

# KICKOFF

2020 - ROUND 02



ILINDEN  
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SUNDAY  
8TH MARCH  
6.30PM

# CLUB WELCOME

Good evening everyone and welcome to our new home, the Ilinden Sports Centre, for our first home clash of the 2020 NPL NSW Men's 1 season!

Last week was the perfect start to the season and a fantastic display of the quality and character this young side possesses.

While youthful in age, this squad possesses composure and skill beyond their years and I'm more than confident we can match it with the any team this season.

After enjoying our most successful NPL season to date last year, we have big goals this season and I'm looking forward to this squad developing into the next crop of Hyundai A-League stars as we progress.

We'd like to thank all our Members and fans for their backing and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in the stands tonight.

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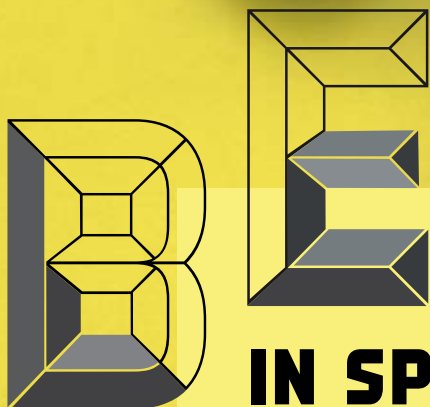
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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



1	Adam	Pavlesic
2	Cameron	Fong
3	Aaron	Gurd
4	Anton	Mlinaric
5	Thomas	Fay
6	Calem	Nieuwenhof
7	Jake	Hollman
9	Benjamin	Koop
10	Marco	Tilio
11	Jaiden	Kucharski
12	Fletcher	McFarlane
13	Jordi	Swibel
14	Thomas	Main
15	Scott	Browning
16	Yinka	Sunmola
17	Callum	Talbot
18	Cameron	Peupion
19	Jayden	Trenkoski
20	Levi	Kaye
	Patrick	Flottmann
	Luke	Ivanovic
	Thomas	Heward-Belle

Head Coach: Jim van Weeren

Assistant Coach: Howard Fondyke



1	Nenad	Vekic (GK)
2	Nathan	Millgate
3	Giorgio	Speranza
4	Roberto	Speranza
6	Mark	Rodic
7	Sean	O'Connell
8	Connor	Evans
9	Anthony	Costa
10	Marko	Jesic
11	Mitchell	Mallia
12	James	Andrew
14	Anthony	Frangie
15	Lachlan	Sepping
16	Liam	Youlley
18	Goffry	Lino
19	Zach	Cairncross
20	Dion	Shaw (GK)
22	Lachlan	Roberts
23	Brandon	Vella

Coach: Peter Tsekenis

Manager: Peter Papoythis

**Referee:**

**T. Plasto**

**Assistant Referees:**

**J. Park, R. Osborne**

**Fourth Official:**

**J. Katz**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sydney FC will be looking to maintain their perfect record when they take on Marconi Stallions on Sunday.

The Young Sky Blues claimed a brilliant upset win in round one shocking Mt Druitt in a 2-1 win.

The Jim van Weeren coached outfit raced out of the block to score two goals in the opening nine minutes to leave Mt Druitt completely stunned.

Expect a similar approach against Marconi with striker Jordi Swibel looking to add to his tally.

The Stallions come into the contest flying high at the top of the table after claiming a dominant 4-1 win against Sutherland Sharks.

It was an impressive statement of intent from the Peter Tsekenis coached side who will be a tough team to beat if they can maintain this form.

Connor Evans struggled with injury in 2019, but he has made a brilliant start to 2020 and will be looking to keep his top form in round two.

Sydney FC caught Mt Druitt napping last week but they will need to step things up if they are to knock Marconi off their perch.

Prediction: Sydney FC 0 – Marconi Stallions 3



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# FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

## **North Shore Mariners 1 – 1 APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park**

North Shore Mariners have made a strong start to their maiden National Premier Leagues NSW campaign as they shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw with APIA Leichhardt on Saturday.

The Champions got themselves off to a strong start in the new battle of Lambert Park as a first half header from Chris Payne put them into the lead on half-time.

Emmanuel Perters saved the day for the Mariners finding the back of the net 78 minutes in to set up a thrilling finish.

APIA were disappointed to lose control of the contest and not hold onto the three points.

For newcomers North Shore Mariners, they acquitted themselves well in their National Premier Leagues NSW debut.

## **Mount Druitt Town Rangers 1 – 2 Sydney FC at Popondetta Park**

Sydney FC has opened the season in emphatic style stunning Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2-1 at Popondetta Park on Sunday

The young Sky Blues blasted into the lead after a two goal salvo from Jordan Swibel and Cameron Peupion inside the first nine minutes.

Sydney FC were able to hold on despite a late Rangers penalty to kick their campaign off with three points.

It was a frustrated first half from Mount Druitt, the home side rallied in the second half and created chances through Mirjam Pavlovic and Toufic Alameddine.

The latter got on the scoresheet late with a well-taken penalty for some consolation.

## **Blacktown City 1 – 0 Sydney United 58 FC at Lily Homes Stadium**

A first half goal from Matt Lewis has helped Blacktown City clinch a hard-fought 1-0 win against Sydney United 58 at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

The City captain scored the game's only goal midway through the first half before marshalling a rigid Blacktown defence to secure three points for his side in their opening match of the campaign.

United 58 made plenty of work for Blacktown City shot stopper but they were unable to get past the experienced Tristan Pendergast.

It was certainly a game of two-halves as United then found themselves on the back foot after as it became City's turn to squander opportunities before Thomas Manos came into his own and earned his keep.

## **Sydney Olympic 1 – 2 Wollongong Wolves at Belmore Sports Ground**

Wollongong Wolves have opened their NPL NSW Premiership defence with a 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic at Belmore Sportsground on Sunday.

A Bul Jauch goal in the dying stages helped the Luke Wilkshire coached side to victory with the contest seemingly headed for a draw.

Lachlan Scott gave the Wolves the perfect start with a 10th minute strike but Olympic found an equaliser courtesy of Jason Madonis just after the restart.

But with time running down the Wolves youngster delivered for his side when it matters most to secure all three points.

## **Rockdale City Suns 2 – 1 Manly United FC at Ilinden Sports Centre**

Rockdale Ilinden FC have opened their season on a winning note overcoming Manly United 2-1 at Ilinden Sports Centre on Sunday.

Goals to Alec Urosevski and Nikola Taneski were the difference for the home side as they held on despite a fast finishing Manly side putting the pressure on late.

Urosevski opened the scoring after 11 minutes from the penalty spot but Manly evened the ledger in the 38th minute when they too successfully dispatched a spot kick.

Manly were the aggressors in the second half but it was Rockdale who found the winner when Taneski scored against the run of play midway through the second stanza.

A late salvo from the Northern Beaches side nearly snatched a draw but it wasn't enough as new Ilinden boss Steven Zoric tasted victory in his first official game in charge.

## **Marconi Stallions 4 – 1 Sutherland Sharks at Marconi Stadium**

Marconi Stallions have defeated Sutherland Sharks 4-1 in an entertaining game at Bossley Park.

After securing the early lead thanks to a Mitchell Mallia strike, the home side were caught by the Sharks when Lachlan Everett balanced the ledger.

It was not until the second half that Marconi pulled away with two goals in fairly quick succession and then a late strike to round out the scoring.

The first goal of the second half belonged to Marko Jesic, followed by Connor Evans and then substitute Brandon Vella got in on the action at the death.

It was a dominant display by the Stallions, while the Sharks will be desperate to move on quickly after a tough start to the season.




**1ST GRADE LADDER**

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

## U20 TEAM LISTS



21 Samuel Amey  
22 Mitch Mattison  
23 Nathan Grimaldi  
24 Patrick Wood  
27 Antonio Saracino  
28 Patrick Yazbek  
29 Rocco Fragale

30 David Malishev  
42 Aidan Simmons  
43 Stevan Stanic-Floody  
44 Joseph Roddy  
54 Nicola Skataric

Head Coach: Howard Fondyke  
Assistant Coach: Liam Fitz-Gerald



26 Luke Cukar (GK)  
27 Dimos Vlachos  
28 Blake Ilitch  
29 Jay Hirschowitz  
30 Jose Teal  
31 Kye Soares  
34 Jeremy Dinh  
35 Jesse Hirschowitz

36 Cooper Halfpenny  
37 Advin Trebincevic  
38 Luka Zepina  
39 Aidan Milicevic  
40 Bailey Rule  
41 Mason Ingram  
42 Andrew Holder  
44 Paolo Laxamana

Coach: Stephen Appleby

## U20 LADDER

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



## U18 TEAM LISTS



- 41. Oscar Priestman
- 45 Phillip Gigliotti
- 46 Kai Kamikura
- 47 Hunter Elliott
- 48 Aleksander Duricic
- 49 Lachlan Mills
- 50 Matteo Scali
- 51 Nathan Paul

Head Coach: Pat McCann  
Assistant Coach: George Souris

- 52 Corey Hollman
- 53 Andrew Vlahadamis
- 57 Hayden Matthews
- 59 Kyle Shaw
- 60 Beau Ward
- 61 Luke Nieuwenhof
- 62 Oliver Burden
- 64 Brae Ovens



- 46 Patrick Beach
- 47 Marcelo Martellotta
- 48 Billy Rachid
- 49 Payce Anderson
- 50 Jordan Ford
- 51 Thomas Lopez
- 52 Ryley D' Sena
- 53 Zayne Ahiuwalia

Coach: Osvaldo Riva

- 54 Nikola Petrusevic
- 55 Jayden Tran
- 56 Elijah Uelese
- 57 Daniel Helweh
- 58 Ivan Sunjic
- 59 Jackson Andrews
- 60 Jing Reece

## U18 LADDER

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



# 2020 HOME FIXTURES

**HOME GROUND - Ilinden Sports Centre  
468 West Botany St, Rockdale**

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ROUND 02	08/03	18:30	Marconi Stallions FC
ROUND 04	22/03	18:30	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 06	05/04	18:30	Manly United FC
ROUND 08	19/04	18:30	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 09	26/04	18:30	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 11	10/05	18:30	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 12	17/05	18:30	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 14	31/05	18:30	North Shore Mariners FC
ROUND 16	14/06	18:30	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 18	28/06	18:30	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 21	18/07	18:30	Rockdale City Suns FC

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## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U18's	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Sydney FC	3	3	6	12	21
Wollongong Wolves FC	3	0	6	12	18
Marconi Stallions FC	3	0	2	12	14
APIA Leichhardt FC	3	3	6	4	13
Rockdale City Suns FC	3	0	0	12	12
Blacktown City FC	3	0	0	12	12
Manly United FC	3	3	6	0	9
Sydney United 58 FC	3	3	6	0	9
Sutherland Sharks FC	3	3	2	0	5
North Shore Mariners FC	3	0	0	4	4
Sydney Olympic FC	3	3	0	0	3
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	3	0	0	0	0

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## ROUND 3 FIXTURES

### MANLY UNITED FC VS SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC

7:00 PM / SAT 14 MAR CROMER PARK

### MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC

7:00 PM / SAT 14 MAR MARCONI  
STADIUM

### MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC

2:00 PM / SUN 15 MAR POPONDETTA  
PARK

### NORTH SHORE MARINERS FC VS SYDNEY FC

3:00 PM / SUN 15 MAR LAMBERT PARK

### BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC

3:00 PM / SUN 15 MAR LILY HOMES  
STADIUM

### ROCKDALE CITY SUNS FC VS APIA LEICHHARDT FC

4:30 PM / SUN 15 MAR ILINDEN SPORTS  
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