

# KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 13



**NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES**  
NSW

**MARCONI  
STADIUM**

**SATURDAY  
22ND MAY  
6PM**

## CLUB WELCOME

Lowly placed Marconi Stallions FC (10th) and Sutherland Sharks (11th) will be desperate for the precious three points when they meet tonight at Marconi Stadium.

On paper at least, Marconi Stallions against Sutherland Sharks holds little interest - with both teams seemingly already out of premiership contention.

Prior to the start of the season Marconi Stallions were tipped as the "Benchmark" team to beat. However, so far, it has been a frustrating, disappointing season.

The Stallions have not won since March 27th (their only win) when they played their best football to beat the then "top of the table" Sydney United 2-0.

Since then "it has been lean pickings" – they have become the "Draw Specialists" – EIGHT IN ALL SO FAR. This is proving costly on the points table.

16 points out of a possible 24 have gone begging for the Stallions.

Those 16 points would have had the Stallions on top of the table instead, they are languishing in 10th spot on 11 points, just 2 points ahead of both Sutherland Sharks and Sydney FC.

Speaking of Sydney FC, they led the Stallions 3-1 into the second half last round before a "brave" fightback saw the Stallions score twice for a 3 all draw.

With both teams where they are on the table it is an excellent opportunity to get back on the winners list. The first round could have gone either way

finishing at 2 all after Stallion's goalkeeper Nenad Vekic saved a penalty.

The two clubs also met recently in the FFA Cup Round 5 – the Stallions won 1-0 against a ten-man Sharks side for much of the game which went to extra time.

The Stallions hopes rest largely on the shoulders of captain Marko Jesic. His 7 goals so far, has him in touch with the leading goal scorers in the NPL. The Stallions other "threats" Mitch Malia and Anthony Frangie (3 goals each) will provide strong support, and both pose a threat to the Sharks who were "gummy" last start.

They were "outplayed" 5-1 by an improving Northbridge Bulls. The Sharks could not match the intensity of the Bulls who were always in control. A repeat of this could see the Stallions front line posing a real danger.

Marconi Stallions Coach Peter Tsekenis said "we can only take it one game at a time. Too many draws has really hurt us. We do now have to look at winning every game starting with the Sharks."

As for the Sutherland Sharks "in this competition every team can beat anyone on their day. If you want to win, you need to be on top of your game – that's how we have to be against the Sharks."

Continuing on from Female Football Week earlier this month, our U8 Girls will feature in Markka Cup this Saturday. Playing against U8 Girls from Hinchinbrook FC. We are excited to welcome these girls (especially our first all-girls junior football team) to Marconi Stadium this Saturday evening.



## 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 Anthony Bouzanis (GK)
- 2 Adam Massoud
- 3 Gabriel Contigiani
- 4 Brendan Hooper
- 5 Nic Petrillo
- 6 Patrick O'Shea
- 7 Peter Simonovski
- 8 Oliver Green
- 9 Jeremy Cox
- 10 Lachlan Everett
- 12 Harry Sutherland
- 13 Charlie Jones
- 14 Christopher Lindsay
- 16 Gerrard Roebuck (GK)
- 17 James Andrew
- 21 Luke Sauer
- 22 Patrick Scibilio
- 23 Jarad Wiley
- 25 Alex Masciovecchio
- 88 Chris McStay
- 99 Jonathan Grozdanovski

Head Coach: Nick Dimovski

Assistant Coaches: Luis Contigiani &  
Steve Gordon

**Referee:**

**T. Danaskos**

**Assistant Referees:**

**E. Kocbek and P. Teleki**

**Fourth Official:**

**H. Al-Nakeeb**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## MATCH PREVIEW

Marconi Stallions are in desperate need of a winning edge, and they will be hoping to find it at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night against Sutherland Sharks.

The Stallions fought back to snatch a 3-3 draw against Sydney FC in Round 12 courtesy of goals from Anthony Frangie, Marco Jesic and Mitch Mallia.

It was the Stallions eighth draw of the campaign, with their inability to close out matches proving very costly.

Coach Peter Tsekenis would've been happy to see his star attacking players all on the scoresheet last week and will be hoping It is the start of a run of goals for the trio.

They will be facing off against a Sutherland Sharks side who have lost their past three fixtures and will be desperate for victory.

Sutherland was embarrassed 5-1 by Northbridge Bulls in Round 12, and the pressure will be on the Nick Dimovski coached outfit to find a way to win.

Players such as Chris McStar and Lachlan

Everett have been a feature for the Sharks in every one of the team's matches and will be relied on to continue the consistency they have shown this campaign.

Sutherland spurned a late winner against Marconi in their round two clash and will be looking to go one better this time.

Both sides have had their struggles this season, but they each have solid rosters and should never be written off.

This match is set to be a tight affair.



## 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC	12	8	1	3	24	10	14	25
2	Sydney United 58 FC	12	7	3	2	24	13	11	24
3	Rockdale Ilinden FC	12	6	5	1	23	11	12	23
4	Manly United FC	12	5	4	3	14	16	-2	19
5	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	12	4	5	3	14	15	-1	17
6	Sydney Olympic FC	12	5	1	6	13	14	-1	16
7	Wollongong Wolves FC	12	4	4	4	17	21	-4	16
8	APIA Leichhardt FC	12	4	2	6	12	16	-4	14
9	Northbridge Bulls FC	12	3	3	6	24	22	2	12
10	Marconi Stallions FC	12	1	8	3	18	21	-3	11
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	12	2	3	7	15	26	-11	9
12	Sydney FC	12	2	3	7	19	32	-13	9

## FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

### Sydney FC 3 – Marconi Stallions 3 at Ilinden Sports Centre

Sydney FC and the Marconi Stallions concluded what was an entertaining round 12 of matches as the match ended in a thrilling 3-3 draw in Sunday's late fixture at the Ilinden Sports Centre.

The Young Sky Blues entered the game in last position but one would hardly have known as early in the second half Jimmy Van Weeren's men led 3-1 before an excellent fight back by Marconi, thanks to goals from Anthony Frangie and Marko Jesic.

Marconi have drawn eight matches this season and will be kicking themselves once again for not securing all three points.

That's 16 points out of a possible 24 that have gone begging for the Stallions.

### Sutherland Sharks 1 – Northbridge Bulls 5 at Seymour Shaw Park

Northbridge Bulls earned their third win of the season with a comprehensive 5-1 victory over Sutherland Sharks at Seymour Shaw on Saturday afternoon.

A Patrick O'Shea own goal and Milislav Popovic strike saw the visitors go into the break two goals in front, before they wrapped up the win with a free-scoring performance in the second half.

Popovic scored his second just after halftime before his replacement Bul Juach netted a brace of his own to complete the rout despite Jonathan Grozdanovski's consolation goal for the Sharks.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	24	36	100	136
Manly United FC	24	60	76	136
Sydney United 58 FC	24	28	96	124
Sydney Olympic FC	24	50	64	114
Rockdale Ilinden FC	24	8	92	100
Wollongong Wolves FC	23	34	64	98
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	24	24	68	92
APIA Leichhardt FC	24	26	56	82
Sydney FC	24	44	36	80
Marconi Stallions FC	24	34	44	78
Northbridge Bulls FC	24	28	48	76
Sutherland Sharks FC	23	24	36	60

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/>



# TEAM OF THE WEEK



PANDUREVIC



POPOVIC



ANTELM



IVANOVIC



SAVOR



INGRAM



JORDAN



CORDIER



CAMPBELL



VLASTELICA



SALIADARRE

ROUND 12

#NPLNSW

## TOP GOAL SCORERS

Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	10
Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	10
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	8
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	7
Travis Major	Blacktown City	7
Marko Jesic	Marconi	7
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	5
Jack Stewart	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	5
Lachlan Scott	Wollongong Wolves	5
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	5



## U20 TEAM LISTS



30 Jordan Ford  
31 Daniel Helweh  
32 Jarred McKinley  
22 Andrew Holder  
25 Blake Ilitch  
18 Dimos Vlachos  
33 Jackson Angelou  
35 Jeremy Dinh

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



27 Jay McGowan  
28 Kristopher Jovanovski  
26 Matthew Marrum  
30 Tristan Maher  
31 Jordan Wang  
32 Nelson Lam  
33 Evan Souris

Coach: Nick Porecca  
Asst. Coach: Halil Boz  
Managers: Matthew Smith, Jason Joaquim

34 Julian Trovato  
35 Mitchell Heapy  
36 Alexander Mangion  
37 Nathan Tohme  
38 Samuel Amey  
39 Jonny Ress  
40 Tommy Ruperto



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4	Blacktown City FC	12	5	3	4	23	12	11	18
5	Wollongong Wolves FC	11	5	2	4	19	18	1	17
6	Marconi Stallions FC	12	5	2	5	15	16	-1	17
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8	Northbridge Bulls FC	12	4	2	6	19	22	-3	14
9	APIA Leichhardt FC	12	3	4	5	16	23	-7	13
10	Sutherland Sharks FC	11	3	3	5	11	20	-9	12
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	12	3	3	6	18	31	-13	12
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	12	0	4	8	10	28	-18	4



# MARCONI STALLIONS' FC COMMENDED IN STATE PARLIAMENT

The amazing Fund-Raising efforts of Marconi Stallions FC Boys and Girls SAP and Youth Programs which totaled \$15, 260 has been recognized in State Parliament.

Mr. Guy Zangari -Member for Fairfield – “I recently met with M’s Denise Daynes and Sinilia Radijevoic from the Cancer Council to speak about the Cancer Council’s upcoming initiatives of the Biggest Morning Tea and Relay for Life. We also spoke about Cancer Council’s new initiative to raise money for men’s cancer support services, with the initiative being called the Balls for Balls Fundraiser.

This particular fund raiser is about getting friends together and playing a ball game. It could be football, baseball or any other game involving a ball. At the same time, teams will be raising money for the Cancer Council to help support men who are affected by cancer. This ball, so to speak, is well and truly rolling in the Fairfield area, with the Marconi Stallions being the front runners so far in this project, raising \$15,000 to date. Money raised through Balls for Balls will help fund vital research into men’s cancer as well as assist to support men with cancer at every stage. The Cancer Council does a fantastic job in raising awareness about cancer prevention as well as providing support services for cancer patients.”

The boys and girls who raised most of the money were presented to the crowd at half time of Marconi Stallions home game against Blacktown City. The players each received scarves, and \$20 in tokens

to Funland. Incredibly, six players raised more than \$1000 each in four weeks.

The top fund raisers also received a \$25 Piazza voucher.

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

The Cancer Council were at the Stadium with a stall to help educate and collect donations.

Football Chairman Robert Carniato is extremely proud of the fund-raising efforts made by the boys and girls in the program

“This is an extremely important cause, raising money to help save people’s lives, it is a great reflection of the character and qualities these young people have.”

• Cooper Chahine	\$3,600
• Markko Flaiban	\$2,550
• Ava Paolini	\$2,090
• Kyden Salim	\$1,640
• Daniel Di Giorgio	\$1,490
• Flynn Mason	\$1,000
• Isaiah Wanna	\$665
• Sumalee Radzki	\$412
• Claudia Cox	\$296
• Shwan Khaffaf	\$270
• Allysya Ng -Saad	\$188
• Josh Mezzano	\$52
• Derelle Avery	\$36





As you may be aware this is National Volunteer Week ( May 17 -23 ).

It is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers.

Marconi Stallions FC would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the people who volunteer their services to this club.

We would like to Recognise, celebrate, and thank our volunteers for the vital role they play in ensuring our club is able to provide the services required for our coaches, players, and parents.

Following a year where Australia has dealt with a world-wide pandemic our volunteers have helped to enable our club to continue to operate and function.

Volunteers like those listed below have helped to make our club stronger especially during difficult times.

The Club appreciates in this changing environment where Australians are time poor and experiencing higher degrees of uncertainty and stress our volunteers have provided support and continued to ensure our program functions and our coaches ,players and parents are able to enjoy the opportunities provided.

Please remember when you have the opportunity, to thank our many volunteers for the often-unrewarded work they do . They make personal sacrifices to ensure the week to week functioning of the Football Club continues.

Marconi Stallions FC acknowledges the following people for their much appreciated and valued contributions .

- Joe Buccafurri
- Franco Di Franco
- Allan Lo Proto
- Alex Zamprogno
- Sasa Jovanic
- Mark Cuello
- Leo Corvelo
- Rocco Brunetta
- Damien Bonanni
- Sanjay Bhatia
- Don Sofi
- Steve Sofi
- Renee Tomkins
- Angelique Lynch
- Bronwyn Kiceec
- Chadi Zahra
- Josie Spinozzi
- Matt Anastasio
- Rosemary Sollecito
- Tania Corvelo

# FUNLAND PROVIDING MARCONI STALLIONS FC PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Funland ,one of Australia's fastest growing Arcade Entertainments is providing Player of the Match Awards to boys and girls in the Marconi Stallions FC SAP, and younger Youth Age Groups .

Each week, until the end of the season, a program will be chosen, and Awards will be given to the player chosen by the Coach and Team Manager.

The player nominated, will receive \$20 worth of tokens at Funland ( Arcade inside Club Marconi ) and will be eagerly sought after.

Arcade Trader Director Beau Scott (Former NRL player with St George and Newcastle ) is delighted to extend Funland's involvement with the Marconi Stallions Football Club.

"I was most impressed when the SAP and Youth boys and girls raised \$15,000 for the Balls for Balls Cancer Council Campaign .

We donated tokens to each of the fund raisers because we admired their commitment to the cause.

The Player of the Match Awards are simply an extension of that" he added.

So far , Funland Player of the Match Awards have been given out in the following:

Boys SAP v Manly United -Round 8

Under 9 – Kyden Salim

Under 10- Lachlan Cooke

Under 11- Sebastian Spinozzi

Under 12- Elhan Katovic

Girls SAP v Sydney United -Round 7

Under 10 – Cydnee Avery

Under 11 – Shrika Salvi

Under 12 – Annalise Slewo

Under 13 – Angelina Putrus



Boys SAP winners with Technical Director Andy Severin.



Girls SAP winners.

## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**

7:00 PM / SAT 29 MAY  
POPONDETTA PARK

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
SYDNEY FC**

7:00 PM / SAT 29 MAY  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC**

3:00 PM / SUN 30 MAY  
LAMBERT PARK

**BLACKTOWN CITY FC VS  
MANLY UNITED FC**

3:00 PM / SUN 30 MAY  
LILY HOMES STADIUM

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**

3:00 PM / SUN 30 MAY  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS  
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**

3:00 PM / SUN 30 MAY  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



# 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)	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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