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FINALS SERIES
ROUND 1

NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES
NSW

17TH - 18TH
OCTOBER

FIXTURES - FIRST GRADE



7:00 PM • SAT 17 OCT
ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

Referee: Katie Patterson
Assistant Referees: Andrej Giev, Matthew McOrist
Fourth Official: Kurt Ams



3:00 PM • SUN 18 OCT
ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

Referee: Michael Weiner
Assistant Referees: Bradley Wright, Janush Adabjou
Fourth Official: Ben Abraham



FIXTURES - UNDER 20'S



4:30 PM • SAT 17 OCT
ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

Referee: Ivica Covic
Assistant Referee: Jamie Ewin
Assistant Referee: Luca Lavigne



4:30 PM • SAT 17 OCT
LILYS FOOTBALL CENTRE

Referee: Jake Rose
Assistant Referee: Cameron Wright
Assistant Referee: Aaron Bloch



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NPL NSW MEN'S FINALS SERIES PREVIEW

There is no more time for excuses and no more second chances because it's finals time in the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition.

The condensed finals schedule this season means there is even more pressure on remaining four sides Sydney United 58, Sydney Olympic, Wollongong Wolves and Rockdale City as they battle for a spot in the grand final and a shot at championship glory.

First placed Rockdale Ilinden FC will be gunning for the Premiership and Championship double on Saturday night when they host fourth-placed Sydney Olympic at Ilinden Sports Centre.

While on Sunday, second-placed Wollongong Wolves will host third-placed Sydney United 58 at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

You can catch both games live on NPL.TV

Rockdale Ilinden FC v Sydney Olympic, 7pm Saturday at Ilinden Sports Centre

Rockdale Ilinden's time for celebration is over and it is time to get back to business as the newly crowned premiers take on Sydney Olympic at Ilinden Sports Centre this Saturday.

The Steven Zoric coached side created history last week as they secured Rockdale's first Premiership in more than half a century with an exciting 2-1 win against North Shore Mariners to finish the season ahead of second-placed Wollongong on goal difference.

It has been an incredible campaign for Rockdale

who have finally delivered on their potential after years of falling short.

Zoric has managed to get the most out of his squad and found a consistency which has been lacking in previous seasons.

It is the midfield which has been Rockdale's powerhouse this year with Japanese playmaker Tomoki Wada the fulcrum.

Wada is a brilliant box-to-box midfielder who operates the middle of the pitch and is just as capable of scoring goal as he is creating them.

Mitchell Stamatellis has also provided much-needed experience and composure

Defensively Rockdale has also made a massive jump forward this season with the tandem of Daniel Petkovski and Banri Kanaizumi helping their team finish the campaign with the best defensive record.

They will be tested in a big way on Saturday against the high profile Sydney Olympic attack of Charles Lokolingoy, Fabio Ferreira and Adam Parkhouse.

Olympic started the season well but have slowed in the lead up to the finals as was evident in their 1-1 draw against Mt Druitt in the final round.

The Ante Juric coached side have struggled to get the most out of their highly credentialed squad and will need to rediscover the formula to their early-season success.

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like Jason Madonis, Thomas Whiteside and Christopher 'Hagi' Gligor will need to lead from the front in a season-defining match.

Olympic will look to attack early and the question will be if Rockdale is focused on the job at hand or are still celebrating their premiership win.

Alec Urosevski has had the pressure of being Rockdale's primary offensive weapon lifted off his shoulders this season and if he is used as a super-sub like he was last week could be the man to change the game while Amaury Gauthier has also been in lethal form and could pose a huge threat.

This match is very even on paper and with a grand final berth on the line, neither side is going to take it easy.

Leading Club Scorers

Rockdale Ilinden: Gauthier 6 goals, Urosevski 4 goals, Wada 4 goals.

Sydney Olympic: Lokolingoy 5 goals, Parkhouse 4 goals, Ferriera 3 goals.

Wollongong Wolves v Sydney United 58, 3pm Sunday at Albert Butler Memorial Park

Wollongong Wolves may have narrowly missed out on securing back-to-back premiership, but it means they will be more determined than ever when they host Sydney United 58 for a spot in this season's grand final.

It is the second straight year these two sides have faced off at this stage of the competition with United 58 claiming a shock upset to secure a grand final berth in 2019.

Despite a dominant 5-2 win against Manly United in the final round, it wasn't enough for the Luke Wilkshire coached Wolves to end the season in first place after narrowly falling short on only goal difference.

It's a result which will surely fire-up the South Coast based side and of course Wilkshire going into this crunch clash.

Wollongong has been a model of consistency for most of the season and it is this which will play a major role if they're to qualify for the grand final.



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Defenders Taylor McDonald and Nick Littler have been sound at the back all season for Wollongong setting a brilliant platform for the rest of the side to build from.

However, it is the Wolves attack which has been their biggest strength over the second half of the season.

Japanese playmaker Takeru Okada has been in scintillating form this campaign providing a playmaking outlet for the side as well as chipping in with a few goals of his own.

Marcus Beattie scored a hat-trick in Wollongong's final game of the regular season and will come into the finals series brimming with confidence.

Finally, the pairing of Thomas James and Josh Bingham at the top of the attack gives Wollongong two of the leagues best strikers and is sure to create plenty of headaches for the opposition.

That team will be a United 58 outfit who claimed a dominant 4-2 win against APIA in the final round.

The Anthony Crea coached side have already claimed a victory on the road against Wollongong this season and will be more than a handful to contain.

Boasting a midfield full of skilful scheming playmakers who can cut a defence to pieces with a few passes, United 58 are a side which can win a game in more ways than one.

The group of Glen Trifiro, Devante Clut, Mat Sim and Yianni Perkatis are tricky customers who are just as adept at playing through a solid defensive block as they are stinging their opponent on the counter.

Leading the charge upfront is prolific marksman Patrick Antelmi.

Much has been said about how Antelmi has lifted his game to a new game this season after a stint with A-League outfit Western United.

The former Blacktown City star has long been a talented attacking option, but this season he has evolved into a complete forward capable of scoring from any situation.

This game has the potential to be a shootout with both sides likely to flex their attacking firepower at every opportunity.

Expect this game to go down to the wire as both Wollongong and United 58 are capable of snaring a late goal or two.

There is set to be plenty of fireworks in this one and with a grand final place on the line expect nothing less.

Leading Club Scorers

Wollongong Wolves – Bingham 6 goals, Scott 4 goals, Beattie 4 goals, Okada 4 goals.

Sydney United 58 – Antelmi 9 goals, Sim 4 goals, Clut 3 goals.



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1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	7	3	1	20	9	11	24
2	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	8	0	3	24	14	10	24
3	Sydney United 58 FC	11	7	1	3	26	20	6	22
4	Sydney Olympic FC	11	6	3	2	17	10	7	21
5	Sydney FC	11	6	1	4	26	19	7	19
6	Blacktown City FC	11	4	3	4	19	15	4	15
7	Marconi Stallions FC	11	4	2	5	14	14	0	14
8	Manly United FC	11	3	3	5	14	18	-4	12
9	North Shore Mariners FC	11	2	4	5	11	18	-7	10
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	2	3	6	11	22	-11	9
11	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	11	2	2	7	14	22	-8	8
12	APIA Leichhardt FC	11	2	1	8	12	27	-15	7

U20 LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney FC	11	8	1	2	26	10	16	25
2	Blacktown City FC	11	7	3	1	28	12	16	24
3	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	11	7	0	4	26	18	8	21
4	Rockdale City Suns FC	11	7	0	4	22	22	0	21
5	Marconi Stallions FC	11	5	2	4	13	17	-4	17
6	Sydney Olympic FC	11	4	4	3	21	22	-1	16
7	Manly United FC	11	3	4	4	21	12	9	13
8	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	11	3	4	4	15	15	0	13
9	Sydney United 58 FC	11	4	1	6	17	26	-9	13
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	2	4	5	13	14	-1	10
11	North Shore Mariners FC	11	2	2	7	10	29	-19	8
12	APIA Leichhardt FC	11	1	1	9	7	22	-15	4

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Rockdale City Suns FC	22	42	96	138
Sydney FC	22	50	76	126
Wollongong Wolves FC	22	20	96	116
Sydney Olympic FC	22	32	84	116
Sydney United 58 FC	22	26	88	114
Blacktown City FC	22	48	60	108
Marconi Stallions FC	22	34	56	90
Manly United FC	22	26	48	74
Western Sydney Wanderers FC	22	42	32	74
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	22	26	26	62
North Shore Mariners FC	22	16	40	56
APIA Leichhardt FC	22	8	28	36

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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 NPL 4 NSW Men's – senior club championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all grades using the following system;

POINTS MULTIPLIER

1st Grade - Premiership Points X 4

U20 - Premiership Points X 2

ZORIC CONFIDENT HIS TROOPS WILL BE AT THE 'BIG DANCE'

Newly crowned National Premier League NSW Men's Premiers Rockdale Illinden have had a rebooted season to remember for the ages as the club scooped its first ever piece of NPL silverware.

Leading the charge in Rockdale's stunning season has been debutant senior coach Steve Zoric who too was elated with how his first season as first team coach unfolded.

After winning the 2020 NPL NSW Men's Premiership in thrilling circumstances on the final day of play against the North Shore Mariners last weekend, the former Rockdale youth coach has set his sights firmly on their massive semi-final clash against staunch rivals Sydney Olympic this Saturday evening at the Illinden Sports Centre.

"This weekend I am expecting a blockbuster match with both teams filled with quality across the park.

"Sydney Olympic are a very experienced and accomplished squad with a lot of fire power in the front third.

"My thoughts are that this game will be won on the team that is defensively stronger on the day keeping in mind that midfield control will also contribute to who will be successful in getting to the Grand Final.

"Even though this will go down to the wire, I have great confidence in that we have shown enough ability and character to win this game and earn a spot in the main dance."

One player that has certainly turned it on has been the club's legendary marksman Alec Urosevski.

Originally, Urosevski was set to miss out on the rebooted season after stating he wanted to concentrate on his family baking business but couldn't resist the temptation in helping his boys out in what has been a big year for the ex-Sydney FC Youth player.

Zoric who played youth football with Sydney United during the NSL as well as playing in the NPL with Manly Warringah Dolphins, Macarthur Rams and the Suns, paid tribute to his prolific goalscorer and the important role he played with the nucleus of the entire Rockdale squad.

"The greatest thing about Uro and the entire squad is that they are beautiful human beings that are humble. All the experienced players along with Uro are very nurturing for the younger players coming through.

"The dressing room is fantastic and players like Uro are key to providing a family type environment within it.



"Uro has had a very difficult year due to COVID-19 affecting the family business and difficulty in balancing the business, family and football.

"Initially, Urosevski could not commit 100% due to the added load in working the business and having a young family but his passion for football, club and community ensured that he would again take part which he has been instrumental to the clubs success this season.

"As a coach, it's has been an honour to work with a player of his ability and drive to always, even with his achievements, in improving his game. He is a coach's delight.

"His presence in the dressing room and on the park is phenomenal."

The ambitious 46-year-old coach stated that it was the club's push in creating a legacy in late 2019 that boosted the team's drive to win every match at all costs even when the football lockdown took shape.

"When we commenced this journey in late 2019 during pre-season, we all always spoke about creating a legacy at the club.

"Legacy and giving the Club and Community the Premiership which it deserves was the main motivation.

"It was a perfect mixture of players and coaching staff that have come together in really being motivated to produce something special for the club.

"The main principles that we focused on to deliver this Legacy were Defensively, Possession and Mental Fitness.

MADONIS TO PUT FRIENDSHIP ASIDE AS OLYMPIC TARGET PREMIERS SCALP

Sydney Olympic midfielder Jason Madonis will be putting his friendship aside with Rockdale Ilinden's star player and Baker Alec Urosevski as the Blues go in search of a Grand Final ticket this weekend.

Urosevski has been in scintillating form for the newly crowned 2020 Premiers with Madonis acknowledging the ace marksman's dangers come Saturday evening when the pair lock horns in their semi-final clash with the winner progressing to this year's Grand Final.

"Alec and I actually played together at Sydney Olympic 10 years ago and since he moved to Rockdale we've played against each other countless times.

"He's definitely one of their danger men up front so we can't afford him time and space.

"It's always a good battle when we play and I'm sure we'll be trying to one-up each other on Saturday."

Madonis would love nothing more than to see Olympic knock off Rockdale who clinched their first ever NPL piece of silverware last weekend – The Blues too had a great opportunity in fighting for the Premiership but their 1-1-all draw against the Mt Druitt Town Rangers put an end to their title hopes – It was a game which also saw the Blues stalwart miss a crucial penalty.

"Of course, Sydney Olympic is a club that always has high expectations, and the goal is to win every piece of silverware on offer. We are disappointed we fell short however there is still the Championship trophy to fight for and all of our attention is focused on winning that to cap off a strong season.

"I was obviously gutted with the penalty miss and drawing the game but that's all part of football.

"I've had a good run from the penalty spot and converted all of them in the last three years so this one just wasn't meant to be. I'll learn from it and move on."

Traditionally, matches against Rockdale always prove to be thrilling ones and Saturday evening's encounter is sure to be just that as the Ilinden Sports Centre will play host to a blockbuster affair.

"Rockdale is a strong team and Ilinden is always

a tough place to go. They've been consistent all season and won the Premiership for a reason.

"In saying that, I have full belief in my team and I'm confident that if we go there and play to the best of our ability we can win the game and progress to the Grand Final.

"Everyone knows about the rivalry between our two clubs and these games are always the most exciting, I'm really looking forward to it.

"We will go into the game just like every other game, giving 100% and having full confidence and belief that we can win the game.

"Yes there's a little more pressure being a semi-final, but we've been here before and we know what it takes to win big games and qualify for Grand Finals.

"It's been two-years since we won the Championship and everyone at the club is hungry to do it again."



BEATTIE WANTS GOAL SCORING FORM TO CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND

Marcus Beattie was the talk of the town at Wollongong last weekend when he notched up his first ever memorable hat-trick with the club in the Wollongong Wolves' 5-2 round 11 victory over Manly United.

Even though the win did not reward the Wolves with the Premiership thanks to Rockdale Ilinden also winning on the final day, Beattie was delighted with his three-goal haul that's put the striker in good stead for this Sunday's crucial do or die semi-final clash against rivals Sydney United 58 at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

"Yes of course I am very happy to firstly be contributing to the team's success and then obviously I absolutely love scoring goals so to get the hat-trick is always a very good feeling.



"With regards to the Premiership, we got so close with just the goal difference being the margin, so a little disappointing to not get there in the end, but I feel like that just gives us even more motivation to go out there and win the Grand Final now.

"We have worked extremely hard pre and post the COVID break so we feel like winning the Grand Final would be a just reward for all the hard work we've put in as a team."

With attackers Lachlan Scott and Bul Juach out injured for the season, the Wolves have still seen a surge in goals nonetheless thanks to Beattie, Josh Bingham and the return of 2019 Player of the Year and Golden Boot award winner Thomas James which has pleased coach Luke Wilkshire.

Standing in their way for a place in this year's 2020 NPL NSW Men's Grand Final will be a hungry Sydney United 58 outfit full of experienced stars of their own keen to spoil the Wolves' party at their temporary home ground.

"It's a massive game against Sydney United 58 this weekend there's no doubt about that.

"We know how strong they are across the park, so we need to remain focused for the full ninety minutes and if we do that, then I really feel like we have the quality to cause some damage.

"These one-off semi-finals are always going to be tough, but we will be ready to go mark my words.

"United 58 are a quality team and have shown that throughout the past few seasons. The likes of Antelmi, Sim, MacDonald all possess quality but they have dangerous players all over the park so I feel like if you focus on taking out one of the boys, then the others will step up to cause damage so we will need to be focused for the whole game – It's a big game and will be raring to get the job done."

Sydney United 58's Arjen Robben look-alike Matthew Sim knows what it takes to win crucial deciders as the Reds venture down South where they'll face the might of the Wollongong Wolves at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

Sim has found his groove in more ways than one during the reboot of the National Premier Leagues NSW Men's season as he and his fellow teammates set their sights on a Grand Final ticket this Sunday.

"We have played in lots of close games with the Wolves in the past few years, they are a positive team who go on the front foot, but we have been here before so we know what is required.

"They have some obvious threats going forward, but we have the quality to make it difficult for them in that area of the pitch – we too have been solid going forward the other way so its going to be a quality match full of excitement that's for sure."

Sydney United 58 temporarily led the NPL NSW Men's Premiership race during the final round but victory for Rockdale Ilinden all but secured their silverware much to the disappointment of Sim.

"Of course it would have been nice to finish on top and clinch the Premiership, we had a few slips up on the way and we knew it was going to be tight come the end of the season, we didn't do enough at the end of the day.

"We still have an opportunity to claim some silverware with the Championship Title at stake but it all starts this Sunday as we hope we can get to the big dance first, taking out the Wolves in the process which by no means will be an easy match."

The year itself has proved to be a healthy challenge for the former A-Leaguer as after the season recommenced once again following the COVID lockdown, the club also saw a new coach at the helm in Anthony Crea due to Zeljko Kalac signing in Greece following Tony Popovic forming part of the coaching staff at Xanthi FC.

"It has just been positive to be able to get back out there and get some sort of a season in.

"The thought of no football for the whole season would have been devastating for the football community and given the situation in other states, we are very lucky to have been able to play.

"Different teams have taken different approaches but for us just being able to play and enjoy our football again has been great.

"Having Ant (Anthony Crea) and a few others around behind the scenes has been great. Ant has been to the top of the game and seen it all, he knows how to get us ready for the big moments. We have been training for the finals since the end of last year so we are ready to go."



CONGRATULATIONS PATRICK WOOD

**2020
GOLDEN BOOT
WINNER**



NAME & CLUB	GOALS SCORED
Patrick Wood (Sydney FC)	11
Patrick Antelmi (Sydney United 58)	9
Josh Bingham (Wollongong Wolves)	6
Amaury Gauthier (Rockdale Ilinden)	6
Marko Jesic (Marconi)	5
Hassan Jalloh (Blacktown City)	5
Charles Lokolingoy (Sydney Olympic)	5

2020 GOAL SCORERS

NAME & CLUB	# GOALS
Leroy Jennings (Blacktown City)	4
Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)	4
Anthony Frangie (Marconi)	4
Adam Parkhouse (Sydney Olympic)	4
Tomoki Wada (Rockdale Ilinden)	4
Rory Jordan (Western Sydney Wanderers)	4
Mitchell Smith (North Shore Mariners)	4
Brendan Cholakian (Manly United)	4
Takeru Okada (Wollongong Wolves)	4
Jordan Swibel (Sydney FC)	4
Ali Auglah (Western Sydney Wanderers)	4
Matt Sim (Sydney United 58)	4
Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	4
Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)	4
Marcus Beattie (Wollongong Wolves)	4
Thomas Fay (Sydney FC)	3
John Roberts (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	3
Matthew Bilic (Sydney United 58)	3
Bul Juach (Wollongong Wolves)	3
Fabio Ferriera (Sydney Olympic)	3
Chris Payne (APIA Leichhardt)	3
Devante Clut (Sydney United 58)	3
Dejan Pandurevic (Manly United)	3
Hagi Gligor (Sydney Olympic)	2
Jake Hollman (Sydney FC)	2
Charles Mendy (Blacktown City)	2
Sean Symons (APIA Leichhardt)	2
Jeremy Cox (APIA Leichhardt)	2
Michael Neill (Rockdale Ilinden)	2
Luca Kmet (Manly United)	2
Antonio Saracino (Sydney FC)	2
Michael Jeffrey (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	2
Jordan Devries (Manly United)	2
Lawrence Frederick (North Shore Mariners)	2
Martin Fernandez (Marconi)	2
Adam Berry (Blacktown City)	2
Jason Madonis (Sydney Olympic)	2
Daniel Collins (Blacktown City)	2
Jackson Khoury (Sydney United 58)	2
Matt Lewis (Blacktown City)	2

NAME & CLUB	# GOALS
Thomas James (Wollongong Wolves)	1
Thomas Main (Sydney FC)	1
Charles Williams (North Shore Mariners)	1
Nelson Pyl (North Shore Mariners)	1
Paul Galimi (APIA Leichhardt)	1
Tynan Diaz (APIA Leichhardt)	1
Nathan Millgate (Marconi)	1
Richie Cardozo (Manly United)	1
James Georgaklis (Manly United)	1
Peter Kekeris (Sydney Olympic)	1
Aidan Simmons (Sydney FC)	1
Adrian Segcic (Sydney FC)	1
Lachlan Sepping (Marconi)	1
Nikola Taneski (Rockdale Ilinden)	1
Kyle Cimenti (Rockdale Ilinden)	1
Michael Ruhs (Sydney United 58)	1
Tariq Maia (Sydney United 58)	1
Cooper Coskerie (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	1
Stefan Nikolic (Western Sydney Wanderers)	1
Chris Lindsay (North Shore Mariners)	1
Josh Symons (APIA Leichhardt)	1
Nick Littler (Wollongong Wolves)	1
Solomon-Johnn Monahan Vaiika (Mt Druitt Town Rangers)	1
Lochlan Constable (Western Sydney Wanderers)	1
Josh McDonald (Sydney United 58)	1
Jordan Casella (Rockdale Ilinden)	1
Kosta Grozos (WSW)	1
Peter Grozos (WSW)	1
Glenn Trifiro (Sydney United 58)	1
Aidan Mostofi (Sydney FC)	1
Franco Parisi (APIA Leichhardt)	1
Mitchell Gibbs (APIA Leichhardt)	1
Tass Mourdakoutas (Western Sydney Wanderers)	1
Suleyman Bangura (Blacktown City)	1
Rhett DaSilva (Blacktown City)	1
Lochlan Constable (WSW)	1
Scott Balderson (Manly)	1
Eddie Caspers (NSM)	1

Rockdale Ilinden FC have been crowned 2020 National Premier Leagues NSW Men's Premiership winners after a thrilling final round of matches.

The title went down to the wire with Rockdale's superior goal difference the deciding factor as they narrowly edged a fast-finishing Wollongong Wolves to snare a historic first premiership in more than half a century.

Wins for Wollongong, Sydney United 58 and Sydney Olympic's draw in Round 11 wrapped up the top four setting up a blockbuster finals series which will get underway next week.

Sydney FC finished their season off with a win but it was a bittersweet result as United 58's victory against APIA meant the Young Sky Blues narrowly missed out on a maiden finals appearance.

Blacktown City made it four wins from four to end their campaign on a high note, while it was disappointment for 2019 grand final winners APIA who secured the wooden spoon after finishing the rebooted season in last place.

Rockdale will now take on Sydney Olympic while the Wollongong Wolves will face Sydney United 58 with the winners meeting in this year's 2020 NPL NSW Men's Grand Final.

Marconi Stallions 0 – Sydney FC 3 (Swibel 10', 38', Wood 90')

Sydney FC have finished their season in winning fashion after they cruised to a one-sided 3-0 victory against a listless Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium on Friday.

It was a bittersweet victory for the Young Sky Blues after Sydney United's big win in Friday's late match meant Jim van Weeran's side would narrowly miss out on a maiden finals berth finishing the season in fifth place.

Sydney made a fast start to the contest and were rewarded for their early endeavour when Jordi Swibel fired past the keeper after some

questionable defending from the home side.

The visitors made two big stops midway through the half to deny Marconi an equaliser.

In the 25th minute an Anthony Frangie volley was blocked on the line by some desperation defending, before Nathan Milgate's effort in the 27th minute hit the post before being cleared to safety.

Marconi's defensive frailties were punished again in the 38th minute when Swibel tapped home from close range after being left unmarked to send the visitors ahead 2-0 at the interval.

The Young Sky Blues came out of the break with increased energy and began to take over the contest creating several chances during the early exchanges of the half.

Patrick Wood, looking to clinch the Golden Boot award for top goalscorer, missed three big chances to score during the second stanza and it looked as if he would not add to his tally of 10 goals for the campaign.

However, as all good goalscorers do, Wood found the back of the net in the final minute of the match to claim his 11th goal of the season and finish the league campaign as the competition's most prolific scorer.

Blacktown City 5 (Lewis 3', Jalloh 5', 15', 75', Collins 12') – Western Sydney Wanderers 2 (Constable 38', Auglah 79')

A four-goal salvo in the opening 15 minutes has helped Blacktown to a one-sided 5-2 win against local rivals Western Sydney Wanderers at Lily Homes Stadium on Friday.

Hassan Jalloh was the star of the show for Blacktown after he claimed a hat-trick in his side's most dominant performance of the season and their fourth win on the trot.

It was one-way traffic from the opening whistle with City Captain Matt Lewis giving the home side the lead with a well-hit volley from the

edge of the penalty area in the third minute of the match.

It began a tidal wave of goals with Jalloh netting twice in the fifth and 15th minute as well as a headed finish from Daniel Collins in the 12th minute.

The Wanderers had no answers for Blacktown's ferocious attack and were left staring at a 4-0 deficit with less than a quarter of the game played.

Western Sydney's Lochlan Constable won his side a penalty in the 38th minute and duly capitalised from the spot to send the game into the break with a scoreline of 4-1.

It was a more reserved start to the second stanza as the Wanderers slowly found their way into the contest.

However, Jalloh made sure it would be a game neither he or his side would want to forget as he slotted his third goal of the game in the 75th minute to wrap up the win and a sublime hat-trick.

Ali Auglah netted a consolation goal for the Wanderers in the 79th minute, but it was Blacktown's night as they finished a difficult campaign on a high note.

APIA Leichhardt 1 (Payne 30) – Sydney United 58 4 (Sim 15', Payne OG 47', Clut 71', Khoury 79')

Sydney United 58 gave their Premiership hopes a final push with a one-sided 4-1 win against APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Friday.

The win temporarily moved United 58 into top spot, but it wasn't enough as wins for Wollongong and Rockdale on Sunday meant the Reds finished the season in third position.

Needing to win to keep their slim Premiership hopes alive, The Reds made a fast start to the match and took a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute courtesy of a clinical Matt Sim finish.

APIA marksman Chris Payne missed a golden opportunity in the 22nd minute firing wide of the post from only six yards out with only the keeper to beat.

Payne made up for his earlier error firing in from the penalty spot in the 28th minute to equalise after he was taken down in the box by a United 58 defender.

United 58 wasted an incredible chance to snatch the lead in the dying moments of the half when Matt Sim stole the ball off APIA defender Josh Symons only 25 yards from goal to set up a two-on-one chance for the visitors with only the keeper to beat.

However, a sensational desperation tackle from Paul Galimi blocked Sim's pass to United 58's star striker Patrick Antelmi which allowed shot-stopper Luke Turnbull to parry the ball away for a corner kick.

Scores remained locked at the start of the second half, but it didn't stay that way for long with a bizarre own goal from Payne giving United 58 the lead in the 47th minute.

The APIA striker heading into his net when he attempted to clear a corner kick.

It opened the floodgates for the visitors as Devante Clut netted a long-range goal in the 71st minute to make it 3-1.

United 58 wrapped up the win only minutes later with Jackson Khoury tapping home from close range after Turnbull parried an early save right at the feet of the young midfielder.

While the result sent United 58 to the top of the table, albeit temporarily, it also confirmed last season's grand final winners APIA would finish the season in last place.

Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1 (Stewart 3') – Sydney Olympic 1 (Lokolingoy 14') at Popondetta Park

Sydney Olympic's premiership hopes have gone down in flames after they were held

to a 1-1 draw with strugglers Mt Druitt Town Rangers at Popondetta Park on Saturday.

Olympic wasted chance after chance, none more than when Jason Madonis missed a penalty in the 28th minute as the visitors were forced to fight back after going behind the home side in only the third minute.

It was a frustrating night for the visitors who needed a win to remain a chance of claiming an incredible premiership victory, but instead, they were unable to get the job done and will now turn their attention to making amends when the finals series kicks off next week.

Mt Druitt made a rapid start to the contest with Jack Stewart finding the back of the net in only the third minute to give the home side a surprise 1-0 lead.

The goal was a wake-up call for Olympic and the soon found their way again with Charles Lokolingoy who scored an equaliser in the 14th minute with a driven shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Olympic thought they were on their way to a win in the 28th minute after being awarded a penalty.

However, Jason Madonis failed to read the script with his attempt at a cheeky panenka penalty hitting the crossbar before being cleared away by Mt Druitt.

The game became bogged in midfield with neither side able to fashion any decent opportunities on goal as the match went into the break locked at 1-1.

Olympic was desperate to strike early in the second half but they struggled to break down a stingy Rangers defence.

Oliver Pufflett had an effort cleared off the line by the home side as the pressure to score began to take its toll on the visitors.

Peter Kekeris had one final chance for Olympic in the 90th minute but sent his free-kick

agonisingly wide of the post.

The result meant Sydney Olympic had to settle for fourth place on the ladder and sets up a clash with Rockdale Ilinden FC in the first week of the finals.

Wollongong Wolves 5 (Beattie 4', 48', 77', Bingham 64', 86) – Manly United 2 (Balderson 22', Pandurevic 52') at Albert Butler Memorial Park.

Wollongong Wolves have fallen narrowly short of defending their Premiership title despite a thrilling 5-2 win against Manly United at Albert Butler Memorial Park on Sunday.

Wollongong finished the season level on points with 2020 premiership winners Rockdale Ilinden FC but their inferior goal difference meant the trophy did not come to the South Coast for the second straight year.

The Wolves meant business from the opening whistle and took the lead after only four minutes when Takeru Okada set up Marcus Beattie to finish from close range.

Manly threw a spanner into the plans of the home side on the 22-minute mark as Scott Balderson hit the back of the net to level the score at 1-1.

The visitors were offering plenty of resistance and were not going to give the game to Wollongong without a fight.

Scores remained locked at the break but it didn't take long for Wollongong to take the lead once again.

Beattie tapped home from close range from a corner kick in the 48th minute after he was left unmarked at the back post.

But again, Manly refused to back down and hit back only moments later after a comical slip up from Wollongong Wolves defender Nicholas Littler to make it 2-2.

Unmarked and seemingly no under any pressure, Littler fell over when receiving a pass

with Manly striker Richie Cardozo pouncing on the loose ball to tee-up Dejan Pandurevic for one of the easiest goals he will score at this level.

The goal didn't slow Wollongong down and Josh Bingham hit back in the 66th minute to send the home team ahead 3-2.

The Wolves found their momentum and struck again through Beattie for his hat-trick in the 77th minute to stretch their lead to 4-2, before Bingham notched his second from the penalty spot to make it 5-2.

Wollongong, knowing they needed another goal to even the goal difference gap, pushed for a sixth in the dying moments but it wasn't to be.

Wollongong will now turn their attention to securing a spot in the Grand Final when they take on Sydney Olympic in a semi-final clash next weekend.

Rockdale Ilinden 2 (Gauthier 61', Urosevski 75') – North Shore Mariners 1 (Caspers 59') at Ilinden Sports Centre

Rockdale Ilinden FC has ended their 51-year premiership drought after securing the title with a hard-fought 2-1 victory against North Shore Mariners at Ilinden Sports Centre.

Goals to Amaury Gauthier and fan favourite Alec Urosevski secured the historic win for the club after fighting back from 1-0 down early in the second stanza.

It was a battle in the middle of the park in the opening stages of the match with neither side creating any clear cut chances.

Rockdale pushed hard for an opener but a determined North Shore defence refused to give in.

Chances were few and far between in the first 45 minutes with the match deadlocked at 0-0 going into the interval.

The match came to life after the break when

the Mariners took advantage of Rockdale's attacking push with a stinging counter-attack in the 59th minute to snatch a shock lead.

With the home side sending extra troops up for a corner kick, North Shore cleared the ball before transitioning perfectly into attack with Williams hitting Eddie Caspers in space for the midfielder to score.

Rockdale hit back almost immediately with Amaury Gauthier punishing the Mariners defence to snare an equaliser in the 61st minute.

The game see-sawed back and forth with both sides giving their all determined to take the lead.

With the home support behind them, it was Rockdale who broke through with talismanic attacker Alec Urosevski finding the back of the net with a clinical finish to give the home side a 2-1 lead after 75 minutes.

The goal sent the Ilinden faithful into raptures and it was the vocal home support which helped Rockdale hold on until the final whistle and to claim premiership honours.





1ST GRADE

1	Shaun	Catlin
3	Daniel	Collins
5	Grant	Lynch
6	Matthew	Lewis
7	Hassan	Jalloh
8	Daniel	Araujo
9	Suleyman	Bangura
10	Mario	Shabow
11	Rhett	Desilva
12	Lachlan	Campbell
14	Alen	Aganovic
15	Jak	O'Brien
16	Charles	Mendy
17	Dakota	Askew
18	Suleyman	Bangura
19	Adam	Berry
20	Dylan	Niski
21	William	Mutch
22	Carlos	Deoliveira
23	Leroy	Jennings
24	Jackson	Bandiera
26	Daniel	Alessi

Coach: Mark Crittenden
Assistant: Matthew Bingley
Managers: Graham Crawhall, Ross Bourke
Physio: Bec Gonzalez
Strength & Conditioner: David Maiolo

20's

26	Michael	Adomako
27	Alec	Purves
28	Blake	Richards
30	Thomas	Bienasz
31	Stuart	Gosling
32	Ryan	Attard
34	Kai	Mclaughlin
35	Ryan	Duffy
36	Caleb	Jackson-Brown
37	Jacob	Casha
40	Jacob	Gjorsevski

Coach: Andy Montgomery
Assistant: Dean Montgomery
Manager: Steve Crawhall





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1	David	Bradasevic
2	Daniel	Petkovski
3	Daniel	Blachura
4	Mitchell	Stamatellis
5	Jake	Trajkovski
6	Banri	Kanaizumi
7	Alec	Urosevski
8	Tomoki	Wada
9	Dimi	Petratos
10	Amaury	Gauthier
11	Nikola	Taneski
14	Brayden	Sorge
16	Mohamed	Ahmed
17	Mark	Moric
18	Sam	Gulisano
19	Patrick	Savor
20	Jayden	Casella
22	Tomislav	Arcaba
23	Kyle	Cimenti

Head Coach: Steve Zoric

Assistant Coach: Jane Talceviski

Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato

Goalkeeper Coach: Jose Bella Migo

Strength & Conditioning: Sam

Contestible

Physiotherapist: Michael Koutzoumis

Gear Steward: Jovan Ckorovski

Team Manager: Spiro Parameritis

Head of Football: Matthew Ribarovski

20's

21	Tony	Yang
26	Josh	Jenicek
27	Daniel	Geroski
28	Hesan	Soufi
29	Moey	Hamdache
30	Nathan	Thome
31	Alex	Fadel
32	Kristopher	Jovanovski
33	Daniel	Goni
34	Tony	Mrencevski
35	Zander	Regan
36	Cameron	Szyszka
37	Jayden	Anevski
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15	Scott	Browning
17	Callum	Talbot
19	Jayden	Trenkoski
20	Levi	Kaye
24	Patrick	Wood
27	Antonio	Saracino
28	Patrick	Yazbek
33	Aidan	Simmons
35	Stevan	Stanic-Floody
38	Jake	Girdwood-Reich
40	Matteo	Scali

Head Coach: Jim van Weeren

Assistant Coach: Howard Fondyke

20's

2	Cameron	Fong
12	Fletcher	McFarlane
16	Yinka	Sunmola
21	Samuel	Amey
22	Mitchell	Mattison
23	Nathan	Grimaldi
25	Adrian	Segecic
26	Joseph	Calusic
29	Rocco	Fragale
30	David	Malishev
32	Andy	Vlahadamis
34	Oscar	Priestman
36	Aidan	Mostofi
40	Matteo	Scali
	Corey	Hollman
	Nikola	Skataric

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Assistant Coach: Liam Fitz-Gerald



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1	Enol	Ordonez Suarez (GK)
2	Thomas	Whiteside
3	Billy	Patramanis
6	Nicola	Kuleski
7	Will	Angel
8	Jason	Madonis
9	Bai	Antoniou
11	Adam	Parkhouse
12	Zachary	MacKenzie
14	Peter	Kekeris
15	Giovanni	Panuccio
16	Go	Hayama
17	Charles	Lokolingoy
19	Darcy	Burgess
20	Nicholas	Sorras (GK)
22	Fabio	Ferreira
23	Alex	Lopez
24	Hagi	Gligor
25	James	Cakovski
33	Niko	Tsattalios
37	Theph	Theph
40	Paul	Henderson
42	Ben	Van Muers

First Grade Coach: Ante Juric

Assistant Coach: Steve Bozinovski

Assistant Coach: Nefta Gonzalez

Goal Keeping Coach: Paul Henderson

Strength and Conditioning: Robbie McCullagh

Physio: Sam Mahabady

Managers: Paraskos Hatzi, Paul Oliveri, David Nicotra

20's

26	Nathan	Adam
27	James	Tsokos
28	Šimun	Miličević
29	Andre	Taouil
31	James	Tanoski
32	Ellis	Bellos
41	Kane	Roberge
35	Ericson	Ehiozee
36	Chan	Deng
38	Mitchell	Ward
39	Mohammed	Khamis
34	Emileo	Fadel
30	Brody	Mackay (GK)

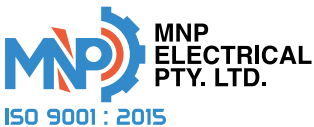


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5	Anthony	Tomelic
6	Adrian	Vranic
7	Michael	Ruhs
8	Matthew	Sim
9	Patrick	Antelmi
10	Devante	Clut
12	Liam	Rose
13	Jordan	Ivancic
15	Tariq	Maia
16	Ashton	Ahluwalia
17	Matthew	Bilic
18	Glen	Trifiro
21	Thomas	Manos (GK)
22	Yianni	Fragogiannis
23	Luke	Vlastelica
24	Jacob	Poscoliero
48	Yianni	Perkatis
99	Joshua	McDonald

Coach: Anthony Crea
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Manager: Ray Gerrie

20's

14	Jackson	Khoury
25	Christian	Zebec
26	Lachlan	Maher (GK)
27	Adam	Farkas
28	Ante	Krilic
29	Nicholas	O'Brien
30	Mihael	Marcic
31	Anthony	Idehen
32	William	Gafa
33	Adam	Cukar
34	Connor	Spurway
35	Daniel	Sekulic
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7	Jarrold	Carluccio
8	Jordan	O'Doherty
9	Dauntae	Mariner
10	Kosta	Grozoz
11	Lochlan	Constable
12	Stefan	Nikolic
13	Tass	Mourdoukoutas
14	Mohamed	Adam
16	Jacob	Vasiliou
17	Dean	Pelekanos
19	Rory	Jordan
20	Oliver	Kalac
21	Ali	Auglah
22	Paolo	Bonanni
23	Jamie	Percevski
25	Yousef	Sawalha
28	Isaac	Hovar
33	Tate	Russell
40	Oliver	Kalac

Coach: Patrick Zwaanswijk

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20's

2	Jack	Hutchings
3	Jonathan	Maras
4	Alex	Bonetig
5	Evan	Ball
6	Joel	Bertolissio
7	Connor	Rose
8	George	Antonis
9	Stefan	Nikolic
10	Alessandro	Lopane
11	Peter	Grozoz
12	Bilal	Chahine
13	Nector	Triantis
14	Dylan	Craus
16	Angelo	Kalamvokis
50	Jack	Gibson
58	Dylan	Chau

Coach: Yianni Tsattalios

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5	Joshua	Alcorn
6	Ethan	Kambiosis
7	Chris	Price
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13	Stefan	Dimoski
14	Harry	Callahan
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16	Guy	Knight
17	James	Stojcevski
18	Hamish	Lamberton
19	Bul	Juach
20	Liam	Wille
22	Josh	Bingham
23	Hayden	Durose (GK)
24	Lachlan	Scott

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Scapin

Manager: Mark Wilkshire & Egor

Dolgopolv

Physio: Matt Whalan

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4	Ekoue D'Almeida
5	Jack Hooper
6	Adrian Avello
7	Joel Starr
8	Jason Pappas
9	Lewis Grimshaw
10	Jake Levy
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