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2021 - ROUND 06



**NATIONAL
PREMIER LEAGUES**
NSW

**MARCONI
STADIUM**

**FRIDAY
2ND APRIL
4PM**

CLUB WELCOME

Marconi Stallions FC welcome 2019 Premiers Wollongong Wolves to the “Palace” for a crucial Round 6 clash today, Good Friday.

The Stallions are “rejuvenated” after ending top of the table Sydney United’s four game unbeaten run. In their best display so far, the Stallions started to show why they could be a real threat this season.

The “shock” 2 nil win gets the Stallions back on track after a difficult start to the season. The win and the mid-week drawn result with Northbridge FC (3 all) has moved the Stallions from ninth on the table to sixth, just one point outside the top four.

The Wolves meantime are in eleventh spot on four points but have a game in hand against bottom placed APIA.

The Stallions out thought and out played the competition leaders and were hardly threatened. It is a massive confidence boost going up against the Wolves who lost last start to Northbridge FC conceding very late in the contest.

For Marconi Stallions FC the problem has not been scoring goals, they have nine so far from the five matches, it has been stopping them – keeping a clean sheet against the quality Sydney United 58 attack is a good sign.

The Stallions have been scoring enough goals, three against Rockdale Ilinden FC, and three against Northbridge FC to win games but have conceded

late and dropped vital points – however the mental strength was there for the full ninety minutes against Sydney United 58.

It has been an indifferent start for Wollongong Wolves – their only win so far was against Mt Druitt Town Rangers, they picked up the fourth point from a draw with Manly United.

So far, the Wolves have managed just the four goals from their four starts but as yet have no multiple goal scorers. The Stallions have captain Marko Jesic who continues to be the “heartbeat” of his team. He has three goals already to his name, Anthony Frangie’s header against United was his third goal so far and the pair loom as the main threats for the Wolves.

A win for the Stallions will see them stay well within reach of the top four after a very slow start – three drawn results hopefully will not prove costly at the end of the season.

Wollongong Wolves like Marconi previously need to get moving up the points table, the game in hand with lowly APIA will be crucial to them getting away from the lower part of the ladder. A win against the Stallions will have them right back into calculations for the top four.

We will know at around 6.00pm if the Easter Bunny has been to Marconi Stadium and who will get the Easter Egg three points?

Or will both teams have to share?



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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 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:

M. Weiner

Assistant Referees:

M. Ibrahim and L. Jones

Fourth Official:

A. Naji

*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MATCH PREVIEW

Back-to-back wins will be on Marconi Stallions' agenda when they host Wollongong Wolves at Marconi Stadium on Good Friday.

The Stallions stunned league leaders Sydney United 58 last week 2-0 to notch their first win of the season and will be riding high going into this week's clash.

After four weeks of inconsistent results, Marconi finally found their attacking groove as Anthony Frangie and Giorgio Speranza found the back of the net to end United 58's flawless start to the campaign.

Coach Peter Tsekenis had challenged his players in the lead-up to the Round 5 match to give everything for 90 minutes which was evident in the victory.

It will be similar advice this week against the Wolves.

Anthony Frangie's goal should be the boost the tricky forward needs to take his campaign to another level, while defender Nathan Millgate is another one delivering for Marconi.

They will be up against a Wollongong Wolves side that has struggled so far this season.

A shock 1-0 loss to Northbridge Bulls last week was another frustrating blow to what has been a topsy turvy season for the Wolves who have really missed their influential striker in the currently suspended Thomas James as well as the creative flair of their former Japanese import Takeru Okada.

Poor discipline against the Bulls proved costly for Wollongong, but not as much as the late defensive lapse, which allowed the visitors to snatch a winner in the 92nd minute.

Coach Luke Wilkshire was not happy with his side's performance and will be pushing his players in a big way at training this week.

Shot stopper Hayden Durose was one Wollongong player who stood out and could be in for a big day against a dangerous Marconi attack.

Marconi will be the favourites at home, but can they find the consistency required to win two in a row.

An exciting contest to open the week's fixture and one worth tuning in for.

1ST GRADE LADDER

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

FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

Marconi Stallions 2 – Sydney United 58 0 at Marconi Stadium

Marconi Stallions have stunned competition leaders Sydney United 58 to notch a shock 2-0 win at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

It was the Stallions first win of the season and ends United 58's flawless start to the campaign.

Goals either side of half-time courtesy of Anthony Frangie and Giorgio Speranza were the difference as an inspired Marconi attack proved too much for their local rivals.

The result gets Marconi's season back on track after a difficult start to the season moving them only one point outside the top five.

Wollongong Wolves 0 – Northbridge Bulls 1 at WIN Stadium

Northbridge Bulls earned their first win of the season with a late 1-0 victory against Wollongong Wolves at WIN Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

A Moudi Najjar goal in the dying stages was the difference as the visitors claimed all three competition points.

It was a frustrating result for the Wolves who failed to hit their mark but seemed likely to hold on for a draw.

However, Najjar had different ideas snatching victory in the most dramatic of fashion.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK



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TOP GOAL SCORERS

Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	5
Alec Uroevski	Rockdale Illinden	5
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	4
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	4
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	3
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	3
Marko Jesic	Marconi	3
Rory Jordan	Northbridge Bulls	3
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	3
Anthony Frangie	Marconi	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



1 Tomas Butkovic
2 Evan Ball
3 Brendan Low
4 Jacob Garner
5 Luca Danzo
6 Fletcher McFarlane
7 Noah Vidler
8 Jake Lavalle
9 Lewis Grimshaw

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

10 Nico Duarte
11 Mason Mavridis
12 Rocky Lavalle
13 Paul Soravia
14 Jarvis Patterson
15 Jayden Smileski
17 Nav Darjani
19 Deakin Brownlee
21 Keegan Matias

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3	Sydney Olympic FC	4	3	0	1	8	2	6	9
4	Sutherland Sharks FC	4	2	1	1	6	3	3	7
5	Blacktown City FC	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	7
6	Marconi Stallions FC	4	2	1	1	4	5	-1	7
7	Northbridge Bulls FC	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6
9	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	4	1	2	1	3	6	-3	5
10	APIA Leichhardt FC	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
11	Sydney United 58 FC	5	0	1	4	4	12	-8	1
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	5	0	0	5	2	14	-12	0

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



MARCONI JUGGLING FOR CANCER COUNCIL

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.

The aim is to raise funds for men's cancers .

"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 sunsafe 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 1st ." (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.



**We're getting
bally about
men's cancers.**

**Please donate to our Balls for Balls
fundraiser today!**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Manly United FC	10	24	36	60
Sydney United 58 FC	10	2	48	50
Sydney FC	9	20	28	48
Sydney Olympic FC	8	18	24	42
Blacktown City FC	10	14	28	42
Marconi Stallions FC	9	14	24	38
Sutherland Sharks FC	9	14	20	34
Rockdale Ilinden FC	10	0	32	32
Northbridge Bulls FC	9	12	20	32
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	9	10	20	30
Wollongong Wolves FC	8	12	16	28
APIA Leichhardt FC	9	8	16	24

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 Men's: <https://mens.nplnsw.com.au/club-championship/>
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NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

MANLY UNITED FC VS SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC

7:00 PM / FRI 9 APR CROMER PARK

NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC

3:00 PM / SAT 10 APR FAIRFIELD
SHOWGROUND

APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS MARCONI STALLIONS FC

3:00 PM / SUN 11 APR LAMBERT PARK

BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS

MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC

3:00 PM / SUN 11 APR LILY HOMES
STADIUM

SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC

3:00 PM / SUN 11 APR SYDNEY UNITED
SPORTS CENTRE

SYDNEY FC VS SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC

6:30 PM / SUN 11 APR ROCKDALE
ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE



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)	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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