to elude markers at will. He has scored a lot of memorable strikes with his total of twenty goals being Wolves' club record in the NSW Mens 1 competition and he emerged with a top strike rate.

#### **LACHLAN SCOTT**

Scott, with his A-League experience has aided and abetted in the scoring stakes and his goals have been invaluable. He is a tireless worker chasing

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down loose balls, back defending and taking on players when in possession. He is reliable, a never say die attitude and has acute close skill. He works well in combination play and performs with persistence and flair.

#### **JORDAN NIKOLOVSKI**

His fluidity of movement and ball skills got the team off to a strong start in the opening match with his goal. He has played with keenness, skill, resolve and vitality as he took on opposition defences with success to co-ordinate goal scoring opportunities for him and others.

#### **BRENDAN GRIFFIN**

The holding midfielder had his season interrupted by injury but in his matches he played, he was unrelenting in his play with his interceptions of the ball and dispossessing ball runners and setting up his supports. He has been persistent, strong in shielding the ball, covered much ground and adapted well to the rhythm of the team. He played his first full game in the game that mattered.

#### STEFAN DIMOSKI

Striker Dimoski made a genuine contribution serving it up to opposition defenders in his role and giving it his all, making purposeful runs with and without the ball. He produced a number of targeted shots that unfortunately did not add to the scores at the time but his plays kept the opposition on their guard.



#### **BUL JUACH**

His speed, close ball skill and craftiness in taking on opposition defenders as they became weary in matches, was a big contribution to team and he did so in an essential way.

#### **LIAM WILLE**

Came on at times to keep up the team's impetus and his wily display added to the team.

#### **BRENDON LOW**

Low is an adept player who crosses the ball with the accuracy and has added a valuable contribution to the team when utilized.

#### **TORY MUSUMECI**

Showed determination and was lively when used and took on the opposition with style and success with fervour in his displays.

#### **JAMES MARKOVIC**

Midfielder Markovic was willing to take on players and did so with confidence and competence. His passing was sharp and penetrating and played with composure when utilized.

#### **BRANDON STOJCEVSKI**

Played a bit part in the season but showed his ability when put through in the Blacktown City Round 20 encounter. He rounded two defenders with sharp changes of direction before powering his shot in on target, only for the custodian to pull of a top save to deny his great attempt.

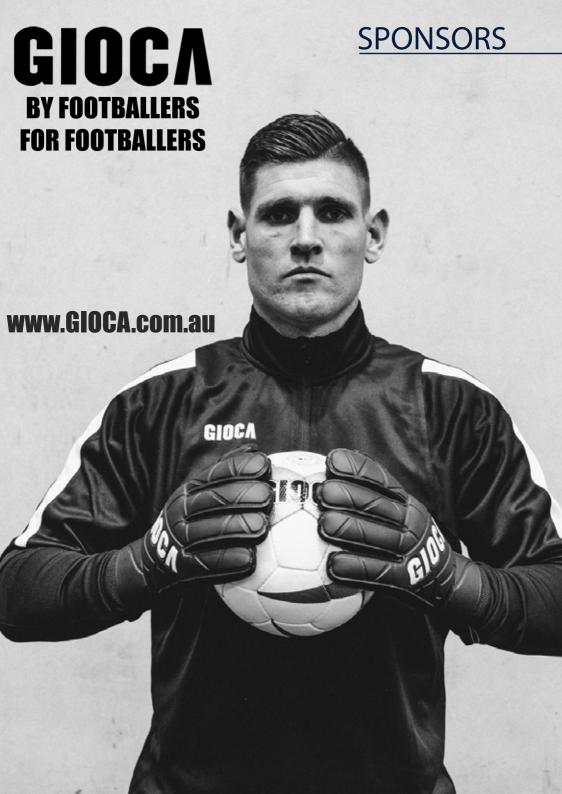
#### THE RESULTS

The Wolves' goals are stated first whether a home or away game for the purposes of this article.

R1 2-1, R2 3-2, R3 2-2, R4 4-3, R5 2-0, R6 1-1, R7 2-0, R8 2-2, R9 4-0, R10 0-1, R11 3-1, R12 4-0, R13 4-0, R14 1-2, R15 4-0, R16 2-0, R17 4-1, R18 1-0, R19 4-0, R20 0-2 R21 2-1, R22 ?.

What a tremendous achievement by all concerned. The Wolves are 'on top' for the first time in thirty-two years.

By Malcolm Rowney



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The following Wollongong Wolves players have been selected in NSW Mens 1 'Team Of The Week' during the 2019 campaign to highlight the inspiring performances that have transpired. These have been the occurrences of 'the way they play' and in addition, 'Goal Of The Week' nominations are also included.

ROUND 1 - THOMAS JAMES and TAKERU OKADA v Manly United at Albert Butler Memorial Park, Warrawong.

Striker James scored a debut goal in his debut Mens 1 match from close proximity to the goal frame at the far post before he turned in a Takeru Okada cross from the left. 'I could not miss from that distance.' James was a thorn for the Manly defence and he kept them on their toes. He showed acceleration and worked himself into goal scoring positions. He had a couple of chances and very nearly brought up his brace but it wasn't to be.

Okada provided many opportunities for his strikers and shone out in the midfield with his impressive endeavours. He set up James with his cross from left of field, and he attacked at will with precision and fervour.

ROUND 2 - THOMAS JAMES and TAKERU OKADA v APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

Gun striker lames has set the competition alight with the first hat trick of the season and he scored it against a strong side. He has a propensity to score as any good striker should and he certainly fits the bill. He is quick on the up take and sizes up the opportunity with quickness. For his first goal Nick Littler put the ball to Lachlan Scott but he could not get to it. A defender forward headed the ball but James Stojcevski gained possession to slot the ball to Taylor McDonald. He in turn pushed it forward to lames, on the right side of goal. He gained possession and with an on rushing goalkeeper and a defender providing pressure, James kept his composure to elude both to score a tidy angled goal. In the fifty-sixth minute, a McDonald throw from the right sideline went to the vicinity of Scott and a defender, with both vying for the ball. McDonald received the return then lifted the ball forward. Harry Callahan headed it into the middle. A defender took possession and then began to go forward. However, he showed too much and lames

zipped in to grab possession take a few steps to then rifle his shot inside the near post. For his hat trick, Scott moved the ball onto Okada. The Japanese player motored inward to direct his pass to his left to James, who in turn produced a top shot with defenders around from just inside the penalty area.

Okada is midfielder with impressive skill and guile and works tirelessly for his team. He provided the assist for James' third goal and was instrumental in provoking attacks with incisive passes, winning the ball in tackles and assisting in his defensive duties.

ROUND 3 - THOMAS JAMES v Sydney United 58 at United Sportsfield, Edensor Park.

With another goal in his third successive Wolves' match earning the plaudits, James again demonstrated a consistently impressive array of skills. He scored on the hour when his first time shot from an earlier sliding parallel Scott pass breached the United domain. His effort flew in from the right side of the goal high inside the far post. He attacked with fervour, setting up teammates in offensive positions, defended when needed and used his fine close skills to elude defenders.



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ROUND 4 - TAKERU OKADA and THOMAS JAMES v Sydney FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

Okada was at his best again in this encounter setting up attacking forays and providing assists for two of the goals. He is a tower in the midfield with his astute running, whether off the ball or with the ball at his feet. He displays good acceleration, intercepts with a definite purpose and attacks with fervour, but never shirking his defensive role.

Thomas once again proved his status as a goal scorer. He is a danger to defences when he is on the ball with the goal in his sights. He does not neglect his defensive duties when required. However. A striker is there to score goals and James is certainly reliably consistent. He goaled in the thirtieth and fifty-ninth minutes by pushing his shot from the right side of goal to the far post to lodge inside the net before Okada provided the assist with a pass to his left for James to hit first time past the custodian.

ROUND 5 - HARRY CALLAHAN and NIKOLA DJORDJEVIC v Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sports Ground.

Callahan had an impressive game in the midfield as his team took on the 2018 champions, Sydney Olympic. He was extremely mobile and linked up well with his defenders and attackers in equal measure. His passing was direct and decisive and was able to intercept perceptibly and win balls in tackles. He provided the assist after run eluding players with his close skill for Lachlan Scott to score his team's first goal.

Central defender Djordjevic defended stoutly and helped his team to achieve a clean sheet. He absorbed the pressure that Sydney Olympic threw at the defence and did not miss a beat. His aerial ability was to the fore in cutting out crosses, and he read the play well.

ROUND 6-JAMES STOJCEVSKI and THOMAS JAMES v MT.DRUITT TOWN RANGERS at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Midfielder Stojcevski played impressively in this match against the new team in the competition and set up attacks with precision passes and indeed had some scoring opportunities in the early portion of the first half. He was roving everywhere to intercept passes, being extremely mobile with determined

running with and off the ball.

Striker James scored from the spot in the seventy-seventh minute to equalise against the visitors to bring his tally to eight. In general play, he displayed his skills in bringing down high passes near the sideline, he lifted the ball to win a handball decision against a marker with the ensuing free kick leading to the penalty decision. He showed a clean pair of heals to out speed defences and won his share of the ball in those types of situations. He was dangerous to the Rangers' defences when on the ball, positioning in space to mount the attacking forays to gain the maximum benefit.

ROUND 7 - THOMAS JAMES and GUY KNIGHT v Hakoah Sydney City East at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

James scored a brace in this match to bring up ten goals in seven matches. In addition, one of his shots whacked against the cross bar and he assisted opportunities to Scott and Okada. He is an extremely mobile player with quick acceleration and speed on the ball and he takes on defenders with guile, speed and composure. His first goal was a flick of his head from Okada's lifted short pass with the ball looping into the top right corner of the goal on twenty –two minutes. His second was a result of a short free kick that reached him near the centre circle. He turned to face the goal and run towards with defender chasing and backing off in front. On the edge of the penalty he projected his effort into the goal.

Knight was moved up into a midfield position for this match and he played impressively. He was very nearly on the score sheet when his header narrowly went over from his position in the centre. He had met a cross from the left following a corner kick. Knight is an adept passer of the ball, is quick to intervene in cutting out passes and crosses and sets up attacking possibilities.

ROUND 8 - HARRY CALLAHAN and NIKOLA DJORDJEVIC v Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

Midfield Callahan has made a tremendous impact since the commencement of the season and following, his exploits in the game versus Sutherland Sharks he was rewarded with selection. He covers a lot of ground in transit with his marauding runs to set

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up attacks and does not shirk his defensive duties. He is not averse to having shots at the goal with his efforts being mainly on target. He produced a shot that was unfortunately wide.

Djordjevic scored his second goal of the season with spectacular scorpion kick. When the ball was lifted into the vicinity of the goal, the central defender launched into the air near the goal area line and his back right heel connected with the ball to send looping into the goal. This goal arguably would all be needed to be selected in the 'Team Of The Week', however, his defensive work with interceptions, dogged tackling and strength on the ball shown out.

ROUND 9 - THOMAS JAMES, JAMES STOJCEVSKI and NICK LITTLER v Blacktown City at WIN Stadium.

James was a marked man in this match but a good man cannot be held down for too long. James scored a brace with well-worked goals and his everpresent attacking play earned him the plaudits.

Stojcevski was midfield dynamite with his persistent running to set up attacks, shutting down opposition forays with perceptive interceptions and making a huge impression in the midfield. He had a few shots at goal when the opportunity arrived.

Littler shone at the back with his defensive work, repelling all Blacktown City could muster in attack. He was strong in the air with well-timed interventions and his passing, both long and short, was direct. He scored his second goal for this season when moved decisively in front of a defender to push the ball home for his sides' fourth goal.

ROUND 11 - TAKERU OKADA v Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium, Bossley Park.

The Japanese midfielder was a very busy player and kept Marconi on their toes with his distribution, his off the ball running, his precision passes and his shots on target. Okada score his initial goal in 2019 in this match when on sixty one minutes he let fly, connecting with a high Thomas James' pass from the Right side. The ball zoomed into the goal. He doubled this effort ten minutes later, when he again met a James' cross, projecting a right-footed shot home.

ROUND 12 - JUSTIN PASFIELD, NIKOLA DJORDJEVIC

and THOMAS JAMES v Manly United at Cromer Park.

Pasfield in goal kept out the Manly attack with precision, good reflexes and the safe guarding of his domain. He pulled off good saves to deny the attackers and as captain of the side he led through word and deeds.

Djordjevic stood out in defence with his interceptions, saving a certain goal by clearing off the line and heading away with timely interceptions of crosses and free kicks and the closing down of attackers with quick actions.

James scored the first goal of the game to steady the teams' nerves and presented an ever-present danger. With his off and on the ball running, his acceleration and his close ball skills he maintained pressure on the Manly defences. He provided assists for the other goals showing his immense worth to the team.

ROUND 13 - TAKERU OKADA and THOMAS JAMES v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Okada scored the first goal in this match with the Tigers to get things rolling. The midfielder's work rate is high as he wins balls in tackles, anticipates well and provides incisive passes to set attacks on goal.

James added a brace in this match with well-taken opportunities as his piled on misery for APIA. He peeled out wide to stretch the defence before making inward runs, which is a very effective ploy. His close ball skills aids him in eluding markers and custodians who rush out when he has the ball.

ROUND 14 - TAKERU OKADA v Sydney United 58 at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Okada's high work and impressive play was to the fore in this encounter. He was involved in the lead up to the Wolves' goal and his prodding and quick running kept the opposition wary of his talents. He set opportunities with incisive passing for James Stojcevski, Thomas James and Lachlan Scott and he put shots in when he had the space and opportunity.

ROUND 15 - THOMAS JAMES and TAKERU OKADA v Sydnev FC at WIN Stadium

James scored his fifth brace of the season in this match with both of these being headed goals. He

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arched backwards before projecting the ball in for his first and his second was a flicked header that lodged into the opposite from whence it came. He had a couple of opportunities that did not pan out but he was dangerous to the defence when on the ball. He accelerated quickly on the occasions when he was within target range.

The midfielder Okada kept up his consistently superb form with his perceptive passing, his running off and on the ball and his ever-present threat to the Sydney FC defensive set up. He scored a goal by stabbing the ball home from the periphery of the penalty with a first time shot.

ROUND 16 - LACHLAN SCOTT and TAYLOR McDONALD v Sydney Olympic at WIN Stadium.

A complete game from Scott against a tough opposition as he attacked and defended in equal measure and his brace to bring up his seventh and eighth goals of the season set his team on the way to an impressive victory and to maintain the teams standing on top. He showed speed, resilience and determination as he set up goal attacks with his teammates and was in the backline bringing the ball



out of the defensive line. Okada put a low cross from the left and Scott got the ball in from close range on fifty minutes as the custodian was on the deck trying in vain to stop the attempt. His second was a left footed shot from the periphery of the box that zoomed inside the near post.

Right-sided defender McDonald had a wow of a game with a constant battle against the left defender of Olympic to leave no stone unturned. He made many forays down the right, getting good balls to inside supports, displayed attacking prowess and conviction, defending stoutly and was involved early in the lead-up to the second goal by interceding with a header. He had a shot from outside the box, which zoomed narrowly past the post late in the proceedings. He possesses speed and accelerates quickly, is a dynamic player and able to adjust to situations on the fly and this was in evidence in this match and all others.

ROUND 17 - LACHLAN SCOTT - v MT. DRUITT TOWN RANGERS at Popondetta Park, Emerton.

This was another truly impressive game from the striker, who with his brace in this match has achieved a ten-goal tally for this 2019 season. Being extremely mobile and with quick acceleration, Scott was able to outsprint the defence. Thomas lames produced a shot as the custodian came out, with his touch deviating the shot's direction. The ball ran to the right side of the penalty area. James chased it down. He threaded to ball to Scott who succeeded to tuck the ball into the goal as the custodian came off his line. His second goal brought up his second brace in two matches. A Nick Littler through ball allowed Scott to run onto the ball in space. With a defender in tow, the custodian managed to leave his line. Scott went to his right as he dived, to push the ball with an angled shot into the empty goal. Scott had shown a clean pair of heels as he eluded players. He also was back defending when needed in an over all inspiring performance.

ROUND 18 - TAYLOR McDONALD and LACHLAN SCOTT v Hakoah Sydney City East at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

McDonald, in his right overlapping defender role was truly impressive with his display on the pitch. He was up and down the right side on numerous occasions with effective passing and crossing,

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timely interventions with both head and feet and his crossing caused consternation in the Hakoah defence. He shields the ball with strength and his passing is precise. He displays conviction in his play with speed of thought and speed in action.

Striker Scott, in his matches, gets through the kilometres as he works hard and determinedly for the benefit of the team. He scored his fifth goal in three successive matches with a headed goal from close range. Scott is involved in both attacking play and does his fair share of defending. He has close skill with a clever back heel when required. He puts himself in the right position for scoring opportunities and has a striker's instinct and is potent with his shots.

ROUND 19 - JUSTIN PASFIELD, TAKERU OKADA and THOMAS JAMES v Sutherland Sharks at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Inspiring captain Pasfield mustered his team well to take out the tie. From his position between the posts he cajoled and encouraged his team on to the victory with inspirational play. His display was top notch, keeping the opposition at bay with his safe and impressive goal keeping. He also assisted in one of the goals with his long goal kick and he made some exquisite saves to deny the Sharks' attackers.

The attacking wide midfield Okada does a mountain of work with much ground being covered during the proceedings. His acceleration keeps him ahead of



the markers and he creates many opportunities for himself and others, one being an across field high ball from the left for Darcy Madden to ultimately have a first time hit that unfortunately went narrowly wide. Okada scored a well-taken right-footed effort, following receipt of a Lachlan Scott defence splitting pass later.

The gun striker James scored with a strong and fantastic effort from the edge of the goal area. On leaving his right foot, the ball flew like an Exocet missile into the top right corner of the goal from his viewpoint for his team's fourth goal. James put himself about at the top end putting pressure on the opposition defenders with skill and precision moves such as deft back heels to bamboozle the markers. He is somewhat of a marked man in matches given his propensity of goals but this does not faze him too much and he delights in getting his own back with his strikes at goal.

ROUND 21 - NICK LITTLER and CHRIS PRICE v Rockdale City Suns at Ilinden Sports Centre, Rockdale.

Central defender Littler scored the first goal of this historic game when he latched onto a ball from Thomas James. Littler hit it first time with his right foot and the ball zoomed into the goal lodging inside the custodian's right post at medium height. Littler shone out in this match with a comprehensive defending display. He brought the ball out from defence showing deft skill and change of direction as he eluded an opposition striker on two occasions. His short and long distanced passing was direct to whom it was intended and he attacked at times to good effect.

Left wingback Price was strong in defence and his interventions were solid and effective and he tidied up on occasions. He attacked down the left with precision and he very nearly had a goal only for a slight touch to negate his sterling effort. He played incisive passes and crossed and worked well in combination with Takeru Okada.

#### GOAL OF THE WEEK

ROUND 1 - NOMINATIONS - THOMAS JAMES and IORDAN NIKOLOVSKI

James got off the mark when at the far post, he made sure he connected with Takeru Okada's cross from

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the right to slot the ball into the Manly United goal on thirty-four minutes.

James turned provider to help set up Nikolovski's goal bound effort after he had made ground along the right side. He slid a pass to Harry Callahan who subsequently rode a tackle before turning and providing the final assist to the striker. Nikolovski's low trajectory effort flew into the goal.

#### **ROUND 2 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

With his third of the hat trick garnering further attention, James on receipt of Okada's pass to the left, shot. The ball travelled into the goal eluding a host of APIA players in the process.

#### **ROUND 3 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

A third nomination out of three his first three games for the ultra consistent goal getter. Positioned on the line of the penalty area, James powerfully struck first time shot rose to lodge high into the back of the goal.

#### **ROUND 4 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

Following a mesmerising run into the box by James Stojcevski, the ball travelled to James lurking inside the penalty area. Seeing the midfielder working his way across James backtracked a step or two to find space to receive the pass. His subsequent first time right-footed effort traversed low into the left side of the goal eluding the hands of a diving custodian.

#### **ROUND 7 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

James' second goal against Hakoah Sydney City East eventuated after he received the ball from a free kick. On collecting, he about faced and steamed forward from the right of the centre circle to the edge of the penalty area with a determined run. With defenders in tow and a couple backing off as he ventured forward, his subsequent shot was driven low and hard into the lower right corner.

## ROUND 8 - NOMINATION and WINNER - NIKOLA DIORDIEVIC

It was an amazing goal from Djordjevic that lit up the ground at the time and the football world following. James Stojcevski took a short corner to Takeru Okada with the ball being returned from whence it came. Stojcevski flighted it in towards the goal. On the goal

area line, Djordjevic flung himself into the air and his back heel connected with the ball in his scorpion pose. The ball lofted high into the Sutherland Sharks goal.

#### **ROUND 12 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

Upon the receiving the ball with his back to the Manly goal, James turned quickly gave himself a little bit more space before powering his effort into the goal.

#### **ROUND 13 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

A Nikola Djordjevic clearance fell over the head of James and defender with both vying for the ball. James won the duel and streamed forward. The APIA custodian had come off his line and was now out of his domain. James eluded him and kept going. Within a good range he let fly. The ball traversed high into the goal with the defender desperately trying to prevent, but his effort was all in vain.

#### **ROUND 15 - NOMINATION - THOMAS JAMES**

A James Stojcevski free kick taken from the right of goal within the penalty area was lifted to where James was positioned at the near. He rose and flicked his head on meeting the ball with it traversing into the goal at the opposite end.

#### **ROUND 15 - NOMINATION - TAKERU OKADA**

The ball came off a Sydney FC defender and Okada was on the edge of the penalty Area. He timed it perfectly to project the ball first time into the back of the net.

## ROUND 19 - NOMINATION and WINNER - THOMAS IAMES

James received the ball wide on the left. On his way infield he eluded a marker with deft skill before giving himself some space for the shot. The ball left his right boot, travelling like a missile into the top right corner of the goal.

These incidences have been 'the way they play' and this way they played was impressive in the least.

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

By Malcolm Rowney



# **IST GRADE TEAM LISTS**



1	Justin	Pasfield	(GK)
2	Taylor	McDonald	
3	Darcy	Madden	
4	Nicola	Djordevic	
6	Ben	Tosi	
7	Chris	Price	
8	James	Markovic	
9	Thomas	James	
10	Brendan	Griffin	
11	Takeru	Okada	
12	Luke	Kairies	(GK)
13	Stefan	Dimoski	
14	Harry	Callahan	
15	Nicholas	Littler	
16	Guy	Knight	
17	James	Stojcevski	
19	Tory	Musumeci	
20	Brandon	Stojcevski	
23	Jordan	Nikolovski	
24	Lachlan	Scott	

Coach: Luke Wilkshire

Assistant Coach: Yuzo Tashiro Manager: Mark Wilkshire Physio: Matt Whalan

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

Referee: T. Danaskos

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These are the circumstances behind all goals scored by the Wollongong Wolves in both the league and cup competitions during 2019, with a total of 12 different goal achievers. Stefan Dimoski, Nikola Djordjevic, Thomas James, Bul Juach, Nick Littler, Taylor McDonald, Darcy Madden, Tory Musumeci, Jordan Nikolovski, Takeru Okada, Lachlan Scott and James Stojcevski.

GOAL 1 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 1 v Manly United at Albert Butler Oval.

The English striker and former Canberra United player was positioned at the far post and he pushed Takeru Okada's cross from left into the goal with a defender in tow for his debut goal in the Mens 1 competition. This was scored in the thirty-fourth minute. 'This will be in the highlights reel for my grand kids in the future'.

GOAL 2 - JORDAN NIKOLOVSKI - Round 1 v Manly United at Albert Butler Oval. Nikolovski scored his second Mens 1 goal when he produced a top shot that breached the Manly domain in the seventy-fourth minute. Thomas James had made a run down the right before centering to Harry Callahan. He rode a tackle to get into the box to the right of goal. He subsequently turned to play a perfect pass back to Nikolovski who was running in. The striker hit low shot that went into the goal near the far post eluding a diving custodian.

GOAL 3 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 2 v APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

James scored his second goal in successive matches versus the Tigers. On seizing upon a team mates pass, after Nick Littler, Lachlan Scott and James Stojcevski and Taylor McDonald were involved prior, the striker had the presence of mind to slip between a defender and the on-rushing custodian with a touch to subsequently project the ball into an unoccupied goal.

GOAL 4 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 2 v APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

A McDonald throw in was returned as Lachlan Scott and a defender vied for the header. He subsequently provided a lifted pass to Harry Callahan who proceeded to head the ball into the middle of the park. A defender interceded to gather the ball but as he moved forward, his touch was heavy, allowing the quick James to dart in, take the ball and direct it into the goal on fifty-six minutes.

GOAL 5 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 2 v APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park, Leichhardt.

The treble was achieved after Scott had passed to Okada. He scurried towards the centre before directing the ball to his left to pinpoint James. With a few defenders in the area, James' well-taken effort lodged inside the goal.

GOAL 6 - THOMAS JAMES – Round 3 v Sydney United 58 at United Sports Centre, Edensor Park.

A thirty-seventh goal arrived when Scott set up James with a precise pass after shrugging off a tackler and eluding another. Scott slid the ball across to James who was positioned in the penalty area on the right side of goal. The striker hit the first time ball powered his shot in, with it zooming into the goal just under of the cross bar in its trajectory.

GOAL 7 - NIKOLA DJORDJEVIC Round 3 v Sydney United 58 at United Sports Centre, Edensor Park.

The central defender Djordjevic latched on to Okada's long right-footed free kick from near the left sideline to project his header into the goal. The central defender was positioned the widest of the Wolves' players to the right of the near the right hand post with a defender outside him. (From his



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viewpoint). Djordjevic rose high to head to the ball near the goal area line to lodge in the United domain inside the opposite post with the custodian groping air

GOAL 8 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 4 v SYDNEY FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt

A debut goal for Scott for the Wolves eventuated in the eighteenth minute when Scott's head met a Okada lifted left footed pass for his debut goal. Scott rose at the far to propel the ball down from close vicinity into the goal inside the custodian's left post with the bouncing inside the goal.

GOAL 9 - NICK LITTLER - Round 4 v SYDNEY FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt

Midfield James Stojcevski provided a short pass to Okada near the right side line. He turned back to elude a defender to get the ball onto his left foot and projected his cross in. Nick Littler had made his way into the box and he glanced the cross into the goal for his first goal in Wolves colours since 2011.

GOAL 10 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 4 v SYDNEY FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt

A high ball was sent forward for lames to run

onto and with space to spare he did. A defender, who managed to catch up to James as he indeed controlled the ball, pursued him. The striker was outside the box to the left side of it before moving into the penalty area with the defender in front of him. James accelerated to his right into the box and getting the ball onto his right foot, he rifled his shot just inside the far post as another defender jumped in front of him

GOAL 11 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 4 v SYDNEY FC at Lambert Park, Leichhardt

James brought up his first brace of the season after James Stojcevski moved inward from the right side after receiving the ball from Lachlan Scott who was tussling with a marker near the sideline. Stojcevski made a zigzagging run into the box showing deft skill and close control eluding three players, including riding one's attempted tackle, before cutting back a pass for James. He hit the ball with his right foot inside near the goal area line powering it first time inside the goalkeeper's right post.

GOAL 12 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 5 v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Belmore Sports Ground.

For his second goal of the season, Scott scored in



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the thirty-third minute. Harry Callahan ran on to a lifted ball as a defender jumped to head away but could not connect. The midfielder collected the ball and steamed into the box on the left side. Just outside the goal area, he pulled the ball across for Scott. The striker took a touch to control and steady before powering a low angled shot across the goal to lodge inside the custodian's right post.

GOAL 13 - DARCY MADDEN - Round 5 v Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sports Ground.

For his first appearance in 2019, Madden entered the field in the seventy-ninth minute and achieved a goal eight minutes later. Takeru Okada had slotted the ball to Thomas James on right side of centre on the half way line. James moved forward towards the sideline, rode an attempted tackle and kept the ball in close to the boundary line with deft touch. With space, he accelerated forward, running into the penalty area. He arrived close to the goal area before pulling the ball back to the substitute. Madden hit sterling effort eluding the Olympic custodian and going into the goal near the Olympic right post for his first appearance in 2019.

GOAL 14 - JAMES STOJCEVSKI - FFA Cups Round 4 at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

After providing assists in the five league games prior to this cup match, the classy midfielder scored his initial first class goal for his team to contribute to this victory. A Wolves long throw into the penalty area was headed out by a defender straight to the lurking Stojcevski. Positioned in the penalty arc, the midfielder chested the ball down then hit it with all he had. His shot flew into the goal with the custodian getting his hands to it, but could not prevent the ball from entering his domain.

GOAL 15 - TAYLOR McDONALD - FFA Cup Round 4 at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

Away to Dunbar Rovers FC at Henley Athletic for the first cup outing in 2019, right sided wing back McDonald got his name on the score sheet for his first goal at the club. A corner kick from the right side was curled in a McDonald ran into to meet and head home, projecting his header down in a crowded penalty area.

GOAL 16 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 6 v Mt.Druitt Town Rangers at WIN Stadium, Wollongong. Central defender Nick Littler made a beeline into the Mt. Druitt box as a Takeru Okada free kick was sent in. However, he was impeded as he went for the ball with the referee pointing to the penalty spot. James was the designated penalty taker and took his position. He hit the ball powerfully with it eluding the diving custodian who guessed the right way of the shot but could prevent it from entering his domain given its power. The ball lodged low into the right corner of the net.

GOAL 17 - THOMAS JAMES v Hakoah Sydney City East at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

From the left, Okada lifted a short cross in with his right foot after he had received a long pass from Taylor McDonald. James rose and his flicked header managed to elude the custodian to lodge inside the top right corner of the goal in the twenty-second minute.

GOAL 18 - THOMAS JAMES v Hakoah Sydney City East at Hensley Athletic Field, Eastgardens.

A free kick was taken inside the Wolves half and pushed low to James on the other side of half way. He received the ball with his back to the Hakoah goal to the left of the centre circle. He subsequently turned steamed at angle towards their goal. With defenders chasing and some backing off in front of him he remained composed. When he reached the edge of the penalty area he fired in his shot with power and skill for the ball to enter the goal at the custodian's lower left corner.

GOAL 19 - NIKOLA DJORJDEVIC v Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

The central defender scored a spectacular goal on thirty-four minutes. James Stojcevski played a short corner kick to Takuya Okada and he returned the ball before Stojcevski sent it in towards the goal. Djordjevic with a defender in close quarters launched into the air on the goal area line with his right-footed scorpion kick lodged high inside the goal frame near the top left corner. 'It was lucky. I saw the ball coming across and I stuck my leg out. The ball hit the back outside of the heel, to guide it the right way I guess.'

GOAL 20 - TAYLOR McDONALD v Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

Thomas James took a free kick from a metre or so outside the penalty area to the left of goal. The ball

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cannoned into the closest post and rebounded along the goal line and into the goal. McDonald rushed in and decisively pushed the ball home for the equalizer and a share of the points for his initial Premier League goal.

GOAL 21 - STEFAN DIMOSKI -- FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Dimoski scored with a precise downward header that went into the goal near the custodian's right upright seven minutes into the match. Bul Juach had received the ball and forward progression down the left. He changed direction to mesmerize a defender before pushing the ball across to Dimoski. Inside the goal area, Dimoski crouched for the cross to set up for a perfect headed attempt that came off fairly easily.

GOAL 22 - JORDAN NIKOLOVSKI -- FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Nikolvski swept the ball low into the goal near the far post with his right foot after running to meet the ball from a James Stojcevski free kick outside the penalty area on the right side, three minutes following the first. Nikolovski was inside the box when he struck. Juach charged in but Nikolovski's shot gratefully eluded all and sundry.

GOAL 23 - TORY MUSUMECI -- FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Twenty-five minutes in, Musumeci scored his first senior goal. Juach on receipt of the ball slipped first time a short pass to him and he motored forward. A defender was in close attendance as Musumeci moved into the box. At the six-yard line his right-footed shot flew in.

GOAL 24 - TORY MUSUMECI - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at lan McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Just after the half hour. Musumeci brought up his brace with his shot eluding the custodian. James Stojcevski had made an incisive to Juach who was forward on the right side. He took the ball to the by line before cutting the ball back. A defender intercepted the ball and cleared. However, the ball went to Musumeci near the penalty arc. He controlled by bringing the ball down before lashing

his shot with the outside of his right foot inside the far post.

GOAL 25 - JORDAN NIKOLOVSKI - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

A Waves winger coughed up possession before the ball was delivered forward for Juach to run onto. Five minutes before half time, Juach proceeded to slip around the defence with superb control, nearly losing his footing from an attempted tackle before delivering a pass for Nikolovski to tap home with a defender at his back for a half time score line of 5-0.

GOAL 26 - STEFAN DIMOSKI -- FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Dimoski, on fifty-six minutes, manages another superb strike after getting into a good position to convert his opportunity to bring up his hat trick. A Stojcevski corner kick from the right side traversed into the goal area. Dimoski managed to get his foot to the ball while airborne and landed on his back following his effort.

GOAL 27 - STEFAN DIMOSKI -- FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at lan McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Bul Juach, a slippery customer for the Waves to combat, received the ball in a forward position wide on the left. He changed direction quickly to mesmerize a defender before pushing the ball to his right for the Dimoski to bring up his hat trick and the first goal of the second half.

GOAL 28 - Goal 29 - STEFAN DIMOSKI - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Following a cross from Brendon Low, Dimoski goaled again with his first time effort eluding the custodian a minute shy of the hour mark. Central defender Nikola Djordjevic played a pinpoint angled pass to Low, positioned wide on the left. From here he put a high cross in that Dimoski hit with his right foot and it skewed high into the goal.

GOAL 29 - STEFAN DIMOSKI - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Another headed goal from Dimoski brought up his fifth strike of the night, with an outstanding

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display of goal poaching. A James Markovic free kick from wide on the left looped to the far post where Dimoski was lurking and he did the rest, propelling the ball in forcibly with a header. 'Yeah it was pretty good. We were slick. . Unfortunately you can't score them all.'

GOAL 30 - BUL JUACH - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Juach's speed on the ball and his clever footwork set up some of the earlier strikes and despite some earlier shots that were rebuffed, he finally scored and was justly rewarded. A headed ball forward by a teammate allowed Juach to progress in space from the right using his speed to out pace a defender and moved forward into the penalty area. He struck the ball with a powerful left footed shot on target, making no mistake this time with his effort that lodged inside the far post.

GOAL 31 - BUL JUACH - FFA Cup Round 5 v Coledale Waves at Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange.

Three minutes later Juach deservedly brought up his brace with a well-taken effort. Dimoski had burst through and side footed a pass to his left to set up luach for an easy tap in.

GOAL 32 - THOMAS JAMES - ROUND 9 v Blacktown

City at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Midfielder James Stojcevski from the middle swung a pass into James' position on the left side after he picked up a loose ball. He found James in the penalty area and he subsequently angled his effort across the goal to lodge into the far bottom corner.

GOAL 33 - THOMAS JAMES - ROUND 9 v Blacktown City at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

From the left, James scurried in eluding a Blacktown defender after Nick Littler had played a long up to his feet. The striker worked the ball into space before he pounced, propelling his shot his shot inside the near post with the custodian well beaten and groping at thin air as he dived in the correct direction.

GOAL 34 - TAYLOR McDONALD - ROUND 9 v Blacktown City at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Stojcevski directed in a corner kick and a host of players went for it. McDonald was in the mix and when he gained possession, his back was turned. However, he about faced to rifle the ball into goal with his left foot.

GOAL 35 - NICK LITTLER - ROUND 9 v Blacktown City at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Striker Bul Juach had zoomed on the right side with



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the ball. He survived one tackle but was knocked off his stride. He regained his footing before he unceremoniously was floored successfully this time by the Blacktown tacklers. Stojcevski took the ensuing free kick inside the opposition territory. The ball reached Littler in the six-yard area as he ran decisively in front of a defender to beat him to the ball, pushing it into the goal with his right foot.

GOAL 36 - TAKERU OKADA - ROUND 11 v Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium, Bossley Park

Okada flashed in at the far post as a high Thomas James ball reached him in, sixty-first minute for well-taken effort, his debut goal in NPL for his club. James was positioned close to the right side line before sending in a loping cross. A defender pressurized Okada as he took his opportunity but kept his composure to achieve as he charged in to hit the ball at the junction of the goal area lines to the right of goal (from the custodian's perspective).

GOAL 37 - DARCY MADDEN - ROUND 11 v Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium, Bossley Park.

Madden as a substitute was on the field for scant time before running in at the far and pushing the ball into the net of the custodians left post. It was James Stojcevski's corner that began the damage and Madden's right foot compounded it, getting to the ball at close proximity to the goal.

GOAL 38 - TAKERU OKADA - ROUND 11 v Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium, Bossley Park

Thomas James turned provider once again as his cross from right field flew to Okada. On bringing the ball under control, he dribbled the ball around two defenders with a change of direction for good measure before and he slotted home to bring up his brace from nearly an identical position to his first goal in the encounter.

GOAL 39 - THOMAS JAMES – FFA CUP ROUND 6 v DEE WHY RSL at Cromer Park, Dee Why

Substitute James in his first cup match came on to score. He was positioned on the penalty area line and with a defender in tow, he let fly with his right foot and the ball flew into the goal to equalize.

GOAL 40 - THOMAS JAMES – FFA CUP ROUND 6 v DEE WHY RSL at Cromer Park, Dee Why

James saved the blushes of his team to score a late winner before this match went into extra time. From

a few metres inside the Dee Why half, substitute Harry Callahan took a quick free kick, sending the high ball diagonally to the right to where James was positioned. He in turn buried his shot narrowly inside the near post with s first time bullet like shot.

GOAL 41 - THOMAS JAMES – Round 12 v Manly United at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

James collected the ball on the periphery of the penalty area, facing to his goal after Guy Knight had provided a pass to Bul Juach. He in turn slid the ball to James. In quick time and positioned in the penalty arc he turned to project the ball into the top right corner, six minutes short of the half hour.

GOAL 42 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 12 v Manly United at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

A mistimed attempted clearance from the custodian allowed Thomas James to gain possession. He charged towards the border of the box before providing a lofted left footed ball to where Scott was positioned. Scott from close range got inside a defender to head on target, with the custodian managing to push the ball in the air but could not prevent the Wolves' opportunity with the ball ultimately lodging inside the goal.

GOAL 43 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 12 v Manly United at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

Thomas James brought the ball to the bye-line before sending the ball in from the left for Scott to pounce with a slick header, glancing the ball to his right to bring up his brace, getting inside a defender to do so.

GOAL 44 - TAKERU OKADA - Round 12 v Manly United at Cromer Park, Dee Why.

James passed to Okada who was to the left and he accelerated inwards to target the goal. He composedly sent the ball low and diagonally across the face to lodge low inside the inside the far post.

GOAL 45 -TAKERU OKADA - Round 13 v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium

After receiving the ball from Ben Tosi who was in the midway between the sidelines, Okada from the left side of the field steamed forward. He paused to get the ball on his right foot and he pushed the ball into the goal inside the far post.

GOAL 46 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 13 v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium

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Scott burst in to the penalty area to gather a Taylor McDonald high ball from out of the defence. As the custodian advanced Scott cleverly tucked the ball with his right foot into the lower left of centre of the goal (the custodian's right side) with a defender in close attendance.

GOAL 47 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 13 v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium

Scott provided an incisive pass to James following a James Stojcevski pass. On receipt of the ball, the gun striker progressed forward. With the custodian rushing out, James lifted the ball over the diving custodian to lodge inside the empty goal from narrowly inside the penalty area.

GOAL 48 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 13 v APIA Leichhardt at WIN Stadium

James ran onto the ball from a Nikola Djordjevic clearance. The ball was in the clear and James and a defender vied for the ball. James won the race and zoomed into the box. As the custodian came out of his area, James eluded him by going to his right and a defender arrived but could not prevent James from earning his brace.

GOAL 49 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 14 v Sydney United 58 at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Takeru Okada slotted a pass to Lachlan Scott who then projected the ball over to James, lurking to the right of goal. He proceeded to bury his shot powerfully into the goal in the sixty-fourth minute.

GOAL 50 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 15 v Sydney FC at WIN Stadium Wollongong

Taylor McDonald received the ball from James Stojcevski. He proceeded to work it to Harry Callahan in the box to the right side of goal. He moved forward before cutting the ball back into the vicinity of the far post. James was there and he arched his back to head home.

GOAL 51 - TAKERU OKADA - Round 15  $\nu$  Sydney FC at WIN Stadium Wollongong.

Guy Knight pushed the ball with a diagonal lifted pass out to Taylor McDonald out on the right. He did well to keep the ball from rolling over the line. Next he sought out James Stojcevski. He subsequently flighted the ball into the box and it came off the head of a Sydney FC defender. The ball went to Okada on the periphery of the penalty area dead centre. He



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timed his shot to perfection as the ball fell to earth, lashing it first time into the goal.

GOAL 52 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 15 v Sydney FC at WIN Stadium Wollongong

A penalty kick was awarded after Harry Callahan had been impeded as he burst inward from the right after Lachlan Scott had set him on his way. James took the spot kick but alas the custodian pulled off the save by diving to his right. However he could not hold the ball and it ran free. Scott was the first to react and he tucked it in with his right foot, the ball going in at the right side.

GOAL 53 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 15 v Sydney FC at WIN Stadium Wollongong.

A James Stojcevski free kick was whipped in from the right. Thomas James met the ball with a header at the near post that was projected into the goal six minutes after the half hour mark. He flicked it, with the ball flying across the goal and in near the far post.

GOAL 54 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 16 v Sydney Olympic at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

James Stojcevski's lifted pass went out the left to

Takeru Okada, who subsequently slid a low cross across the face of goal that beat the custodian. However an Olympic player Riley Woodcock at the far post was there to clear. However, the ball only went as far as Scott and with a shuffle of his feet, from close range he sent it home.

GOAL 55 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 16 v Sydney Olympic at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Striker Scott scored his second goal versus Olympic with eight minutes to spare before the conclusion of the regulation time. An Olympic throw was interceded with a header by Taylor McDonald to where Darcy Madden was positioned. He lunged at the ball as a marker came to him to slot it on to the James Stojcevski who in the ensuing play pushed the ball to Scott straight away. Making an inward run from the right just inside the box, the striker let fly with his

left foot. The ball flew in at the near post beating the custodian's dive. 'We stated well and played some really good football first half and eventually by doing that we got the goal early in the second half.'

GOAL 56 - DARCY MADDEN - Round 17 v Mt. Druitt Town Rangers at Popondetta Park. Emerton.

Following a pinpoint James Stojcevski corner kick that traversed from the right side to the far post, second half substitute Darcy Madden who was only on the field for seven minutes out jumped the Mt. Druitt defenders and headed powerfully to lodge inside the post.

GOAL 57 - THOMAS JAMES – Round 17 v Mt. Druitt Town Rangers at Popondetta Park. Emerton.

From inside his own half, Taylor McDonald sought out Thomas James with a high lifted incisive pass. James subsequently let the ball bounce and let Lachlan Scott take ownership. Meanwhile, James had drifted inward as a defender motioned towards Scott. Scott sized up the situation before playing the ball across to James. His subsequent first timed left footed shot flew from his boot inside the near post.

GOAL 58 - LACHLAN SCOTT- Round 17 v Mt. Druitt



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Town Rangers at Popondetta Park, Emerton.

A high Taylor McDonald pass eluded the defence with Thomas James collecting it in space. He shot as the custodian came out with his touch deviating the shot's direction. The ball ran free to the right side of the penalty area. James chased it down to retrieve in advance of two defenders. He threaded to ball to Scott who succeeded to tuck the ball into the goal under pressure as the custodian ventured forth.

GOAL 59 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 17 v Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Popondetta Park, Emerton.

Nick Littler in the backline played a high through ball up in the direction of Scott who then collected it. With a defender in close vicinity, the Town Rangers' custodian ventured off his goal line. Scott went to the right of the diving custodian and ultimately slotted the ball, from an angle, into the unoccupied goal.

GOAL 60 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 18 v Hakoah Sydney City East at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

The potent striker scored with a headed goal from close vicinity in the thirty-fourth minute. Takeru Okada had made a run down the left before cutting back inwards. He passed to James Stojcevski but he was immediately set upon. As he went down he got touch to move the ball back to the rampaging Okada. He in turn pushed it out to Darcy Madden. With a first time right-footed hit, the ball was lifted to find Scott moving into position to nudge the ball with his head into the goal inside the near post.

GOAL 61 - LACHLAN SCOTT - Round 19 v Sutherland Sharks at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

Guy Knight played the ball to the feet of Chris Price who was positioned on the left side. On receipt of the ball, Price controlled it, pushed it forward then crossed with his left foot to the right side. With Darcy Madden and a defender going for the ball at the same time, the ball came off Madden's chest falling to the ground. Next he moved inwards with the ball rolling. Unselfishly he allowed Scott to dash in to project the ball in past the diving custodian inside the right post with a top strike.

GOAL 62 - DARCY MADDEN - Round 19 v Sutherland Sharks at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

A Justin Pasfield goal kick was dispatched up field to Thomas James who had a Shark player draped over him as the reached him. However, he seemed to get a touch for the ball to run into Madden's path with a defender vying for it as well. He shook him off and high tailed forward, rounding the goalkeeper to poke the ball into the empty goal with his right foot. 'Maybe I could have had two or three (goals) but I'm happy.'

GOAL 63 - TAKERU OKADA - Round 19 v Sutherland Sharks at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

The left footed midfielder, Guy Knight, pushed a pass up the channel to Lachlan Scott. He made forward progress before propping and sliding the ball incisively up to Okada. The attacking wide midfielder slotted the ball home with his right foot, beating the custodian with a determined effort.

GOAL 64 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 19 v Sutherland Sharks at WIN Stadium, Wollongong

A lifted ball from James Stojcevski found James who was located wide on the left. He avoided a defender by changing direction and this Sharks player lost his footing. From the edge of the penalty area James let fly with a powerful effort that torpedoed in, lodging into the goal in the goalkeeper's left top corner.

GOAL 65 - NICK LITTLER - Round 21 v Rockdale City Suns at Ilinden Sports Centre, Rockdale.

Central defender received a ball from Thomas James' direction from where he positioned in the goal area. Littler hit the ball first time with his right foot and it zoomed inside the custodians' right post with the keeper diving with nary a touch.

GOAL 66 - THOMAS JAMES - Round 21 v Rockdale City Suns at Ilinden Sports Centre, Rockdale.

James was leaned up for some distance as he travelled into the penalty area and near the by line he was forced to ground by the Rockdale central defender. A penalty kick was given. James, from the spot, directed the ball powerfully to lodge inside the post at medium height.

With today's round to go, more goals and scorers should be scored to add to the list of these sixty-five.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Comments from players were taken from the writer's interviews that were conducted following matches for inclusion in his match reports published at the time.)

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## **TEAM LISTS**



### **UNDER** 16s

1 - GK	Luke	Morgan
2	Harrison	Anagnostopoulos
3	Brandon	Angelevski
4	Antoni	Anic
5	Andrew	Aston
6	Andrew	Balaskas
7	Nathan	dedis
8	Thomas	Dunn
9	Owen	Fitzpatrick
10	Dax	Kelly
11	Lochlan	Kennedy
12	Noah	Lehn
13	Logan	Mathie
14	Nathan	Paull
15	Daniel	Payne
16	Riley	Smithson



#### 1-GK Jake Charlston lake Almond Anagnostopoulos lames Edward **Bowling** Julian De Freitas Jack Duffy joshua galevski Ashton Kouzan Iosiah Lewis-Dunkley Noah McNeill Luke Palermo Luca Papalia William Provino 14 Anton Radice-Jones 16 Antonio Sansone

**UNDER** 

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### **UNDER** 14s

I - GK	Spyro	Kyriazidis
2	William	Aston
3	Jayden	Branovski
4	Chisholm	Brown
5	Harry	Churchill
6	Jay	De Gouveia
7	Callum	Donnelly
8	Justin	Dukleski
9	Damon	Gray
10	Kyron	Guevara
11	Jyden	Harb
12	Aiden	Miranda
13	Joel	Palermo
14	Jett	Stroemer
15	Sebas-tian	Tomasiello
16	Kalani	Vella



### **UNDER** 13s

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

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
10	Liam	Wille
12	Jordyn	Della Vedova
13	Brendan	Mitrovski
14	Bul	Juach
15	Adrian	Avello
16	Tatsuki	Nagatsuka
17	Brendan	Low

Coach: Manny Mavridis

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
38	Billy	Nunes
40	Damien	Tsekenis
41	Chiba	Ashour

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

U20'S - NPL NSW MEN'S									
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	21	13	6	2	41	15	26	45
2	Sutherland Sharks FC	21	12	4	5	36	22	14	40
3	Rockdale City Suns FC	21	11	5	5	40	29	11	38
4	Sydney FC	22	10	6	6	33	22	11	36
5	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	21	10	5	6	29	17	12	35
6	Sydney Olympic FC	22	10	4	8	27	27	0	34
7	Manly United FC	21	7	4	10	31	36	-5	25
8	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	21	7	4	10	38	47	-9	25
9	Marconi Stallions FC	21	6	5	10	24	36	-12	23
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	21	7	1	13	22	34	-12	22
11	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	21	5	6	10	30	43	-13	21
12	Sydney United 58 FC	21	2	4	15	21	44	-23	10

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

Wollongong prepare to host Marconi Stallions on Sunday afternoon at the end of an underwhelming season for the Wolves; the latest defeat to Rockdale City Suns leaving them only a point closer to the top five than they are to the bottom of the ladder.

Marconi, too, have failed to impress this season, and head to Win Stadium on the back of a 2-0 defeat to Premiers Blacktown City. The Stallions sit ninth at the start of Round 22, just a point and a place above Wollongong ahead of their meeting on Sunday afternoon.



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# **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

CLUB	PLAYED	U18'S	U20'S	1ST	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	63	56	90	148	294
Wollongong Wolves FC	63	22	44	192	258
APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	63	13	70	168	251
Sutherland Sharks FC	63	27	80	100	207
Rockdale City Suns FC	63	27	76	104	207
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	63	47	50	108	205
Sydney Olympic FC	64	15	68	116	199
Sydney FC	64	37	72	84	193
Marconi Stallions FC	63	18	46	128	192
Manly United FC	63	29	50	104	183
Sydney United 58 FC	63	38	20	120	178
Hakoah Sydney City East FC	63	27	42	40	109

### **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	ΛE	N'	5	
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Wollongong Wolves FC	21	15	3	3	51	17	34	48
2	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	21	12	6	3	41	26	15	42
3	Blacktown City FC	21	11	4	6	30	23	7	37
4	Marconi Stallions FC	21	10	2	9	42	29	13	32
5	Sydney United 58 FC	21	8	6	7	28	31	-3	30
6	Sydney Olympic FC	21	8	5	8	32	32	0	29
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	21	7	6	8	41	45	-4	27
8	Manly United FC	21	7	5	9	24	31	-7	26
9	Rockdale City Suns FC	21	8	2	11	26	39	-13	26
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	21	6	7	8	31	31	0	25
11	Sydney FC	21	6	3	12	32	49	-17	21
12	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	21	3	1	17	11	36	-25	10

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# U18'S TEAM LISTS



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

Coach: Richard Lloyd

Managers: Scott Nicols & Robbie Day

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43	lvan	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

	U18'S - NPL NSW MEN'S								
POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	21	18	2	1	62	15	47	56
2	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	21	14	5	2	52	29	23	47
3	Sydney United 58 FC	21	11	5	5	46	31	15	38
4	Sydney FC	21	11	4	6	42	30	12	37
5	Manly United FC	21	8	5	8	33	32	1	29
6	Hakoah Sydney City East FC	21	8	3	10	34	35	-1	27
7	Rockdale City Suns FC	21	8	3	10	32	34	-2	27
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	21	8	3	10	35	39	-4	27
9	Wollongong Wolves FC	20	6	4	10	29	44	-15	22
10	Marconi Stallions FC	21	5	3	13	19	38	-19	18
11	Sydney Olympic FC	21	4	3	14	16	40	-24	15
12	APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC	21	3	4	14	22	52	-30	13

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THOMAS JAMES
WOLLONGONG WOLVES

NAME & CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Thomas James (Wollongong Wolves)	21
Chris Payne (APIA Leichhardt Tigers)	20
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	12
Alejandro Sanchez (Sydney Olympic)	11
Fabricio Fernandez (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	11
Jeremy Cox (Sutherland Sharks)	11
Mirjan Pavlovic (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	10
Marko Jesic (Marconi Stallions)	10
Mitchell Mallia (Marconi Stallions)	9

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# **TEAM OF THE WEEK**





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ROUND 9 v Blacktown City FC 4-0 ROUND 10 v Rockdale City Suns FC 0-1

ROUND 13 v APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC 4-0 ROUND 14 v Sydney United 58 FC 1-2

ROUND 15 v Sydney FC 4-0 ROUND 16 v Sydney Olympic FC 2-0

ROUND 18 v Hakoah Sydney City East FC 1-0 ROUND 19 v Sutherland Sharks FC 4-0 ROUND 22 Sunday, 11 August - 3pm v Marconi Stallions FC



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