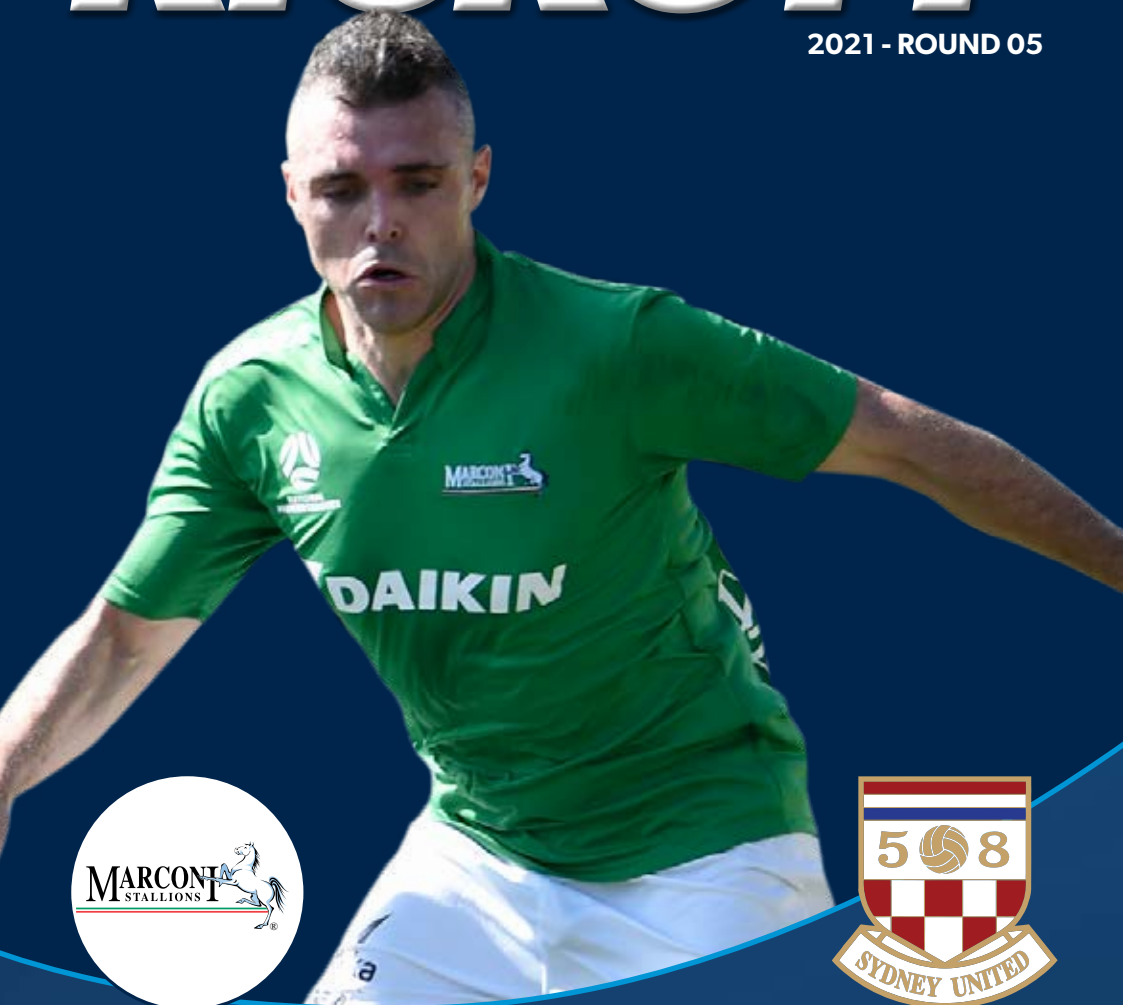


# KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 05



MARCONI  
STADIUM

NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES  
NSW

SUNDAY  
28TH MARCH  
5PM

Two weeks ago, Marconi Stallions FC welcomed the team most thought was the one to beat in 2021, Rockdale Ilinden FC.

The 3 all draw was the first points dropped so far by the high flying second placed outfit.

Now, there is a new “hot” side and the results so far are proof. Sydney United 58 are the “real deal” four wins from four starts. The latest win was the most impressive, a 4-1 “thumping” of an always competitive Blacktown City justifying the “hype” surrounding the “neighbouring” club. Sydney United 58 are currently two points clear of Rockdale Ilinden FC as the top two “in form” teams in the NPL.

Sydney United 58 will make the short drive down Cowpasture Road to the “Palace” full of confidence. While they are unbeaten so far, the Marconi Stallions FC tipped by many as a danger team and one to beat, are yet to register a win. Three draws and a loss are what they have from their four starts going into Round 5.

The task for the home team becomes even tougher. They are backing up after a Wednesday night catch up Round 4 game against Northbridge Bulls. This will give the Stallions just three full days to recover and prepare for the front runners in the NPL and their old rivals. One of the most entertaining games so far this season saw yet another 3 all draw for the Stallions, who like Northbridge FC remain winless so far in 2021.

Facing the “in form” Sydney United 58 “fresh” is a real challenge, now, the depth, the stamina, and the mental strength to rise to the occasion will be tested and the Stallions will need to be at their best to end the unbeaten run of Sydney United 58 – dropping more points against the Bulls.

Marconi Stallions FC showed “glimpses” of their talented squad’s capabilities when they earned a 3 all draw with the high-flying Rockdale Ilinden FC. They looked like taking all three points until a late Mitchell Stamatellis goal denied them.

It was a repeat story against Northbridge FC the Stallions jumped to a 2-nil lead after 25 minutes against a ten-man Bulls who lost Michael Ruhs (13 minutes)

Former Marconi youngster Lachlan Sepping turned the game on its head with a nomination for goal of

the year – that started the comeback for the younger legs of Northbridge FC who then followed up with two more goals to look set for their first win of the season. However, Marconi newcomer Stefan Nikolic saved a point for the Stallions stroking home the equalizer as the full-time whistle blew.

The Stallions forward line now looks more “potent” with the addition of Emmanuel Peters. The talented young striker from Northbridge Bulls is the replacement for Charles Lokolingoy who joined A League club Wellington Phoenix just prior to the start of the NPL.

Peters will form a dangerous combination with the “seasoned” Stallions captain Marko Jesic who carries the main goal scoring threat. (3 goals so far in 4 rounds) He added his third last night, and Brendan Vella scored his second for the season.

Sydney United 58 “cruised” past Blacktown City. Patrick Antelmi with 5 goals looms as the danger man to the locals. Currently he is leading the goal scoring from Rockdale pair Alec Urosevski and Kyle Clementi. (Both have 4 each)

The other “headaches” for the Stallions will come from the much-experienced goal poachers Chris Payne and Matt Sim both have 3 goals each so far and both continue to do what they have been doing for a few years now – find the back of the net.

Winless after four rounds the Stallions will be desperate, but they will have to stage a form reversal to end the winning run of the unbeaten Sydney United 58. They were over run by younger legs against the Bulls.

If Sydney United can continue their unbeaten run against quality opposition, it will be worrying signs for the rest of the competition. Marconi Stallions early on were regarded as the “benchmark”. But already Sydney United 58 and Rockdale Ilinden are showing their class.

Marconi Stallions may just have a say in the matter in what is certain to be a very competitive contest.

## MAJOR SPONSORS



## CORPORATE PARTNERS



# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 Nenad Vekic
- 2 Nathan Millgate
- 3 Giorgio Speranza
- 4 Roberto Speranza
- 5 Mason Ingram
- 6 Mark Rodic
- 7 Chris Hatfield
- 8 Connor Evans
- 9 Anthony Costa
- 10 Marko Jesic
- 11 Mitchell Mallia
- 12 Stefan Nikolic
- 14 Anthony Frangie
- 16 Liam Yulley
- 17 Martin Fernandez
- 19 Zach Cairncross
- 20 Dion Shaw
- 21 Emmanuel Peters
- 23 Brandon Vella
- 24 Paolo Laxamana

Head Coach: Peter Tsekenis  
Manager: Peter Papoythis



- 1 Danijel Nizic
- 2 Cristian Gonzalez
- 3 Jordan Roberts
- 4 Adrian Vlastelica
- 5 Anthony Tomelic
- 6 Christopher Payne
- 7 Jackson Khoury
- 8 Matthew Sim
- 9 Patrick Antelmi
- 10 Devante Clut
- 11 Yianni Perkatis
- 14 Andrea Agamemnonos
- 15 Tariq Maia
- 16 Jacob Poscoliero
- 17 Matthew Bilic
- 18 Glen Trifiro
- 22 Yianni Fragogiannis

Head Coach: Tomi Vidovic  
Assistant Coach: Jason Trifiro  
Goalkeeper Coach: Vitas Males  
Physiotherapist: Denana Kadric  
Team Manager: Ray Gerrie  
S&C Coach: Todd Brodie

**Referee:**

**H. Jomaa**

**Assistant Referees:**

**H. Fenton-White and A. Morris**

**Fourth Official:**

**L. Cole**

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## MATCH PREVIEW

Old rivalries will be renewed on Sunday night as Marconi Stallions go head to head with Sydney United 58 at Marconi Stadium.

The Stallions have yet to find their groove this season, but all form goes out the window when these two sides face-off.

It will be Marconi's second game this week after their midweek clash against Northbridge Bulls.

Coach Peter Tsekenis would've been happy with his side's attacking output in their game against Rockdale in round three. However, he would've been less impressed with how his defence performed in the 3-3 draw.

Connor Evans remains the key man in the midfield centre for the Stallions and will play an important role in containing Sydney United's slick ball movement.

United come into this game on top of the table and in scintillating form.

Tomi Vidovic has his team performing at both ends of the field with an incredible 12 goals scored in four games while only conceding three.

Strike partners Chris Payne and Patrick Antelmi are scoring at will so far this campaign and are a headache for opposition defences.

Matt Sim has also been in strong form, as displayed in his brace against Blacktown last week.

There is always plenty of feeling in games between these two, and it is set to be a match you don't want to miss.



## 1ST GRADE LADDER

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

## Northbridge Bulls 3 v Marconi Stallions 3

In one of the most entertaining National Premier Leagues NSW Men's matches of the season, ten-men Northbridge Bulls played out a heroic and thrilling 3-3 draw against former NSL giants Marconi Stallions in Wednesday evening's rescheduled round 4 fixture.

Both teams were still searching for their first wins of the 2021 season and it was the Marconi Stallions who looked hungry for the three points in the opening half at Edensor Park. The Stallions held a two-goal advantage at the break thanks to goals from Anthony Frangie and skipper Marko Jelic.

Marconi were unable to hold onto the lead and were on the brink of losing but a late, late Stefan Nikolic effort salvaged a point.

Lachlan Sepping brought them back with a thunderous effort before Rory Jordan equalised in the 73rd minute. The Bulls thought they had the winner when Bul Juach swept finished well in injury time but it wasn't to be as, just like the match against the Sharks in round 1, Mile Sterjovski's men copped a stinging equaliser in similar circumstances ironically at the same venue.

## Sydney United 58 4 – Blacktown City 1 at Sydney United Sports Centre

Sydney United 58 maintain their position at the top of the National Premier Leagues NSW ladder after a comfortable 4-1 success against Blacktown City FC today at Sydney United Sports Centre.

The league leaders were assured throughout the contest as they cruised to their fourth win of the season.

Matthew Sim dazzled the defence with a goal on either side of the break which included a highlight reel free-kick.

Patrick Antelmi and Tariq Maia added the other goals to complete their fourth win of the season.

Blacktown City FC toiled hard but wasn't able to find the finishing touch tonight.

There was some brief belief in a comeback when Travis Major nodded home. The story of their afternoon was some poor finishing which cost them against the leaders.





## TOP GOAL SCORERS

Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	5
Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	4
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Illinden	4
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	3
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	3
Marko Jesic	Marconi	3
Rory Jordan	Northbridge Bulls	3
John Roberts	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	2
Jaiden Kucharski	Sydney FC	2
Anthony Frangie	Marconi	2







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## U20 TEAM LISTS



30 Jordan Ford  
31 Daniel Helweh  
32 Jarred McKinley  
22 Andrew Holder  
25 Blake Ilitch  
18 Dimos Vlachos  
35 Jeremy Dinh  
36 Jarrod Galea

Coach: Steve Appleby  
Manager: Patrick Gatt

38 Jesse Hirschowitz  
39 Jay Hirschowitz  
40 Luka Zepina  
41 Ahmad Taleb  
42 James Hilton  
43 Jackson Andrews  
44 Adrian Neoklis



13 Jordan Ivancic  
19 Liam Ivancic  
20 Sallu Kamara  
21 Josip Orlovic (GK)  
23 Luke Vlastelica  
24 Ashton Ahluwalia  
27 Anthony Krilic  
30 Michael Marcic

Coach: Tony Krslovic  
Goalkeeper Coach: Vitas Males

34 Connor Spurway  
38 Anthony Idehen  
44 Thomas Whiffen  
46 Jacob Micallef  
50 Adam Farkas  
51 Ethan Beaven  
61 Lachlan Maher

Physiotherapist: Denana Kadric  
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3	Sydney FC	3	2	1	0	6	2	4	7
4	Sutherland Sharks FC	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6
5	Northbridge Bulls FC	3	2	0	1	6	5	1	6
6	APIA Leichhardt FC	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
7	Blacktown City FC	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
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# MARCONI MENTOR PROGRAM

To further unify Marconi Stallions FC from the bottom to the top an innovation has been introduced into the program in 2021. The aim is to have the top support the junior program and in return the junior program to support the senior.

The innovation is the Mentor Program.

Men's NPL 1 players are now spending half an hour per week with their allocated team- 2 players per team. (3 in some cases)

Younger NPL players with Boys SAP Program (Ages 9 to 12)

Senior NPL players with Boys Youth (Ages 13 to 16 years)

Players have already started meeting with their teams and are getting to know the players – they take an active part in the session – chatting with the players and building relationships with them. The purpose of the Program is for the senior players to help the younger ones develop their games, their character, ability to handle pressure and help them with any issues along the way. (Photos at training)

Players in the NPL are from varying occupational backgrounds – schoolteachers, physiotherapists, personal trainers, Auto Mechanics, a farmer – so many varying backgrounds to offer support and advice to the younger players. We also have a player Mason Ingram who works with disabled children.

In turn, the Boys SAP and Youth are getting to know the NPL players and take an interest in how the team is going.

Last Thursday the Mentors of the Boys Youth Program attended training to present the teams with their playing jerseys and gear bags for 2021. (photos)

Head Coach Peter Tsekenis is in full support of the Mentor Program.

"It is important that the whole club is engaged in the Football Program. The Mentor System does just this -there is no better way than to have the young players at the club look to the older more senior players for guidance and direction."

"With Mental Health becoming an increasingly prevalent issue it is now even more important that young players have the support they need, both within the family at home and also in this case their football family at Marconi."

The Mentors for the Boys SAP Program will be on hand this coming Thursday to present jersey's and playing gear to the Marconi Stallions FC Under 9 to 12 years of age teams.

## MARCONI STALLIONS FC TEAM MENTORS FOR 2021

### BOYS SAP

**Under 9 – Anthony Costa /Anthony Frangie**

**Under 10- Brendan Vella /Dion Shaw/Mason Ingram**

**Under 11- Mitch Mallia /Connor Evans/Stefan Nikolic**

**Under 12- Robert Speranza/Liam Youlley/Paolo Laxamana**

### BOYS YOUTH

**Under 13- Nathan Millgate /Chris Hatfield**

**Under 14- Giorgio Speranza/ Marty Fernandez/ Dimos Vlachos**

**Under 15- Nenad Vekic /Zac Cairncross**

**Under 16 – Marko Jesic /Mark Rodic**



# THE MARKKA CUP

Markka Football is a subsidiary company of Marconi Stallions FC apparel sponsor Legea /Hallmark.

Markka Football provides a one stop shop that can offer a full package of training aids and equipment to go with the apparel they supply. Markka football gear provides balls, bags, small goals etc.

Marconi Stallions FC have invited two neighbouring clubs Bossley Park and Hinchinbrook to come to Marconi Stadium on Home Game Day and play at half time of the NPL matches during this season.

The three clubs will play against each other in the Under 6/7/8-year ages, the Cup started during the NPL match against Rockdale Ilinden FC on March 13. (photos)

That day, Under 7 teams from Marconi and Bossley Park played against each other.

This Sunday during the Marconi Stallions versus Sydney United match at half time all three clubs will feature in the Under 7 age group. The Under 6 age group will play on the Main Stadium on April 17. Under 8 age group will feature on May 1 st.

Legea and Hallmark CEO and Technical Director Wayne Spagnol is supporting the initiative which is aimed at giving the “juniors” the opportunity to play on the Main Stadium. It is also part of the club’s plan to unite the club from the juniors right through to the NPL team.

Legea have been a long-term partner with the Marconi Stallions FC club. They have worked directly with teams for over 25 years.

The NPL players will be holding training sessions with the Pre SAP /junior teams throughout the season so that the young players of the future can get to know the club senior players when they train with them.

Part of the experience on game day is for the junior players to walk out with the seniors prior to their half time experience.

Initial reactions have been very good – a great experience for the young ones walking out with the seniors, the game time, and crowd support.

Markka have agreed to donate \$250 worth of football equipment to each of the competing clubs.

For the two visiting clubs it is a special experience to play on the Main Stadium in front of a supportive crowd, one that they would not normally be able to enjoy.



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Sydney United 58 FC	8	2	48	50
Manly United FC	8	18	24	42
Sydney FC	7	14	28	42
Rockdale Ilinden FC	8	0	32	32
Sydney Olympic FC	6	18	12	30
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	7	8	20	28
Blacktown City FC	8	8	16	24
Wollongong Wolves FC	6	6	16	22
Marconi Stallions FC	7	8	12	20
Northbridge Bulls FC	7	12	8	20
Sutherland Sharks FC	6	12	8	20
APIA Leichhardt FC	6	8	4	12

Club championships for all NPL Men's and Women's are available online:  
 Men's: <https://mens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship/>  
 Women's: <https://womens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship-nsw-womens/>

## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

### MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC

4:00 PM / FRI 2 APR MARCONI STADIUM

### MANLY UNITED FC VS SYDNEY FC

7:00 PM / FRI 2 APR CROMER PARK

### SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS BLACKTOWN CITY FC

3:30 PM / SAT 3 APR SEYMOUR SHAW

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

7:00 PM / SAT 3 APR POPONDETTA PARK

### ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS APIA LEICHHARDT FC

3:00 PM / SUN 4 APR ROCKDALE ILINDEN  
SPORTS CENTRE

### SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC

4:00 PM / MON 5 APR SYDNEY UNITED  
SPORTS CENTRE (MAP)SELECTED TEAMS



# 2021 HOME FIXTURES

**HOME GROUND - Marconi Stadium**  
**121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park**

**[clubmarconi.com.au/marconi-stallions](http://clubmarconi.com.au/marconi-stallions)**

ROUND 1	26/02/21 (Fri)	19:45	Sydney FC
ROUND 3	13/03/21 (Sat)	18:00	Rockdale Ilinden FC
ROUND 5	28/03/21 (Sun)	17:00	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 6	02/04/21 (Fri)	16:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 8	17/04/21 (Sat)	16:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 9	24/04/21 (Sat)	16:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 10	01/05/21 (Sat)	16:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 13	22/05/21 (Sat)	16:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 15	05/06/21 (Sat)	16:00	Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 18	26/06/21 (Sat)	16:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 22	25/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Manly United FC

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