





SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 4.30PM

#### **CLUB WELCOME**

We welcome everybody to this round 3 clash against APIA Leichhardt.

We enter the game following a 1-1 draw away against our local rivals, Sutherland Sharks. It was disappointing to concede late after seemingly having the 3 points in the bag. That said, the boys are playing as a collective unit and are combining well. It was great to see Sam Gulisano bag his first goal for us last weekend and we hope he can add to his tally against his former club.

And with that as the backdrop, we return to the llinden Sports Centre to take on an APIA side that last week secured its first win of the season against Sydney Olympic. Never easy battles against the boys from Lambert Park but we are confident that our solid first two showings will put us in a good position for this big game.

In other news on the football front, congratulations to our under 20's who last weekend secured their first win of the season against Sutherland. Richly deserved and it follows a very unlucky round 1 loss to Manly. We hope they can continue their run this weekend. Our under 18's again created plenty of chances but ultimately will look to bounce back this weekend.

We hope everyone enjoys the game and that our wonderful home support gets us across the line.

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6	Banri	Kanaizumi
7	Alec	Urosevski
8	Tomoki	Wada
9	Dimi	Petratos
10	Nikola	Taneski
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14	Brayden	Sorge
15	Мо	Ahmed
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1	lvan	Necevski
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Coach: John Calleja

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Rockdale llinden will be out to end seven years of struggles when they take on APIA Leichhardt at llinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

The home side boast an absolutely horrific record against APIA in recent years and have not beaten them in the league since 2013 with APIA winning 11 of their past 14 clashes and drawing the other three.

The past six matches between these two sides makes even worse reading for Rockdale fans with APIA scoring an insane 31 goals and conceding only four.

However, all is not lost for the llinden faithful with the Steven Zoric coached side fired up to put this shocking record to bed.

Japanese import Tomiki Wada is one such player that can light up the home crowd faithful and will be one to look out for come game day.

Ironically it is a former APIA player who could be the difference maker with Sam Gulisano proving to be a

dangerous player for Rockdale after joining the club during the offseason.

APIA won't be taking this game lightly even though they've had the wood over their rivals for such a long time.

Their win against Sydney Olympic last week demonstrated that the reigning Champions still remain one of the teams to beat.

Chris Payne has quickly rediscovered his shooting boots and was in the right place at the right time last weekend, while Josh Symons is leading from the front with back-to-back stand-out performances in the club's backline alongside Themba Muata Marlow.

Zoric has pledged a new era at Rockdale and there is no better way to prove that by shaking off the weight of this horror record.

Prediction: Rockdale Ilinden 1 APIA Leichhardt 3

#### **1ST GRADE LADDER**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Marconi Stallions FC	2	2	0	0	8	1	7	6
2	Blacktown City FC	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
3	North Shore Mariners FC	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
4	APIA Leichhardt FC	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
5	Rockdale City Suns FC	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
6	Sydney United 58 FC	2	1	0	1	5	1	4	3
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
8	Sydney FC	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
10	Sydney Olympic FC	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
11	Manly United FC	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
12	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

#### **FIRST GRADE REVIEWS**

### Sutherland Sharks 1 – Rockdale Ilinden 1 at Seymour Shaw Park

A Blake Powell strike in the closing stages has helped Sutherland Sharks fightback to claim a 1-1 draw against Southern Sydney rivals Rockdale Ilinden FC at Seymour Shaw on Saturday.

The result was a solid improvement from the Sharks after their round one drubbing at the hands of Marconi but new coach Nick Dimovski still has plenty to do in a performance which was still lacking at times.

After a scoreless first half, Rockdale thought they had done enough to claim the win when Sam Gulisano fired home from range with only 20 minutes left to play.

However, the Sharks rallied in the closing minutes with Powell finding the equaliser to ensure Sutherland went home with their first competition points of the campaign.

#### Manly United 0 - Blacktown City FC 1 at Cromer Park

For the second consecutive week, Matthew Lewis proved to be the match winner as his spot kick sealed a hardfought three points for Blacktown City against Manly United at Cromer Park on Saturday night.

For both sides the result offered a similar story to their season openers last weekend.

Manly often appeared disjointed in the final third and were punished for a momentary lapse of concentration.

On the other hand Mark Crittenden's men excelled defensively, allowing for them to grind out another victory by the narrowest of margins.

### Sydney FC 0 – Marconi Stallions 4 at Ilinden Sports Centre

Marconi Stallions have given Sydney FC an early reality check in a dominant 4-0 win at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

The Young Sky Blues claimed a brilliant upset last week against Mt Druitt Town Rangers, but they were no match for the experienced Stallions who have now made it two wins from as many games.

A brace by Anthony Frangie was bookended by goals from Anthony Costa and Nathan Millgate as Marconi sent a clear signal that they will be one of the teams to beat this season.

The Stallions have now scored eight goals from their opening two matches further cementing their place on top of the NPL NSW ladder.

#### APIA Leichhardt FC 2 – Sydney Olympic 1 at Lambert

A late Chris Payne strike has helped APIA Leichhardt claim their first win of the season edging Sydney Olympic 2-1 at Lambert Park on Sunday.

It was a game of two halves but Payne's finish only three

minutes from full-time proved the difference between the two rivals from Sydney's inner-west.

APIA dominated what was a physical first half of football, taking the lead in the 17th minute through a David D'Apuzzo header.

Olympic hit the pitched refreshed after the break and took control of the second stanza, with Bai Antoniou netting the equalizer in the 60th minute.

The match looked likely to finish in a draw, but as the game came to a close Payne pulled off an 87th minute thriller that saw the home side take all three points.

#### Wollongong Wolves 2 – North Shore Mariners 3 at Albert Butler Memorial Park

North Shore Mariners secured a dramatic 3-2 victory over reigning National Premier Leagues NSW premiers Wollongong Wolves on Sunday afternoon at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

Mitch Smith's strike in the dying stages helped stun the reigning premiers as the Mariners secured their first win in the state league top flight.

Thomas James got the reigning premiers off to a fast start with a goal in the 12th minute but Panny Nikas, who made his debut with the club after a pre-season injury, curled one in on the cusp of the interval to level the score at the break.

Emmanuel Peters gave the visitors the lead with less than 20 minutes to play but James was on target yet again to have the game seemingly headed for a draw.

But North Shore were to have the final say as Smith found the back of the net with a composed finish in the final seconds to secure the unlikely triumph.

### Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0 – Sydney United 58 5 at Popondetta Park

Sydney United 58 have powered to their first win of the NPL NSW thrashing Mt Druitt Town Rangers 5-0 at Popondetta Park on Sunday.

It was a coming out party of sorts for United 58 as they flexed their attacking muscle against an out of sorts Mt Druitt side who slumped to their second loss in as many weeks

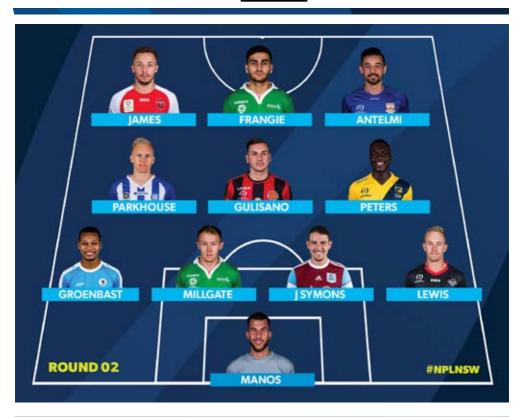
Nearly everything went Sydney United's way in the first half.

A comical own goal from Rangers defender Travis Oughtred opened the scoring before Thomas Manos made a brilliant penalty save to stop Mt Druitt claiming an equaliser.

From then the floodgates opened with goals to Matt Sim, Devante Clut and a brace to Patrick Antelmi wrapped up a very one sided performance and Zeljko Kalac's first win in the NPL NSW as United head coach.



#### **TEAM OF THE WEEK**



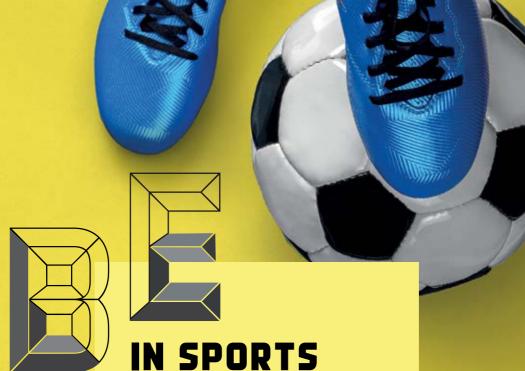
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CLUB	PLAYED	U18's	U20's	lst	TOTAL
APIA Leichhardt FC	6	6	6	16	28
Marconi Stallions FC	6	0	4	24	28
Blacktown City FC	6	3	0	24	27
Sydney FC	6	6	8	12	26
Sydney United 58 FC	6	6	8	12	26
Wollongong Wolves FC	6	1	12	12	25
Rockdale City Suns FC	6	0	6	16	22
North Shore Mariners FC	6	1	0	16	17
Manly United FC	6	3	12	0	15
Sutherland Sharks FC	6	6	2	4	12
Sydney Olympic FC	6	3	6	0	9
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	6	0	2	0	2

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#### WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS MARCONI STALLIONS FC

2:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

### BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS NORTH SHORE MARINERS FC

3:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR LILY HOMES STADIUM

#### SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC

4:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

### SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS ROCKDALE CITY SUNS FC

6:00 PM / SUN 22 MAR SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

#### SYDNEY FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC 6:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

### APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS MANLY UNITED FC

7:30 PM / SUN 22 MAR LAMBERT PARK

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#### **U20 TEAM LISTS**



26 Josh Jenicek

27 Daniel Geroski

28 Hesan Soufi

29 Moey Hamdache

30 Nathan Thome

31 Alex Fadel

Head Coach: Michael Grbevski

Assistant Coach: German Gonzalo Cabrera

32 Kristopher Jovanovski

34 Tony Mrencevski

36 Cameron Szyszka

37 Jayden Anevski

40 Sammy Shainfeld

41 Nathan Manno



30 George Marangos

31 Ali Hamdan

32 Anthony Sparacino

33 Bradley Dollin

34 Christian Cirino

35 Nikola Pintur

36 Hayden Harris

37 Gabriel Cole

Coach: Gerard Peacock Manager: Joe Garufi Physio: Nicholas Mandis

- 38 Vincenzo Melissari
- 39 Gian Fiorese
- 40 Harrison Fotopoulos
- 41 Jackson Angelou
- 42 Jacob Ritchie
- 43 Adam Manoski
- 44 Gianni Strati

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#### **U18 TEAM LISTS**



47 lakob Sperber 50

Christian Romanovski

55 Eliiah Aruna

66 Lazar Drakulovic

67 Max Spasevski

68 Dion Ikonomopoulos

70 Christian Acevski

71 Rvan Velovski

77 Galenen Dorigo

Head Coach: Carlos Villazon Assistant Coach: Robbie Geroski 87 Andrew Di Blasio

92 Dejan Bakrdanikoski

93 Stefan Todorovic

lad Moussa 99

Ari Bouboulos

Marcus Grbevski

Marcus Anevski

Dimitri Gremos



50 Gene Marantos

51 **Cooper Squires** 

52 Harry Stavris

53 Massimo Melissari

54 Sebastian La Luz

55 Sebastian Boffa

56 Connor Stormonth

57 Marcus Apostolakis

58 Joshua Azzopardi 59 **Alexander Bardas** 

Coach: Anthony Mazza Asst Coach: Mariano Mirigliani

Manager: Pierre Sassine

Dean Efstathiou 60

61 Vincent Fedele

62 James Khoury

63 Matthew Lee

64 Cruz Lombardi

65 Noah Vidler

66 Jarrod Walker

67 **Daniel Azzone** 

68 Alexander Zinnato

Trainer: Giuseppe Mirigliani Physio: Nicholas Mandis

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