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Season 2021 Popondetta Pk campaign Kicks-off with Mount Druitt Rangers FC proudly hosting this National Premier League Round #2 fixture versus APIA Leichhardt FC. Rangers warmly welcome all our members, players, supporters and valued sponsors of Mount Druitt Rangers FC.

A special shoutout to all our 'new' Rangers, their families and supporters, we trust you'll join us for NPL games throughout the Season @Popondetta Pk. ...it's a grand ol' team to see.

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After a COVID punctuated Season 2020 we look to a rejuvenated NPL squad ready for a fresh assault on the Season 2021. Popondetta Park will be graced with awesome off-season signings, a popular and positive blend of experienced players, talented youth mixed in with a great core of local talent which will ensure we are Rangers Ready.

Headlining our Rangers recruitment drive are the defending duo of former Socceroo and 15yr A-League star the popular Tarek Elrich, and experienced A-League and former Young Socceroo star Marc Warren, while talented Japanese attacking duo Takumu Tsujimura (Taku) and Fumoto Kamada (Moto) are sure to become crowd favourites. Add the exciting winger George Tuson-Firth having experienced a stint in English leagues including Sutton United and Aldershot Town and Mitch Smith the experienced forward from Nth Shore Mariners the recipe for success is there. Once again we look to our Skipper and crowd favourite Carlos Saliadarré, defender Travis Oughtred, the midfield Blake Thompson and Solomon-Johnn Monahan-Vaiika (Solly), with attackers John Roberts and Jack Stewart and you have an exciting squad to get behind and cheer on, their experience will quickly rub off and advance the youth talents in our squad, some of whom got some 1st grade exposure in 2020.

Gaffa changes see Stamati Glaros (CCM, SFC and Wellington) and Rangers Director of Football Stewart Montgomery (WSW) taking the reins with a

view to securing silverware in 2021.

The much anticipated redevelopment of Popondetta Football Precinct through the BCC \$5.5m Project Charlie has moved to the next phase having finalised the format of the Synthetic field installation on both Pop#2 (105x64) and Pop#3; an impressive 60x40. Also the redevelopment of the facilities servicing Pop#2, a Ticket box and a 'Rangers Way' upgrade to a dual carriageway featuring additional formal parking enroute to Pop#1. Construction is expected to commence in the coming months.

Welcome to our Rangers Old Boys & Girls that have come 'home' to get your football fix, and catchup with old Rangers mates. We trust you'll join us throughout Season 2021. And of course we extend this welcome to our opponents the famous APIA Leichhardt Tigers and their support base.

RANGERS WAY PREVIEW

Thank you to those who attended last weekend's season opener v Manly United, a tough assignment playing 1sts Friday night then being asked to return Saturday for 20s - insane!

These MUFC clashes have quickly developed a series of see-sawing results including the 2019 FFA Cup Finals clash that went to a shoot-out, and this season opener proved no different. Appearing to have secured 3pts thanks to the NPL maiden goal courtesy of John Roberts early in the 2nd half, and then having Blake belt a Free Kick into the underside of the crossbar Rangers appeared to have the 3pts secured. Unfortunately well into injury time, a quality 93min header split the points. The return trip for 20s on Sat did not bring any joy regarding points.

APIA R#1 away to Blacktown City resulted in a scoreless draw, an 20s 1-2 taking the points.

The APIA clashes too have always been much anticipated, trips to Lambert Pk and their vocal support gazing down from the clubhouse, let's ensure we reciprocate with plenty of Green and Gold support cheering on your RANGERS.

The magnificently prepared Popondetta Pk is a picture and will see our NPL Youth (13s to 18s) kick-off Season 2021 hosting Sutherland before turning to the NPL R#2 fixtures v.APIA clash for 20s and 1st..

Our young 20s Rangers will need to be focused and

on point to get our season on track.

APIA, wooden-spooners in COVID 2020 will more resemble the championship winning teams of 2019 in 2021. Similarly, our Rangers results must look to better resemble our breakout side of 2019 as we set the course for the season at hand. Early round failure will be difficult to recover from for all clubs in this tough competition..

With the return of the Club Championship being solely on the results of 1st Grade Stewart & Stama will have the boys motivated and focused on capturing those all important early CC points to kick-start our Rangers campaign.

Ensure you get behind the Green and Gold and cheer loud...

Let's pack Popondetta

...it's a grand ol' team to see...

...for all we know is there's gunna be a show...

We sincerely thank the outstanding support of our Blacktown City Council for the enormous contribution and efforts they put into preparing the Popondetta playing surface and facilities.



Destination of Choices! It's not too late to be a Ranger for Season 2021

*** STOP PRESS *** FNSW GCL Positions Available: Recently appointed Technical Director Neil Ross (FFA B-Lic) highly acclaimed, very experienced and respected coach has called out that a few positions exist to join Rangers in the FNSW GCL program (Girls 12~17yo).

Check out our [FB Girl's Promotional video](#), it really is an exciting opportunity to join a special program to kick start your football journey..

Your chance to make a difference, share this in your Football circles. Interested parties register on-line [MDRFC Player Expression of Interest form](#). They'll thank you for launching their football to a new level.



LEARN FOOTBALL THE 'RANGERS WAY'

Check out 'the Rangers way' Football offerings, we have programs for all aspiring footballers:



It's not too late to join Rangers for Season 2021! While we settle in for the FNSW Season, Association grassroots football is still a few weeks away, if you know of any promising talent with aspirations to progress to the FNSW competitions please share with them news of Mount Druitt Rangers FC's offerings through the Blacktown BDSFA Local leagues, encourage them to register their interest via our [MDRFC Player Expression of Interest form](#).

Our rejuvenated MDRFC 'Town Rangers FC', a foundation club of the Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA), has some exciting new programs. Offering grassroots football to our local community sharing the Rangers badge. It is timely to again highlight the new offerings:



- the Rangers Way Pre-SAP Program and the Rangers way Academy for youth 6s~16s check out our [FB Pre-SAP promotional video](#) for those aspiring boys and girls u5~u8s, and SAP, NPL Youth and GCL.
- Girl's/Women's Phoenix League program providing opportunities for those aspirations for FNSW SAP and GCL or wanting to play with like focused Girl's in the exciting BDSFA / Granville Phoenix League while training aligned to our GCL teams.

It's late to share these exciting opportunities to those in your Football circle, so they can review our offer in the MDRFC Player Expression of Interest.

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ROUND 01

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1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 1 Carlos Saliadarre
- 2 Solomon-Johnn Monahan-Vaiika
- 3 Travis Oughtred
- 4 Mitch Smith
- 5 Bonani Paulo
- 6 Blake Thompson
- 7 Jack Stewart
- 8 Jason Perez
- 9 John Roberts
- 11 George Tuson-Firth
- 12 Peter Nichols
- 17 Cooper Coskerie
- 19 Riley Ellem
- 20 Robert Fanella
- 21 Tarek Elrich
- 22 Jake Mamone
- 24 Sunmola Yinka
- 27 Andre Cavalarro
- 28 Macerolla Jared
- 32 Fumoto Kamada
- 33 Takumo Tsujimono
- 33 Marc Warren

Coach: Stewart Montgomery

Asst. Coach: Stamati Glaros

Managers: Kevin Allan/George Mandic

Physio: Kris Caolia Progressive Physio.

Strength & Conditioning: Shannon Codd



- 1 Ivan Necevski (GK)
- 2 William Mutch
- 3 Paul Galimi
- 4 Josh Symons
- 5 Nick Azzone
- 6 Harry Callahan
- 7 Tynan Diaz
- 8 Corey Biczo
- 9 Blake Powell
- 10 Franco Parisi
- 11 Mathieu Cordier
- 12 Hassan Jalloh
- 13 David D'Apuzzo
- 14 Nicholas Stavroulakis
- 15 Themba Muata-Marlow
- 16 Sean Symons
- 18 Adrian Ucchino
- 20 Sam Mc Illhatton
- 21 Michael Kouta
- 22 Luke Turnbull
- 23 Gian Fiorese
- 24 Christian Cirino
- 25 Vincenzo Melissari
- 26 Vincent Fedele

Coach: John Calleja

Asst. Coach: Nicholas Stavroulakis

Managers: Vincent Leto, Joe Calabro,

Sergio Bucciarelli

Physio: Michael Sawan

S&C: Stelios Pikoulas

Referee:

T.Danaskos

Assistant Referees:

M. Ebrahimi and J. Ewin

Fourth Official:

L. Cole

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MATCH PREVIEW

The Mt Druitt Town Rangers will be looking for a win in their first home game of the season when they host APIA Leichhardt at Popondetta Park on Saturday.

The Stewart Montgomery coached side were forced to settle for a point in week one after they conceded a dramatic equaliser in the dying seconds of their clash with Manly United.

A big talking point going into this match will be the status of Rangers star recruit Tarek Elrich who went down injured only 13 minutes into last week's game.

John Roberts and Blake Thompson were stand out performers in the Round 1 clash and hope to back up with another big showing against APIA.

Looking to ruin Mt Druitt's coming home party will be APIA Leichhardt making their second trip to western Sydney in as many weeks.

APIA was held to a scoreless draw in round one, but coach John Calleja will have plenty to smile after an impressive defensive display.

Josh Symons was named to the round one team of the week after nullifying a potent Blacktown attack and will be up for another big showing.

Harry Callahan delivered an impressive cameo performance off the bench and should be pushing for a starting berth while we may see the debut of former Western Sydney Wanderers high flyer Mathieu Cordier.

Mt Druitt has been touted as a dark horse this season and will need a win against a competition powerhouse such as APIA to prove their case as a team to watch truly.



1ST GRADE LADDER

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

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

The National Premier Leagues NSW competition is back and it was all action during a thrilling opening round.

Rockdale Ilinden finished the 2020 regular season in first place and will maintain that mantle to start the season with a big win to kick start the new campaign.

Sydney FC and Sydney United 58 also took home three points from their matches as the only other winners from this weekend's fixtures.

APIA Leichhardt and Blacktown City shared the spoils in their clash on Saturday, while the Sutherland Sharks marked their return to the competition with a dramatic 2-2 draw against Northbridge Bulls.

All matches throughout the opening round paid tribute to former Rockdale midfielder Idriss El Hafiane who passed away earlier this year.

Manly United 1 – Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1 at Cromer Park

The National Premier Leagues NSW Men's returned in style on Friday night as a spectacular header from Manly United's Seiya Kambayashi broke Mount Druitt Town Ranger's resolve to seal a 1-1 draw deep into stoppage time at Cromer Park.

Sydney's Northern Beaches played host to the competition's opening fixture which kicked off in frenetic fashion, as both sides traded blows early on.

Mt Druitt opened the scoring early in the second half through John Roberts and looked to be on track to take home all three points.

However, Manly had other ideas as Kambayashi nodded home in the 92nd minute to secure a draw in dramatic fashion.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for the Rangers who also lost star recruit Tarek Elrich to injury only 15 minutes into the contest.

Blacktown City 0 – APIA Leichhardt FC 0 at Lily Homes Stadium

Blacktown City FC and APIA Leichhardt Tigers shared the points after a scoreless draw in their Round 1 clash at Lily Holmes Stadium on Saturday night

While both teams put on threatening attacking displays during the 90-minute battle, it was the defence of both teams that showed that they are teams to be reckoned with in the 2021 New South Wales National Premier Leagues Men's season.

Travis Major was unlucky not to score in a brilliant performance on his return to Blacktown.

APIA will be happy to take a point away from a difficult contest which very easily could've gone the way of the home side.



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Sydney FC	2	2	12	14
Rockdale Ilinden FC	2	0	12	12
Sydney United 58 FC	2	0	12	12
APIA Leichhardt FC	2	6	4	10
Manly United FC	2	6	4	10
Northbridge Bulls FC	2	6	4	10
Sydney Olympic FC	2	6	0	6
Wollongong Wolves FC	2	6	0	6
Blacktown City FC	2	0	4	4
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	2	0	4	4
Sutherland Sharks FC	2	0	4	4
Marconi Stallions FC	2	2	0	2

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Women's: <https://womens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship-nsw-womens/>

NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MANLY UNITED FC VS BLACKTOWN CITY
FC**
7:00 PM / FRI 12 MAR
CROMER PARK

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS APIA
LEICHHARDT FC**
7:00 PM / SAT 13 MAR
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

**SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS SYDNEY
UNITED 58 FC**
3:30 PM / SAT 13 MAR
SEYMOUR SHAW

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS MT
DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC**
2:30 PM / SUN 14 MAR
ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

**MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS ROCKDALE
ILINDEN FC**
6:00 PM / SAT 13 MAR
MARCONI STADIUM

SYDNEY FC VS NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC
6:30 PM / SUN 14 MAR
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

U20 TEAM LISTS



18 Braiden Burr
21 Brendan Allen
23 Leo Abdo
24 Raj Singh
25 Mo Sabbough
28 Callum Garrett
29 Jacob Debian

30 Nate dunShea
31 Ngor Deng
35 Sunday Yona
36 Joshua Armandi
38 Anthony Louis
40 Andre Takami
41 Ivan Sunjic

Coach: Steve Mayer
Asst. Coach: Can Ozemir



27 Jonathan Accetta
28 Marcus Apostolakis
29 Daniel Azzone
30 Gene Marantos
31 Matt Lee
32 Thomas Nicholas
33 Harry Stavris
34 Cooper Stormonth

35 Dylan Susovic
36 Anthony Younis
37 Alexander Zinnato
38 Joshua Azzopardi
39 Anthony Kyriazis
40 James Khoury
41 Dylan Schifino

Coach: Anthony Mazza
Asst. Coach: Mariano Mirigliani
Manager: Pierre Sassine

Trainer: Giuseppe Mirigliani

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2021 HOME FIXTURES

**HOME GROUND - Popondetta Park
Popondetta Road, Emerton**

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ROUND 2	06/03/21 (Sat)	19:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 4	20/03/21 (Sat)	19:00	Sydney FC
ROUND 6	03/04/21 (Sat)	19:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 8	17/04/21 (Sat)	19:00	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 10	01/05/21 (Sat)	19:00	Rockdale Ilinden FC
ROUND 12	14/05/21 (Fri)	19:00	Manly United FC
ROUND 14	29/05/21 (Sat)	19:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 16	12/06/21 (Sat)	19:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 18	26/06/21 (Sat)	19:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 20	10/07/21 (Sat)	19:00	Marconi Stallions FC
ROUND 22	25/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Northbridge Bulls FC

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