

KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 08



**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES**
NSW

**MARCONI
STADIUM**

**SATURDAY
17TH APRIL
6PM**

One of the biggest rivalries in Australian Football continues this weekend when heavily supported Marconi Stallions FC (Italian supported) welcome traditional rivals Sydney Olympic (Greek supported). It is a rivalry that started way back in 1970 when the clubs first met on field (Sydney Olympic won 3-0).

Both clubs were founded within a year of each other, Marconi in 1958, Sydney Olympic a year earlier, 1957. However, they did not meet on field until 1970.

Since 1970 the arch rivals have met 113 times, Sydney Olympic have Won 46 times, Marconi Stallions 37 with 30 matches Drawn.

Both clubs were prominent in the now defunct National Soccer League. Marconi competed in all 27 seasons. Sydney Olympic was a founding member of the NSL in 1977. That is when the club name became Sydney Olympic.

Like Marconi Stallions FC, Sydney Olympic joined the National Premier League in 2004/2005. Their last major success was in 2018 when they won the Minor Premiership and Grand Final.

It has been a slow start for the former NSL Giants , they suffered their fourth loss in seven matches mid-week .

In the “catch up” Round 4 clash with Wollongong Wolves a Lachlan Scott penalty saw the Wolves win 1-0. It was a costly loss for the Greek club who now have to “back-up” against the Stallions tonight.

While Sydney Olympic have to “back-up” from mid-week, so too, do Marconi Stallions. They overcame a very enthusiastic and willing Central Coast United 3-0 in a Round 4 FFA Cup match.

Young striker Emmanuel Peters scored twice and looked a threat all night up front.

Sydney Olympic have been hard to get past so far, from their six games played they have conceded just 5 goals and also found goals hard to come by scoring just 6 so far prior to Wednesday night against the Wolves. They have just one multiple scorer in Jason Madonis (2 goals).

Olympic looked like their “former selves” with a professional 2-0 which ended Manly United’s unbeaten run last round and providing they can “back up” from mid-week will be a tough opponent

for the Stallions who are really struggling to get back on to the winners list.

They have become the draw “specialists” – FIVE SO FAR from their seven games played. The dropped points have proved costly with the gap to the top teams widening.

Despite their lowly position, the Stallions like Rockdale Ilinden and Manly United have lost just once so far in 2021. They are proving hard to beat, however, they showed plenty of spirit with ten men to draw with APIA Leichhardt last round. They played the final half hour a man short but held on for a precious point.

While Sydney Olympic have to “backup” from mid-week, so too, do Marconi Stallions. They face Central Coast United in a 4th Round FFA Cup match. So, both will be calling on the depth of their squad’s.

The Stallions hopes for a win will rest largely with captain and front man Marko Jesic; his 5 goals are almost half of what the Stallions have scored so far (12) this season. Olympics’ defence has been miserly, conceding just 5 goals compared to the 11 by the Stallions.

The rivalry which began back in 1970 will continue with the Stallions desperate to end the sequence of drawn matches which have detracted from their performances so far this season. A win is a must for the hosts.



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- 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 Youlley
- 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 Nicholas Sorras
- 2 Tom Whiteside
- 3 Billy Patramanis
- 4 Ben Van Meurs
- 5 Michael Glassock
- 6 Nicola Kuleski
- 7 Will Angel
- 8 Jason Madonis
- 9 Oliver Puflett
- 10 Brendan Cholakian
- 11 Adam Parkhouse
- 12 Zac Mackenzie
- 14 Peter Kekeris
- 17 Marley Peterson
- 18 Yu Hasegawa
- 19 Darcy Burgess
- 20 Luke Kairies
- 21 Fabian Monge
- 22 Fabio Ferreira
- 23 Daniel Dias
- 24 Hagi Gligor
- 25 James Cakovski
- 27 Šimun Miličević
- 30 Brody Mackay
- 35 Mohamed Adam
- 70 Chris Parsons

Head Coach: Ante Juric

Assistant Coach: Steve Bozinovski

Goal Keeper Coach: Paul Henderson

Physio: Sam Mahabady

Manager: Parry Hatzi

Equipment: Paul Oliveri

Referee:

H. Jomaa

Assistant Referees:

A. McConachie and S. Quinn

Fourth Official:

J. Rose

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MATCH PREVIEW

Marconi Stallions will be looking to turn their fortunes around on Saturday night when they host Sydney Olympic at Marconi Stadium.

The Stallions have only won once this campaign and in dire need of three competition points if they are to remain in the playoff hunt.

A 1-1 draw against APIA last week was a frustrating result for the Peter Tsekenis coached outfit, who were reduced to ten men for the final 25 minutes after the send-off of Mark Rodic.

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.

Mitch Mallia scored his second goal of the season against APIA and will hope it is the start of more goals to come.

They will face off against a Sydney Olympic team that will be riding high after a 2-0 win against Manly United in round 7.

The Ante Juric coached outfit are on the hunt for more victories for the 2021 campaign.

Olympic struggled to get going earlier in the campaign, but after their 2-0 win against Manly will be hoping it is the start of a quick climb up the ladder.

Jason Madonis has been rediscovering his best form in recent weeks and will be looking to add to his goal tally again this round.

Juric will hope his dynamic attackers Brendan Cholakian, Oliver Pufflet, Fabio Ferreira and Peter Kekeris can follow the lead of Madonis and improve his side's goalscoring output.

This will be a tough contest between two sides brimming with talent. You won't want to miss this.

1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Rockdale Ilinden FC	7	4	2	1	13	8	5	14
2	Sydney United 58 FC	7	4	1	2	13	10	3	13
3	Manly United FC	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
4	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	7	3	2	2	9	11	-2	11
5	Blacktown City FC	7	3	1	3	9	7	2	10
6	Sydney Olympic FC	7	3	0	4	6	6	0	9
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	7	2	3	2	7	8	-1	9
8	Northbridge Bulls FC	7	2	2	3	13	12	1	8
9	Marconi Stallions FC	7	1	5	1	12	11	1	8
10	Sydney FC	7	2	2	3	10	14	-4	8
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	7	1	3	3	9	11	-2	6
12	APIA Leichhardt FC	7	1	2	4	4	9	-5	5

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

APIA Leichhardt FC 1 – Marconi Stallions 1 at Lambert Park

A ten-man Marconi Stallions has held on for a 1-1 draw against APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

It was a determined derby performance from the Stallions who equalised early in the second half before clinging on for a point after going down to ten men only moments later.

APIA opened the scoring in spectacular style courtesy of a Paul Galimi stunner in the 51st minute.

However, the visitors were back on level pegging through Mitch Mallia less than 10 minutes later.

Mark Rodic was sent for an early shower after receiving a red card in the 64th minute with the Stallions digging deep to secure a hard-fought point.

Manly United FC 0 – Sydney Olympic FC 2 at Cromer Park

Sydney Olympic ended Manly United's unbeaten start to the National Premier Leagues NSW men's season with a professional 2-0 victory at Cromer Park on Friday night.

Goals at either side of the break ensured the former NSL giants took three points away from the Northern Beaches.

Jason Madonis broke the deadlock from the spot in virtually the last action of the opening stanza before Fabian Monge added a second midway through the final 45.

It was also a welcome return to ex-Manly United star Brendan Cholakian who returned back to his former stomping ground where he left a winner with his new club.

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TOP GOAL SCORERS

Alec Uroevski	Rockdale Illinden	6
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	6
Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	5
Marko Jesic	Marconi	5
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	5
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	4
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	3
Rory Jordan	Northbridge Bulls	3
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	3
Anthony Frangie	Marconi	3
Mario Shabow	Blacktown City	3
Jack Stewart	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	3



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



28 James Tanoski
29 Chan Deng
32 Juan Da Silva
33 Jaeryun Kim
36 Matthew Scarcella
37 Dimitri Gremos

Head Coach: Jim Patikas
Manager: Con Haramis

38 Frank Puric
39 Peter Politis
40 Matteo Scali
41 Blair Smith
43 Mohammed Khamis

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5	Sydney FC	6	3	2	1	7	3	4	11
6	Marconi Stallions FC	6	3	1	2	7	7	0	10
7	Northbridge Bulls FC	6	2	2	2	9	9	0	8
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	6	2	2	2	6	11	-5	8
9	APIA Leichhardt FC	6	2	1	3	9	13	-4	7
10	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	6	1	2	3	7	13	-6	5
11	Sydney United 58 FC	7	0	2	5	6	18	-12	2
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	7	0	1	6	5	18	-13	1

MARCONI STALLIONS FC RAISES \$4000, IN TEN DAYS FOR CANCER COUNCIL

Since Good Friday, Marconi Stallions FC has so far raised \$4391 for the 'Balls for Balls' Fund Raising campaign for treatment of men's cancers.

Two boys deserve special praise and mention for their efforts so far .

Marko Flaiban (Under 13) has raised \$1360.

Kyden Salim (Under 9) has raised \$1640.

Football Office Administrator Josie Spinozzi who is driving the club's campaign is delighted with the progress so far.

"I am surprised at how much money has been raised in such a short period of time and the two boys have shown the way to the rest of our club to jump on board and support this most important cause."

"No amount of money is too small"

Marconi Stallions FC is one of many Sporting Clubs in Sydney's Western Suburbs to be supporting the Cancer Council's "Balls for Balls" Fundraising event.

"This year, over 76,700 men are expected to be diagnosed with cancer. That is around 8,800 more men than women," Denise Daynes Cancer Council NSW Community Co Ordinator said.

"Skin cancer prevention is a key focus of this campaign ,as we know that men over the age of 40 are 1.5 time more likely to be diagnosed and 2.5

times more likely to die of melanoma than women" said Ms Daynes.

Club Marconi have been long time supporters of Cancer Council and have already committed to supporting the Balls for Balls campaign.

The club is already making donations through a promotion in the licensed club.

"We are keen to promote unsafe behaviour with our players" said Marconi Stallions Football Manager Tony Peters . "We have asked our players to participate in a football juggling fund raiser. This campaign is a great way to increase our players skills, whilst encouraging them to raise funds for a great cause. Our best jugglers will be demonstrating their skills at our match against Blacktown City on May 1 st ." (Half Time)

For the next month ,coaches will conduct competitions at training to see which player in their team is the one to represent them . During the process players will be seeking sponsors as they reach set targets. They can also keep a Juggling Log Book to check on their progress during the next month.

One of the early favourites in the juggling competition is Jetzen Lopez the youngster who went to Borussia Dortmund in 2020

He has exceptional skills in this area.



THE MARKKA CUP

The “innovative” Markka Cup is proving a winner for Marconi Stallions FC as another round of matches is set to be played during the half time break of the Round 8 NPL match against Sydney Olympic.

This weekend will see teams from Marconi Stallions FC, Bossley Park and Hinchinbrook play against each other in the Under 6 and Under 8 age groups.

The Markka Cup has had an impact on the crowd numbers at Marconi Stadium - numbers are up significantly in 2021.

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

Markka provides equipment to clubs – bibs, balls, 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.

Legea and Hallmark Chief Executive Officer 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.

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.

The reaction so far has been very good – a great experience for the young ones walking out with the seniors, the game time, and crowd support.

Pre SAP and Marconi Stallions Junior Manager Tania Corvelo is pleased with how the Markka Cup is going so far.

“The feedback from both neighbouring clubs has been very positive they are enjoying the opportunity and the experience to play on the Main Stadium in front of a good crowd of people.”

“It also helps to build good relationships with neighbouring clubs like Bossley Park and Hinchinbrook.”

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

Markka Cup matches will continue at the Stallions FC home games in the coming weeks.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Manly United FC	14	36	48	84
Sydney Olympic FC	13	30	36	66
Blacktown City FC	14	26	40	66
Rockdale Ilinden FC	14	2	56	58
Sydney United 58 FC	14	4	52	56
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	13	10	44	54
Sydney FC	13	22	32	54
Marconi Stallions FC	13	20	32	52
Wollongong Wolves FC	13	24	24	48
Northbridge Bulls FC	13	16	32	48
Sutherland Sharks FC	13	16	24	40
APIA Leichhardt FC	13	14	20	34

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NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

MANLY UNITED FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC

7:30 PM / FRI 23 APR CROMER PARK

APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC

7:30 PM / FRI 23 APR LAMBERT PARK

MARCONI STALLIONS FC VS MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC

6:00 PM / SAT 24 APR
MARCONI STADIUM

BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS SYDNEY FC

3:00 PM / SUN 25 APR
LILY HOMES STADIUM

ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC

3:00 PM / SUN 25 APR
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC

4:00 PM / SUN 25 APR
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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