

KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 10



**MARCONI
STADIUM**

**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES
NSW**

**SATURDAY
1ST MAY
6PM**

CLUB WELCOME

A “desperate” Marconi Stallions FC will need to “rise to the occasion” when they host “high flying” Blacktown City tonight .

Blacktown City are sitting in second place on 16 points, while the Stallions are 8th on 9 points. This is a “must win” game for the locals for them to stay in touch with the leading teams.

The Stallions were “out of sorts” against Mt Druitt Town Rangers last round and lost for only the second time this season (2-0). The Rangers are unbeaten in their last four starts and are one of the “in form” teams of the competition.

They beat Blacktown City in that unbeaten run.

The Stallions come in to this crucial encounter on the back of a 2-0 loss at home to the “in form” Mt Druitt Town Rangers. Blacktown City found their touch in the second half to beat “hapless” Sydney FC 3-0.

Coach Mark Crittenden has his Blacktown City team in “good touch”. They kept a clean sheet and found the back of the net three times last start and he is a contented coach for now.

Marconi Stallions FC need results. How they get the three points at this stage is not important. The goals they were scoring in earlier matches seem to have “dried up”. The Stallions have not scored in their last two NPL matches ,both at home.

Blacktown City are becoming a real threat. The 4-1 win over front runners Rockdale Ilinden FC

made everyone take notice. They “demolished” Wollongong Wolves 5-0 so goal scoring is becoming a habit.

Their only “blemish” recently was the 1 nil shock loss to the “giant killers” Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC.

Both teams have strike power. The Stallions rely on captain Marko Jesic (5 goals) and Mitch Mallia and Anthony Frangie (both with 2 goals) as the main poachers .

Blacktown City’s powerful striker Travis Major is the “dangerman” for the Stallions defence. He too has 5 goals so far and is being well supported by skillful mid fielder Mario Shabow (4 goals to his name) and Suleyman Bangura who scored 1 of his 2 so far against Sydney FC.

Both teams are “backing up ” after Round 5 FFA Cup games in mid-week.

Marconi Stallions FC had a real battle with fellow NPL rivals Sutherland Sharks.

The game went into extra time before a left foot strike from Martin Fernandez finally broke the “deadlock” to get the Stallions into the next round after overcoming a “gutsy” Sharks side 1-0.

Blacktown City had to overcome UTS FC (Northern Suburbs Football Association) in a real David and Goliath affair.



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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 Tristan Prendergast (GK)
- 3 Daniel Collins
- 4 Lachlan Campbell
- 5 Grant Lynch
- 6 Matthew Lewis
- 7 Travis Major
- 8 Jak O'Brien
- 9 Sean Rooney
- 10 Mario Shabow
- 11 Rhett Desilva
- 14 Caleb Jackson Brown
- 16 Ben Berry
- 17 Dakota Askew
- 18 Suleyman Bangura
- 19 Adam Berry
- 20 Dylan Niski (GK)
- 22 Carlos De Oliveira
- 24 Jackson Bandiera

Head Coach: Mark Crittenden

Referee:

M. Weiner

Assistant Referees:

J. Adabjou and M. Allum

Fourth Official:

I. Covic

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MATCH PREVIEW

Marconi Stallions will be out to stop an in-form Blacktown City this Saturday when the two sides face off at Marconi Stadium.

The Stallions come into this match on the back of a 2-0 loss last week against Mt Druitt Town Rangers and have not won a match in five weeks.

The Peter Tsekenis coached side have lacked a winning edge this season with six draws and only one win from their nine matches.

Goals are needed by the Stallions, who have only scored once in their past three games.

Attacking players Anthony Frangie, Mitch Mallia, Marko Jesic and Emmanuel Peters need to find their scoring touch if their team ends their run without a win.

They did receive some joy however midweek after defeating the Sutherland Sharks 1-0 after extra time thanks to a Martin Fernandez goal in Round 5 of the FFA Cup.

Looking to stop them is a red-hot Blacktown City team that has had far from any issues scoring goals.

A 3-0 victory against Sydney FC last week and a 5-0 win against Wollongong in round eight has helped City climb to second on the ladder and only two points behind competition leaders Rockdale.

Travis Major is in top form for Blacktown, scoring goals at will, while Mario Shabow and Suleyman Bangura have also been impressive in front of the goal.

Defensively Blacktown has also found their rhythm with two consecutive clean sheets, a great sign from shot-stopper Tristan Pendergrast, and defenders Daniel Collins and Grant Lynch.

Coach Mark Crittenden has gotten this team humming.

Matches between these two sides have had a bit of extra feeling in recent seasons, and this one will be no different.

Blacktown will go in as favourites but expect nothing less than a determined performance from Marconi as they set out to end their winless streak.

1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Rockdale Ilinden FC	9	5	3	1	17	8	9	18
2	Blacktown City FC	9	5	1	3	17	7	10	16
3	Sydney United 58 FC	9	4	3	2	13	10	3	15
4	Manly United FC	9	4	3	2	12	10	2	15
5	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	9	4	3	2	11	11	0	15
6	Sydney Olympic FC	9	4	1	4	8	7	1	13
7	APIA Leichhardt FC	9	3	2	4	9	12	-3	11
8	Marconi Stallions FC	9	1	6	2	12	13	-1	9
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	9	2	3	4	10	15	-5	9
10	Wollongong Wolves FC	9	2	3	4	8	15	-7	9
11	Northbridge Bulls FC	9	2	2	5	17	18	-1	8
12	Sydney FC	9	2	2	5	12	20	-8	8

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

Marconi Stallions 0 – Mt Druitt Town Rangers 2 at Marconi Stadium

Mt Druitt Town Rangers have secured a valuable victory away from home on Saturday night, with a 2-0 win over Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium.

The victory extends Mt Druitt's unbeaten run to four games as they continue to claw their way up the NPL NSW Men's ladder as Stewart Montgomery's side have become one tough team to take on.

Goals to the in-form Jack Stewart and Takumu Tsujimura were unanswered by the home side, who struggled to convert their multitude of opportunities throughout the match and have now gone almost a month without a victory in the NPL NSW Men's competition.

Blacktown City 3 – Sydney FC 0 at Lily Homes Stadium

A big second-half showing has helped Blacktown City to a dominant 3-0 win against Sydney FC at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

While the match was locked scoreless at the break, Blacktown City found their rhythm in the second stanza as Travis Major, Mario Shabo and Suleyman Bangura hit the back of the net to secure all three competition points.

It was another frustrating result for Sydney FC who have now gone six matches without a win.

The win moves Blacktown City into second place on the ladder, only two points behind competition leaders Rockdale Ilinden.

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WHITESIDE



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TOP GOAL SCORERS

Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	7
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	7
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	7
Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	5
Marko Jesic	Marconi	5
Travis Major	Blacktown City	5
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	4
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	4
Jack Stewart	Mt Drutt Town Rangers	4
Mario Shabow	Blacktown City	4



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



26 Tyren Birnie
27 Cory Smith
28 Rocco Fragiale
29 Nicholas O'Brien
30 Thomas Bienasz
31 Kai McLoughlin
32 Ryan Attard

Coach: Andy Montgomery
Asst Coach: Dean Montgomery

33 Jacob Maniti
34 Sebastian Hernandez
35 Dylan Craus
37 Jacob Casha
38 Kai Denton
39 Jed Drew
41 Zane Cunico

Manager: Steve Crawhall

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1	Manly United FC	9	8	0	1	20	4	16	24
2	Sydney Olympic FC	9	6	0	3	18	10	8	18
3	Sydney FC	9	5	2	2	13	6	7	17
4	Marconi Stallions FC	9	5	1	3	13	10	3	16
5	Blacktown City FC	8	4	1	3	19	8	11	13
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	8	4	1	3	15	14	1	13
7	Sutherland Sharks FC	9	3	3	3	10	13	-3	12
8	Northbridge Bulls FC	9	3	2	4	12	13	-1	11
9	APIA Leichhardt FC	9	2	3	4	13	20	-7	9
10	Sydney United 58 FC	9	2	2	5	14	19	-5	8
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	9	2	2	5	11	23	-12	8
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	9	0	1	8	6	24	-18	1

MARCONI STALLIONS FC CONDUCTS FUND RAISING DAY FOR CANCER COUNCIL

Today's Round 10 match against Blacktown City culminates the club's fund-raising efforts for the NSW Cancer Council.

Over the last month ,players from the boys and girls SAP and Youth Programs have been raising money for men's cancer , in the Balls for Balls Campaign .

Up until today, the club has raised \$12,405 a remarkable effort, by far exceeding the goal of \$10,000 set at the start of the campaign. What an achievement by some special children.

Today, is the nominated day for fund raising and promoting the cause.

The Cancer Council will be at the Stadium with a stall next to the Canteen.

Coin collection boxes will be located in the canteen, in the Corporate Boxes and at the front gate .

Volunteers will be going around the stands with a collection bucket for anyone wishing to donate.

The players who have raised this unexpected amount of money will be presented to the crowd at half time of the first-grade game .

As a thank you for their hard work and efforts each player presented will receive a club beanie, scarf, and \$20 voucher to Funland. The top four fund raisers will also receive a \$25 Piazza voucher .

The Cancer Council will present each player with a beanie and certificate of recognition.

Marconi Stallions FC will also be donating \$1 from every ticket sold on the day.

While members receive free entry to the game ,they will be encouraged to provide a gold coin donation upon entry.

Football Office Administrator Josie Spinozzi has been the driving force behind the campaign .

"Getting to the \$10,000 mark is a fabulous outcome and the club is very proud of the efforts of the boys and girls who have helped to raise this substantial amount of money."

"In particular Cooper Chahine ,Mark Flaiban, Kyden Salim and Daniel Di Giorgio deserve special praise for leading the way in our fund-raising campaign."

"The campaign was great for our players – it promoted sun safe behaviour ,it helped to increase our players skills including juggling. Above all, it encouraged them to raise money for a most important cause " Josie Spinozzi added.

Denise Daynes Cancer Council NSW Community Co-Ordinator is delighted with the outcome of this new campaign .

"It is so refreshing to see Marconi Stallions put their hands up and jump on board with this fund-raising campaign. Most importantly , they are making a difference and saving people's lives " .

"Marconi has done a fantastic job in leading the way for other clubs who are now following your lead and joining in . I cannot praise the club enough for their efforts." She added.

The top Fund Raisers -Marconi Stallions FC

Markko Flaiban - \$2550
Cooper Chahine - \$2420
Ava Paolini - \$1790 *
Kyden Salim - \$1640-
Daniel Di Giorgio - \$1410
Flynn Mason - \$623
Isaiah Wanna - \$613
Sumalee Radzki - \$412
Claudia Cox - \$280
Shwan Khaffaf - \$270
Josh Mezzano - \$62
Derelle Avery - \$36



L-R: Daniel DiGiorgio, Cooper Chahine & Kyden Salim - U9 SAP



Marko Flaiban in the U13's



Ava Paolini

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 are 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.

The Mentors of the Programs attend training and make presentations when required. (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 at the Stadium on Saturday night when the Marconi Stallions FC Boys SAP teams (Under 9 to 12) are presented to the crowd.

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



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Manly United FC	18	48	60	108
Blacktown City FC	17	26	64	90
Sydney Olympic FC	18	36	52	88
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	18	16	60	76
Sydney United 58 FC	18	16	60	76
Rockdale Ilinden FC	18	2	72	74
Marconi Stallions FC	18	32	36	68
Sydney FC	18	34	32	66
APIA Leichhardt FC	18	18	44	62
Wollongong Wolves FC	17	26	36	62
Sutherland Sharks FC	18	24	36	60
Northbridge Bulls FC	18	22	32	54

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

**MANLY UNITED FC VS
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**
7:00 PM / FRI 7 MAY
CROMER PARK

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS
SYDNEY FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 9 MAY
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS
SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC**
5:15 PM / SAT 8 MAY
LAMBERT PARK

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS
MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC**
3:00 PM / SUN 9 MAY
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**
2:30 PM / SUN 9 MAY
ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**
4:00 PM / SUN 9 MAY
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND



2021 HOME FIXTURES

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

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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)	18:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 9	24/04/21 (Sat)	18:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 10	01/05/21 (Sat)	18:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 13	22/05/21 (Sat)	18:00	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 15	05/06/21 (Sat)	18:00	Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 18	26/06/21 (Sat)	18:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 22	25/07/21 (Sun)	15:00	Manly United FC

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