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Welcome back to WIN Stadium for what is our fourth game in the last three weeks here. Ideally, we will not be here today, but unfortunately we did not perform well enough against APIA Leichhardt Tigers on Wednesday night.

Credit to APIA as they turned up with a plan in mind to frustrate us and they executed it very well. At the same time I felt that we were well below our best. For some unknown reason, we seem to lack a little bit of desperation and as a result gave the ball away in places where we have not done so all season.

In saying that, the boys have recovered well since Wednesday. We had three sessions and stayed the night last night in Kiama as part of this preparation. The club has left no stone unturned in order to get the players ready for today.

I'm confident that we will return the winning ways and book you on the spot at BankWest Stadium next Saturday.

I hope you enjoy this afternoon.

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## **MATCH PREVIEW**







This fixture pits the Wollongong Wolves against Sydney United 58 for the right to qualify for the Grand Final at Bank West Stadium in Parramatta on the 31st August. Sydney United made the grade after defeating Blacktown City 7-3 in the Semi final while the Wolves are in this match due to their defeat, applied by APIA Leichhardt. It is a do or die encounter for both teams and the spoils are there for the taking. In Finals anything can happen out of the ordinary and on occasions this years this has eventuated.

#### THE OPPOSITION TONIGHT - SYDNEY UNITED 58

Sydney United 58 was established in 1957 and has played in the National Soccer League and the NSW State competitions, First Division State League and the NPL NSW Mens 1 competitions for much of its existence. A total of twenty-one Honours have been achieved with the first being the NSW Division Three Championship in 1960, with the latest being the winners of 2016 Waratah Cup. The club has been Champions in 2006 in the top echelon of the NSW based competition.

#### THE MATCH UP

During the 2019 competition, Sydney United was the only team not to suffer defeat by the Wollongong Wolves. It was 2-2 and 2-1 in these Round 3 and 14 encounters with Jordan Roberts, Tariq Maia with two, Matthew Sim, Thomas James with two and Nicola Djordjevic being the goal scorers. Maybe there will be a similar number of goals in this encounter and these players could affect the outcome of the match.

The top scorers for each club were Simonoski with nine goals, with nine players contributing thirty-one goals for Sydney United 58. Eight players garnered fifty-two goals for the Wolves with Thomas James achieving twenty-two. Sydney United failed to score in seven matches against the Wolves' two.

In each team's previous match the Wolves failed to score and Sydney United hit seven, two each to Sim and Simonoski, and one each to Tom Uskok, Maia and Patrick Antelmi. They will want to find the back of the net as well in the next assignment. However,

the Wolves will be eager to stop this and get back to scoring themselves.

With a number of former Wolves in Sydney United 58's squad, such as Simonoski, Antelmi, Joshua MacDonald and Tom Manos, each will be trying to get one over their former club. Justin Pasfield is a former Sydney United 58 player and he will be looking to do likewise.

The team goal per game ratio for this season including the finals thus far played are 1.66 for Sydney United and 2.26 for the Wolves. Will this be the same order after this game?

This is a quick turnaround and Sydney United have played two extra time periods in both their finals matches and the Wolves have played one finals and a friendly with Sydney FC. APIA conquered the Wolves after playing extra time in their previous match. It will be the team with most desire who will triumph.



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## **MATCH PREVIEW**

#### **PLAYER MATCH-UPS**

Goal Scorers - Lachlan Scott and Peter Simonoski

Both strikers have made valuable contributions to their respective teams during the rounds. Scott has good close ball skills and serves it up to defences with his commitment and daring and has scored twelve goals this season. Simonoski was injured early at his new club but has struck striking form at the right end of the season. He has speed in his actions and has a quick touch. Both players have hit multiple goals in a single match in addition. Scott and Simonoski will be looking for that edge in front of the posts and both have the instinct for goals. Who will take the opportunities?

Central Defenders - Nikola Djordjevic and Tom Uskok

The Wolves central defender Djordjevic in his first season in this grade has taken all before him and has been impressive in combination. He makes timely interceptions and reads the game well and his propels the ball to his intended recipients with much precision. Uskok is a robust tackler and his passes are well intended and intercepts with perception. Both have scored goals this season but their major operation mandate is to stop strikers from gaining an edge.

Midfielders - James Stojcevski and Tariq Maia

Stojcevski is the playmaker for the Wolves in midfield and takes many of the set pieces. His incisive passing and intrepid running assists in the attack forays. Maia is a motion player and he is impressive in his endeavours. He links up well with his strikers. Maia has also scored five goals in the competition as well as in the finals with a tremendous one from outside the box against Blacktown in the previous finals match. Both players are sure to shine out in this confrontation.

Defenders Chris Price and Yianni Fragogiannis.

The experience Price has been a member of finals winning teams in the past and will want to carry on from that. He is the consummate defender and wingback with many attacking forays down the left with an effective good crosses and perceptive passing and has not been shy in the tackle. Fragogiannis has also had experience in finals being with Blacktown City prior to his stint at Sydney United. He is an impressive defender who has pace

and stamina with technically sound footwork. Both will tirelessly for their teams.

Shot Stoppers - Justin Pasfield and Tom Manos

Pasfield has been huge in the goals for the Wolves and his predecessor at the Wolves being Sydney United's Manos, has been instrumental in his team's rise up the standings. Manos, as a custodian, is safe between the posts and is equally proficient on both low and high balls. He can play out of defence with both feet with equal force. He achieved with his defence five clean sheets as against eleven for Pasfield and his defence. Pasfield has accuracy in his clearances and is agile and experienced in these types of games and has good safe hands. Both performances in this match will have a big bearing on the outcome.

## TWO SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH TEAMS - ZELKJO BABIC and MANIS LAMOND.

Babic, a striker played for Sydney United for five seasons and Wollongong for two. Nine goals was his haul for the Edensor Park team from seasons 1993/94 to 2002/03. He also part of the 2002/03 season with the Wolves plus the season prior. Two goals were scored for the Wolves in his twenty appearances with both coming in his second season, 2002/03. His first goal was scored in the Round 3 Brisbane Strikers game at Ballymore with his second against Northern Spirit in Round 8. Babic had quickness of thought in his games and a good touch.

Lamond, a Papua-New Guinean striker was at the Sydney United 58 club for a grand eleven seasons beginning in 1986 and ending in 1995/96. He scored a tally of forty-six goals with his top season score being ten in 1988. His debut club goal was in 1986 Round 3 versus Sydney City, with his final one being in 1995/96 Round 33 against Adelaide City when ne scored in the fifty-eight minute. He was the club equal top scorer in three seasons 1988, 1993/94 and 1994/95. In the 1996/97 season, he turned out for the Wolves for just three games, with two starting appearances. He made his debut as a substitute coming on for Scott Chipperfield against Sydney United in Round 15. He was a speedy striker.

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## **THE END**

Even though the Wolves are still involved in the finals, this article chronicles the final round, 'the end' of the season proper. This is a look at the results of previous last round match score lines, top scorers and other information in the Mens 1 competition of the NPI NSW since 2004/05.

#### MOST TEAM GOALS SCORED

The tally of six was the highest number and with a 6-1 result versus Sydney FC in Round 22 of 2017.

## MOST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL GOALS SCORED IN A SINGLE MATCH.

A five-goal haul was this striker's achievement in Round 22 of the 2004/05 campaign. Three goals was the next in line and two players attained this tally.

#### HIGHEST NUMBER OF SCORERS

There were twenty different goal scorers in these fourteen final season matches.

## LIST OF SCORERS (In Reverse Alphabetical Order.)

Ricky Zucco, Dustin Wells, Peter Simonoski, Lachlan Reus, Sean Robertson, Sasho Petrovski, Mark Picciolini, Chris Nathaniel, Jordan Murray, James Monie, Jamie McMaster, Shane McGirr, Darcy Madden, Joseph Lavalle, Mitchell Long, Steve Hayes, Brendan Griffin, Mitchell Del Turco, Daniel Aliffi, and Patrick Antelmi.

#### NAMES/NUMBER OF GOALSCORERS WHO SCORED IN DIFFERENT SEASONS IN CONCLUSION GAMES.

Five players scored in the final round in different seasons, with these being Steve Hayes with three to his credit, with two seasons goals each for Peter Simonoski, Chris Nathaniel, Joseph Lavalle and Jordan Murray.

#### MOST GOALS OVERALL TALLY

These players scored the most goals overall in these season concluding games. They are Shane McGirr (5), Peter Simonoski (4) Jordan Murray (3), and Steve Hayes (3).

#### LONGEST TIME PERIOD BETWEEN SCORING

It was an eight year time gap between the second

and third of Steve Hayes' attainments. His first goal of this ilk, was scored in 2009 with his last one was achieved in 2017. There was a three-year gap between his first two, in 2006 and 2009.

#### **TOP SCORERS**

The top scorer in these matches was Shane McGirr with five to his credit, scored against Sydney Crescent Star in the 2004/05 season. Peter Simonoski scored the next best, three versus Marconi in 2018, sharing with Patrick Antelmi with his hat trick in 2017.

#### NUMBER/NAMES OF BRACE SCORERS

Three braces were hit to round out the seasons and the achievers were Jordan Murray in 2014, Ilija Prenzoski in 2009 and Brendan Griffin in 2017.

#### QUICKEST GOAL SCORED

The first minute of play in 2004/05 was the fastest goal attained versus Sydney Crescent.

#### QUICKEST GOAL CONCEDED

The team conceded in the third minute versus Sydney Tigers (APIA Leichhardt) in 2009, with this being the earliest time.



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## **THE END**

#### **CONTINUED**

#### NUMBER/NAMES OF DIFFERENT CLUBS PLAYED

Nine varying clubs have provided the opposition in the final round, with these being APIA Leichhardt (aka Sydney Tigers), Bankstown City Lions, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, Central Coast Mariners, Marconi Stallions, Sydney Crescent Star, Sydney FC and Sydney Olympic.

#### **CLUB MOST OFTEN PLAYED**

Marconi Stallions has provided the final opposition on three occasions with Sutherland Sharks in the runner's up position with two.

#### **FOR AND AGAINST**

Thirty-six team goals were attained with nineteen against hence a goal difference of plus 18.

## MOST GOALS SCORED IN A SINGLE MATCH OVERALL

Eleven goals were totalled in 2009 with the Wolves snaring five and the opposition with six. Seven was the next best and this eventuated 2017, a 6-1 score line

#### **NUMBER OF WINS, DRAWS AND DEFEATS**

Eight victories, three draws and two defeats were the results from these fourteen matches.

#### **NUMBER OF NIL SCORES**

The Wolves' only failure to register a goal was in 2016 with a 2-0 result.

## NUMBER OF THE TIMES OPPOSITION WAS KEPT SCORELESS

A tally of four times was the number that the opposition neglected to score, scores such as 0-5, 0-3 and 0-2 on two occasions.

#### MOST PREVALENT SCORE LINE

It was twice each for the most prevalent score line, with these being 1-1 and 2-0

## FIFTEEN-MINUTE TIME PERIOD FOR MOST GOALS SCORED AND CONCEDED.

Most of the Wolves' goals were scored equally in the 16 - 30 and 75 - 90 minute time periods with a percentage of 27.5%. Those goals that were conceded eventuated in a two different periods of time as well, 16-30 and 46-60 minutes with a 25% average.

#### **HOME AND AWAY**

The individual total of home and away games was shared, with seven times being the number.

That was 'the end' that was.

By Malcolm Rowney



## **PHOTO GALLERY**







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## **PHOTO GALLERY**









# **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	Daniel	Sadaka
3	Jordan	Roberts
4	Adrian	Vlastelica
5	Anthony	Tomelic
6	Petar	Markovic
7	Peter	Simonoski
8	Matthew	Sim
9	Patrick	Antelmi
10	Sebastien	Gallegos
11	Yianni	Perkatis
12	Liam	Rose
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17	Matthew	Bilic
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19	Josh	Macdonald
20	Christian	Gonzalez
21	Thomas	Manos
22	Yianni	Fragogiannis
23	Luke	Vlastelica

Head Coach: Miro Vlastelica Assistant Coach: Jerry Bilokapic Goalkeeper Coach: Vitas Males Gear Steward: Raymond Gerrie Physiotherapist: Denana Kadric

Referee: S. Lucas

Assistant Referees: N. Backo, R. Osborne

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## THERE LIES THE DIFFERENCE

In 1987, 1988 and 2019 the Wollongong Wolves had swept all before them in the leagues to emerge in these seasons at the top of the standings and being Premiers. Following on these great achievements, it is pertinent to compare the statistics of the results of each of these relevant seasons to see where 'there lies a difference.' Each team did ever so well to achieve the Premiership and nothing can diminish what was attained. This was a three-time happening in thirty-nine seasons since and including 1981.

The major statistics for each team are as follows.

In 1987, the team played twenty-six games, won twenty, drew two, lost four, scoring and conceding sixty-one and thirty goals with a plus thirty-one goal difference and achieving forty-two points.

The 1988 team won thirteen games from twenty-six being played with a further eight draws and five defeats. Thirty-four points were attained and the goal difference was plus twelve from forty-four goals and thirty-two goals being scored and conceded.

The 2019 team achieved fifty-one points from sixteen wins and three draws. Three defeats were suffered while sixty-one goals were hit and thirty were against with a goal difference being plus thirty-five

As the season length was varied the number of games played ranged from twenty-six to twenty two. Another variable is that the two competitions

were played in the NSW based competition while the other was in Australia's top contest.

The win/loss ratio for each in order is 1987 - 0.83, 1988 - 0.72 and 0.84 for 2019.

The wins to games played ratio ranged from 1987 - 0.76, 1988 - 0.50 and 2019 - 0.72.

The loss to games played ratio was 1987 - 0.07, 1988 - 0.19 and 2019 - 0.13.

Goals scored per game ratio was 1987 - 2.34, 1988 -1.69 and 2019 2.36

Goals conceded per game ratio was 1987 -1.15, 1988 - and 1.23 and 2019 - 0.77.

The top scorer for each team was Randall Easthorpe in both 1987 and 1988 with fifteen and nine goals respectively in twenty-five and twenty-four. Thomas James in 2019 scored twenty-two goals from twenty-two outings. Their goal per game ratio was 0.6, 0.36 and 1.0 in that order.

The margin to the second placed side was as follows - 1987 by two points, 1988, nil points by goal difference and 2019 - by nine points.

From the statistical information drawn of each of the three Premiership winning teams, readers can draw their own inclusions about the relative merits of these three premierships. 'There lies the difference.'

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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



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#### 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 Anton Radice-Jones Antonio Sansone

**UNDER** 

15s



#### **UNDER** 14s

1 - 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	Thompson
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
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