

# KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 01



NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES  
NSW

ILINDEN  
SPORTS  
CENTRE

SUNDAY  
28TH FEBRUARY  
3PM

# CLUB WELCOME

We welcome everyone to the Ilinden Sports Centre for this mouth-watering round 1 clash against the Wollongong Wolves.

It's a great way to kick off our season. 2020 was a tremendous season for the Club. We had the challenges presented by Covid but we pulled through and ended the season with the minor premiership and we were so unlucky in what was a classic grand final.

The objective for this year is to go one better.

And so the season begins today against the Wolves. The Wolves will again be one of the teams to beat so this should be a cracker.

We will again be led by head coach Steve Zoric. Steve has been meticulous in his preparations. Pre-season has been tough, but rewarding.

We have kept the core of the 2020 team with a few new faces. In particular, we welcome to the club goalkeeper Enol Ordenez, midfielder Daniel Araujo, and defender Zac Sfiligoi. We also welcome back attacking players Bai Antoniou and James Temelkovski. It is an exciting squad and we have complete confidence in their ability and their desire to bring home that elusive grand final win.

We also see our new look under 20's in action. It is a youthful team with plenty of talent. They will be led by returning 2020 coach Michael Grbevski.

The club continues to grow and this year we welcome online our new training hub at Memorial Reserve which includes a wonderful new synthetic playing field and first class amenities. It is a wonderful hub for our growing juniors as we look to feed players from our juniors, into SAP, into youth and then hopefully into first grade.

Our teams will be kitted out in their new strips presented by apparel partner Stanno Australia. It is a fantastic new partnership and we urge all spectators to check out the Rockdale Ilinden online shop which you can access via the Stanno Australia website and from our website. There you will be able to purchase your supporter gear.

So with that we hope everyone thoroughly enjoys this afternoon's game.

Stay up to date with all club news via our socials and in particular, our newly launched online Club app and business directory. Download it from the app store- the Rockdale Ilinden App. See all of our teams and players and news from around the club. Importantly, you will find contact details and info on all of our sponsors. Please support those who support us.

On that note, a big thank you to our wonderful sponsors. We have some very loyal sponsors and some newbies as well for this year.



## MAJOR PARTNERS



## GOLD SPONSORS



## 2021 OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



## 2021 APPAREL PARTNER



# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 David Bradasevic (GK)
- 2 Daniel Petkovski
- 3 Mick Neill
- 4 Mitchell Stamatellis
- 5 Banri Kanaizumi
- 6 Daniel Araujo
- 7 Alec Urosevski
- 8 Tomoki Wada
- 9 Bai Antoniou
- 10 Amaury Gauthier
- 11 Nicola Taneski
- 13 Zac Sfiligoi
- 14 Brayden Sorge
- 16 Mo Ahmed
- 18 Sam Gulisano
- 19 Patty Savor
- 22 Enol Ordonez Suarez (GK)
- 23 Kyle Cimenti
- 99 James Temelkovski

Head Coach: Steve Zoric

Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato

Goalkeeper Coach: Jose Bello Migo

Physio: Michael Koutzoumis

Gear Steward: Jovan Ckorovski



- 1 Aidan Munford (GK)
- 2 Taylor McDonald
- 3 Darcy Madden
- 4 Nikola Djordjevic
- 5 Joshua Alcorn
- 6 Ethan Kambisios
- 7 Marcus Beattie
- 8 Brendan Griffin
- 9 Thomas James
- 10 Van Elia
- 11 Leroy Jennings
- 12 Harrison Taranto
- 13 Stefan Dimoski
- 15 Daniel Loe
- 16 Fletcher McFarlane
- 17 James Stojcevski
- 18 Hamish Lamberton
- 19 Bilal Belkadi
- 20 Liam Wille
- 23 Hayden Durose (GK)
- 24 Lachlan Scott

Head Coach: Luke Wilkshire

Assistant Coach: Stephen O'Connor

Team Manager: Mark Wilkshire

Asst Team Manager: EgorDolgoplov

GK Coach: John Krajnovic

Video Analysis: Anthony Tugrul

**Referee:**

**K. Patterson**

**Assistant Referees:**

**H. Fenton-White and M. Staples**

**Fourth Official:**

**S. Andrews**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## MATCH PREVIEW

The National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition is back, and round one of the 2021 season is set to kick-off the season with a bang. The opening round will be dedicated to Rockdale Illinden's Idriss El-Hafiane, a fan favourite and much admired and adored by many in the Football Family, each club will be observing a minute's silence paying respect to the energetic attacker.

Reigning Premiers Rockdale Illinden opens their title defence at Illinden Sports Centre this Sunday when they host Wollongong Wolves.

It will be an emotional affair as prior to kick-off, the host club will be putting on a tribute for their fallen star Idriss El-Hafiane.

The Steven Zoric coached Rockdale shocked many last season as they finished the regular season on top before falling narrowly short of a historic premiership and championship double.

Fuelled by the success of the 2020 season, Rockdale will be full of confidence coming into this campaign.

Star import Tomoki Wada and club stalwart Alec Urosevski remain the key men for Illinden and will be out for a big performance in the season opener.

However, signings such as winger Bai Antoniou and midfielder Daniel Araujo could be the most important if Zoric's side is to go back to back.

In front of what should be vocal home support, it is set to be a big game for Rockdale.

Looking to spoil the homecoming party is the Wollongong Wolves, who themselves have strong title aspirations this season.

The Luke Wilkshire coached outfit have lost a few first-team regulars, and starting positions will be up for grabs.

Returning players such as Taylor McDonald will have a more significant role this season as the Wolves push for further silverware while big things are expected from livewire attacker Leroy Jennings.

The final match of the round features genuine premiership contenders, so expect neither side to take it easy.



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## U20 TEAM LISTS



31	Andrew Di Blasio	40	Karim Farhat
32	Aari Bouboulos	41	Lucas Ramirez
33	Adam Manoski	42	Marcus Grbevski
34	Ali Hamdan	43	Mouhamed Hamdache
35	Daniel Geroski	44	Peter Tufevski
36	Dion Iconomopoulos	46	Youssef Harrar
37	Harry Skotadis	48	Gaelen Dorigo
38	Jad Moussa	49	Max Luburic
39	James Nikolovski	53	Jayden Anevski

Head Coach: Michael Grbevski  
Assistant Coach: German Cabrera



1	Tomas Butkovic	10	Nico Duarte
2	Evan Ball	11	Mason Mavridis
3	Brendan Low	12	Rocky Lavalie
4	Jacob Garner	13	Paul Soravia
5	Luca Danzo	14	Jarvis Patterson
6	Fletcher McFarlane	15	Jayden Smileski
7	Noah Vidler	17	Nav Darjani
8	Jake Lavalie	19	Deakin Brownlee
9	Lewis Grimshaw	21	Keegan Matias

Coach: Matheus Scapin  
Assistant Coach: Daniell Zeleny  
Team Manager: Jorge Perez

## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**  
3:30 PM / SAT 6 MAR  
SEYMOUR SHAW

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS  
NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 7 MAR  
LILY HOMES STADIUM

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS APIA  
LEICHHARDT FC**  
7:00 PM / SAT 6 MAR  
POPONDETTA PARK NO.1

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 7 MAR  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**  
2:30 PM / SUN 7 MAR  
ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS  
SYDNEY FC**  
4:00 PM / SUN 7 MAR  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



## IDRISS EL-HAFIANE TO BE HONOURED

The National Premier Leagues NSW Men's competition recently lost one of its favourite sons in Rockdale Ilinden's well adored and admired star Idriss El-Hafiane.

A player who had strong connections with a number of our current and past NPL NSW Men's players and clubs as well as ties with the Football family, the 27-year-old was one of the competition's bright sparks that always gave his all for the game.

To honour Rockdale's number 12, each round 1 NPL NSW Men's match will observe a minute's silence to pay respect to a player that was famous for the #NoDrizzyNoParty saying.

Rockdale Ilinden will be hosting a special tribute to their star prior to its round 1 clash this Sunday against the Wollongong Wolves at the Ilinden Sports Centre. In what will be a touching tribute to the fallen star, his family will be in attendance, as will his many friends in what will be a special moment for all involved.

Football in NSW is one tight knit community, we are here to help each other no matter what the result is.

Rockdale Ilinden's inspirational skipper and close friend of Idriss, Daniel Petkovski best summed it up in a recent interview with Football NSW's Media Manager Mark Stavroulakis.

"He was a brother to all of us, I grew up and played alongside him.

"Idriss was a fantastic teammate and was the first one to encourage all us players and coaches and was quite simply the life of the party.

"We continue to miss him each and every day."

**ROUND 1**  
**NPL NSW MEN'S**

*Dedicated to*

**IDRISS  
EL-HAFIANE**



# 2021 HOME FIXTURES

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

**[rcsfc.com.au](http://rcsfc.com.au)**

ROUND 1	28/02/21 (Sun)	15:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 2	07/03/21 (Sun)	15:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 4	21/03/21 (Sun)	15:00	Manly United FC
ROUND 6	04/04/21 (Sun)	15:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 9	25/04/21 (Sun)	15:00	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 11	09/05/21 (Sun)	15:00	Sydney FC
ROUND 14	30/05/21 (Sun)	15:00	Marconi Stallions FC
ROUND 16	13/06/21 (Sun)	15:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 18	27/06/21 (Sun)	15:00	Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 19	04/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 21	18/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC

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