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#### FROM THE COACH















Welcome to our round 11 clash against Sutherland Sharks FC.

We are coming off a solid 5-3 win against Sydney FC last Sunday. Whilst our defending at times was less than ideal, there were a lot of positives to take out of the match. We had a young side on the pitch and I was pleased with how the boys reacted – in particular there were good performances from the likes of Lachlan Scott, Marcus Beattie, Darcy Madden and Nav Darjani. Nav has only played two games in first grade, but both have been good performances. He is a local lad who has made his way through our club's junior system and it is really pleasing to see him take his opportunity. He offers

us something a little different in midfield and is a player that can really excite supporters and cause headaches for defenses. He has the potential and now the opportunity to really establish himself as a 1st grade player.

Today I expect us to put up a good display against Sutherland. We are only 4 points outside the top 4 and this is an important 3 points up for grabs. I expect our squad to be eager to start well and continue our run of goal scoring.

I hope you enjoy the match and look forward to seeing you at The Fraternity Club after the game.

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#### **MATCH PREVIEW**

#### v Sutherland Sharks

Northern neighbours Sutherland Sharks come to the South Coast for today's 2021 Round 11 against the Wollongong Wolves and this encounter should be a different diversion. In the matches since 2013 the Sharks have achieved twenty-one goals against the Wolves at a goal per game ratio of 1.5, while the Wolves have a ratio of 1.85 from twenty-six goals attained. The club's initial meeting was in 1987 with the Wolves winning 4-0, the goal scorers being Randall Easthorpe with two and Robert Giraldi and Zivko Hristovski.

## THE OPPOSITION TODAY – SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC

Sutherland did not play in Rebooted 2020 NPL season opting to stay out but are back in 2021. Coach Nick Dimovski has signed a number returning players to the club including strikers Peter Simonoski, James Andrews and Jeremy Cox together with goalkeeper Anthony Bouzanis plus Chris McStay, with Chris Lindsay signing from Northbridge Bulls.

One of the Honours that the club has achieved since being formed in 1931, was the being the 1978 First Division champions. After achieving second place in the league with seventeen points from sixteen wins and five draws, and scoring and conceding forty and seventeen goals respectively, the team drew the Grand Final 1-1 with Sydney Croatia. In the subsequent replay Sutherland emerged the victors winning 2-1 with Paul Smith, the current club president being one of the players together with Vic Dal Forno.

In the 2019 season, the last season the club was active, Sutherland concluded in eighth position on twenty-eight points, earned from seven wins and seven draws. Thirty-six goals were scored with a 1.63 goals per game average and thirty-three conceded with a goal difference of plus three and 1.5 ratio. The top scorer was Jeremy Cox with ten goals and eight players contributed in the goal scoring. The team failed to score on four occasions with the best result being 5-0 versus Manly United in Round 17 with the least impressive result being 0-4 against the Wolves. Marc Warren was selected in the 'Team Of The Year' after gaining five selections in the 'Team Of The Week'. Charles Lokoli Ngov was next in line in the Team Of The Week selections with three representations, followed by one each to Anthony Bouzanis, 'Quivi' Fowler, Raul Romero, Jordan Morfitis, Pat O'Shea, Jerry Skodatis and Jeremy Cox. The best result sequence without losing was twelve matches - draw, draw, draw, draw, draw, draw, win, win, draw, win draw and win, Rounds 6-17. The worst losing sequence was four, Rounds 2-6. There were three multi goal scorers in a single match with those being a brace to each of Raul Romero, Lokoli Ngoy and Cox. The quickest goal was in Round 17, scored in the seventh minute by Raul Ramero.

Sutherland has concluded the previous five seasons that the club played in 10th, 7th, 10th, 10th and 8th position.

#### THE MATCH UP

Head to head since the first meeting in 1987, The Wolves have twelve league wins compared with the Sharks fourteen. The teams have also met three times in Finals and a cup game with the Wolves winning all of these confrontations, albeit one of these being a penalty shootout.

In 2021, the Sharks and the Wolves occupy tenth and eighth positions on the standings with two and three wins respectively. Both teams have conceded eighteen goals with the Wolves scoring one more goal than the Sharks' twelve in all.

The top scorer for each club is James Andrew (SS) with six and Lachlan Scott with four for the Wolves. Five Sutherland players have featured with goals compared with eight for the Wolves. Players who scored in the previous round were James Andrew and Chris McStay (SS) together with Marcus Beattie x2, Lachlan Scott, Daniel Loe and Nav Darjani (WW).

In the previous round, Sutherland were defeated by Sydney Olympic 2-4 and Wollongong accounted for Sydney FC.. 5-3.

In the five previous rounds played the result sequence is – Wolves (with R4 postponed game played after R7) – Draw, Win, Loss, Loss and Win, Sharks -Loss, Draw, Loss, Win and Loss.PLAYERS TO WATCH

Sharks' striker James Andrew has achieved six goals so far this season with a brace being achieved in Round 7 and a treble in Round 5. He is a speedy customer and positions to the utmost in the penalty area to take advantage of scoring opportunities.

He is an adept poacher and not reticent to take on opposition defenders with his close skill.

Wolves' midfielder Leroy Jennings is playing his first season with the club and he is motivated and strives for the team in an impressive manner. He is able to win the ball most often in tackles and keeps opposition players on their toes with deft skill and direct play. He provided the assist for Lachlan Scott in the APIA Leichhardt Round 9 game. He is against one of his former teams after turning out for the Sharks in 2018.

These two players may be most influential in the proceedings.

## SCORES AND SCORERS FROM PREVIOUS FIVE LEAGUE MEETINGS

- 1. 2017. Sutherland Sharks 0 defeated by Wollongong Wolves 3 (Yuzo Tashiro x2, own goal)
- 2. 2017. Wollongong Wolves 3 (Peter Simonoski x2, Yuzo Tashiro) defeated Sutherland Sharks 0
- 3. 2018. Sutherland Sharks 3 (Adrian Vranic x2, Nick Olsen) defeated Wollongong Wolves 0
- Wollongong Wolves 2 (Jordan Nikolovski, Nick Montgomery) defeated Sutherland Sharks 1 (Adrian Vranic)
- Sutherland Sharks 2 (Juan Romero, Raul Romero) drew with Wollongong Wolves 2 (Nikola Djordjevic, Taylor McDonald)

#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Round 2 in 2014 saw the teams battle it out at Seymour Shaw Park. The personnel for the Sharks for this game were Nathan Denham, Nick Littler, Matt Gordon, Michael Stuart, Lukas Stergiou, Nathan Elasi, Jamie McMaster, Perry Moustakis, Panni Nikas, and Adamos Pierettis. Ethan Galbraith and Jordan Figon replaced McMaster and Pierettis, with the coach being Robert Stanton. The Wolves team comprised of Daniel Collison, Jack Keating, Michael Robinson, Zac Mackenzie, Chris Price, Matthew Bailey, Darcy Madden, Joseph Lavalle, Ricky Zucco, Sam Matthews and Jacob Timpano. James Baldacchino and Chris Nathaniel replaced Price and Zucco and Richard Lloyd was the coach.

The Wolves players were moving up quickly in order

the stifle the Sharks creators and a Zucco shot was palmed by Denham it onto the cross bar to effect a good save while at the other end Collison did well to thwart Flasi. In the seventeenth minute the Wolves. hit the lead. Zucco dispossessed a central defender on the periphery of the penalty area and his subsequent low shot flew into the goal and bulged the inside goal netting. It took until the sixty-second minute before the scoreboard clicked over. Nikas produced a long distance shot from outside the box that flew into the goal with power and precision. Littler went close with a header in an effort to put his team in front and a Price header from a Mackenzie cross caused consternation at the other end. Prior to Price's effort, substitute Figon took advantage of an errant pass from a Wolves' defender as he surged in, take possession to then score the winner. This occurred with eleven minutes to go.

# TWO SELECTED TOP SCORERS FOR SUTHERLAND SHARKS - ADRIAN VRANIC and PANNI NIKAS

In 2017, Adrian Vranic was the Sharks top goal getter with a haul of ten goals. In Round 4 versus Wollongong Wolves, he achieved a brace to get his scoring off to a good start. Keisuke Hayashi progressed down the right before the whipping the ball into the goal area. The Wolves' defence could not effectively clear and Vranic was able to scramble it over the line for the initial goal. He added his tenth goal in the Round 22 defeat of Blacktown City scoring his goal in the fifty-seventh minute. He was a hat trick scorer and achieved one other brace apart from the one mentioned above.

Midfielder Nikas scored twelve goals in 2014 to reach the club's summit of scoring, with his first of the season in Round 1 versus Blacktown Spartans in the sixth minute of the match.

# TWO SELECTED TOP SCORERS FOR WOLLONGONG WOLVES - CLAUDIO CELLINI and PETER SIMONOSKI

The skilful midfielder achieved five goals in the N.S.L. 1991/92 season to top the count and his initial goal was the first one in a brace achieved in the Round 7 Brisbane Strikers game at Brandon Park. His final one was in Round 21 Sydney Olympic fixture scoring in the forty-sixth minute. He played twenty-four games in this season with a goal per

game average of 0.2.

Simonoski in 2018 attained a total of twelve goals during the season from twenty-one games. His initial one was versus Sydney FC in Round 3, scoring the eighty-sixth minute. His goal per game ratio was 0.57.

## TWO REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH CLUBS - MATTHEW GORDON and PAUL HARRIES

Gordon, a left footed midfielder played for the Wolves making one appearance in the 2003/04 season after coming on as a substitute in the seventy-third minute for John Majurovski in the Round 8 Sydney Olympic encounter.

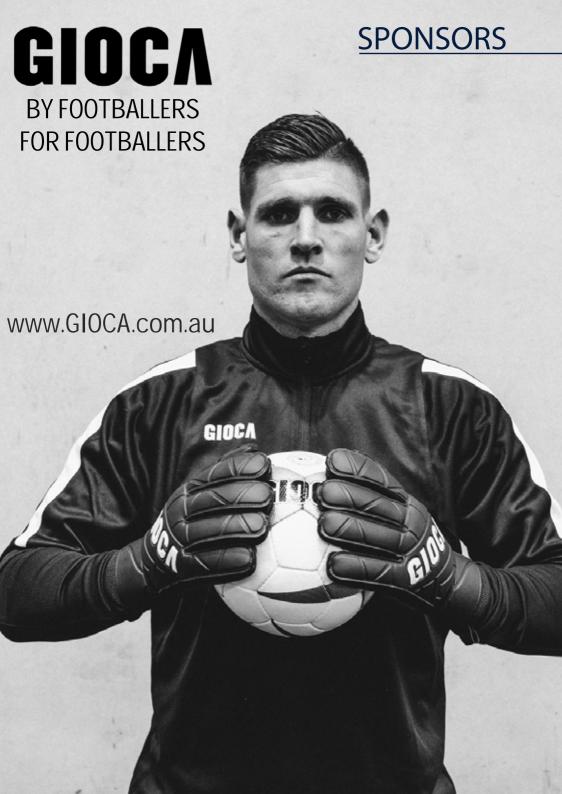
He was at the Seymour Shaw for five seasons from 2013 to 2016 one of his goals was in the 2012 Round 21 versus Blacktown City with another in the 2016 Round 19 Wollongong Wolves match achieving his three minutes prior to the half time break. He was formerly at Marconi for several seasons before transferring to the Sharks.

Striker Harries played for Sutherland in the 2007 season and was the top scorer with five goals. His first goal came against the Wolves with a spinning ball eluding the Wolves' custodian Zlatko Josevski and Harries headed home with three defenders beaten for the ball on thirty-nine minutes.

In the 2004/05 season, Harries was with the Wolves and his first game of nine in this season was in the Round 10 Rockdale City Suns match and he scored in this match. He projected a Michael Clare cross in on fifty-one minutes. Prior he had turned out for the club in the 2000/01 season making six appearances with one goal, this coming in the Round 14 Northern Spirit encounter, scored in the thirty-seventh minute. In addition, he turned out for one cup clash.

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#### **FEATURE STORY**

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In all of the Wolves' league match history since 1981, there has never been a match that ended with a 5-3 win result until Round 10 2021 on May 2nd when the team defeated Sydney FC by that score at llinden Sports Ground, Rockdale. Conversely there has only been the one reverse result that occurred a solitary time in 2006 and that game was played at Marconi Stadium.

The scorers of the goals and various circumstances behind each will be featured.

With a 6.30 kick off time the Wolves kicked off and the team consisted of Hayden Durose GK, Taylor McDonald, Darcy Madden, Marcus Beattie, Brendan Griffin, Nav Darjani, Leroy Jennings, Daniel Loe, Fletcher MacFarlane. Evan Ball and Lachlan Scott (Capt.). Jake Lavalle, Jarvis Patterson, Stefan Dimoski, Harrison Taranto and Liam Wille replaced Beattie, Darjani, Jennings, McFarlane and Scott respectively.

Barely ten minutes had elapsed when a sweeping Sydney FC movement from out of defence with Patrick Yasbek and Jordi Swibel involved. It culminated with Patrick Wood scoring the first goal. However, It did not take too long before Beattie replied for his first goal of 2021 when he headed in at the far post from a close vicinity after a corner kick was curved with a few headed deflections in the mix. He was making up for lost time since resuming in this match following a suspension. Scott later set up Darjani who propelled the ball high into the Sydney domain for his inaugural goal. Scott helped himself to a goal on thirty-eight minutes and his team led 3-1 at half time, which was in common with the other match with the same score line.

The second half first goal was a debut one for the Wolves' Loe. He headed in near the post before Wood achieved his brace for Sydney FC. The Wolves hit back again with Scott passed to Darjani and he moved the ball to the far post. Beattie got down low to press his header into the goal. Sydney FC on eighty-eight minutes added to their score when, unfortunately, Madden put the ball into his own net following Swibel's troublesome cross from the left. With four of added time, the Wolves ran out 5-3 winners

The other 5-3 match in 2006 was played on Saturday

6th March with kick off at 7.30 p.m. The Wolves lineup was Nathan Denham GK, Chris Price, Andrew Mumford, Steve Hayes, Dustin Wells, Ballamodou Conde (Capt.), Daniel Aliffi, Darren McDonald, Ian Waldon Adam Casey and Dean Kerr, Wayne Gibson, Andrew Lazarou came on for Wells and Waldon with the side being coached by Eddie Tesoro.

Wollongong went to lead nine minutes in when Aliffi got onto the score sheet. Marconi's Tony Faria replied three minutes later. Casey added the second on the half hour with Aliffi bringing up his brace thirteen minutes before the half time break eventuated with the Wolves leading 3-1. However, in the second stanza, it was all Marconi with Faria adding another to achieve his brace on the hour before John Buonavoglia scored with a spot kick following a Wolves' infringement seven minutes later. Marconi added two late goals in the dying minutes with Faria attaining his hat trick and Vuko Tomasevic rounding out the victory 5-3 by scoring in the Ninety-second minute.

Twice in the history has 5-3 or 3-5 been achieved out of seven hundred twenty four league matches, which is 0.27%, a rare occurrence.

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#### **FEATURE STORY**

#### **THE LAST WALTZ**

'The last waltz' in 2019 consisted off three matches played in the FFA NPL Finals with the Wollongong Wolves playing three teams from outside the state of New South Wales. All matches were played at Albert Butler Memorial Park, Kemblawarra with the kick off times varying between two times, 3 p.m. for the first match and 2.30 for the other two.

The initial match in the series was played on Saturday 21st September with opposition being Canberra Olympic, a team in which the Wolves season top scorer, Thomas James had formerly played with. The home team consisted of Justin Pasfield (Captain), Taylor McDonald, Nikola Djordjevic, Chris Price, Guy Knight, James, Brendan Griffin, Harry Callahan, Lachlan Scott, Nick Littler and James Stojcevski. Takeru Okada, Liam Wille and Stefan Dimoski replaced Griffin, Callahan and Scott respectively.

Canberra took to the field with former A-League player with Sydney FC and Brisbane Roar in Kofi Danning and with his vast experience was to the fore for his team. Canberra employed the tactics of rushing the ball player to not give time on the ball and stifle their rhythm. For the first twenty minutes or so this tactic held sway but could make their opportunities count. However, it was the Wolves who went out to lead when Scott converted his chance in the thirty-sixth minute. Callahan was on the end of a Knight lifted pass. He then moved forward in possession in a swift manner before relaying the ball to Scott. Scott dragged the ball backwards before turning and dispatching the ball into the goal. Earlier in the lead-up Djordjevic, Price, James and Knight were involved. Canberra's Danning was instrumental into setting an instant reply with Nik Popovich's double efforts being blocked by Knight and McDonald. Prior to half time, the Wolves doubled their advantage. On being tackled, James managed to move the ball to Scott. He pushed the ball into the box and chased it and when he regained possession, he was impeded. lames took the spot kick and rifled his shot to the left of the custodian.

Canberra's Jay Kelly looked to start the second half in a positive fashion, but his shot from distance missed the target. Only four minutes into the second stanza, the Wolves scored their third. Stojcevski slotted home a pass from James following Scott, Callahan and Griffin's immediate involvement. A Danning free kick saw Nathan Megic heading narrowly wide to further Canberra's frustration. A fourth goal to the Wolves emanated five minutes on when Littler collected a return pass from Scott who had eluded two players on his way. The central defender pushed the ball home with consummate ease.

Canberra was not going to be denied when Popovich pulled one back on fifty-six minutes. Danning and Stephen Domenici were engaged in the preamble before the striker struck pay dirt with his strong effort. The Wolves were not resting on their laurels when a fifth goal was in the offing.

Both Wille and Dimoski vied for the ball in the eightyeighth minute and Wille produced the first shot which struck Dimoski. The ball rebounded and ran across the goal. Dimoski ran it down and projected it into the goal. The Wolves had conquered the first hurdle 5-1.

Wollongong coach Luke Wilkshire - 'in the first twenty minutes we did not hit our straps like what we would have liked and it was disappointing, but once we got into stride and obviously with the quality in the team, we came through in the end.' Djordjevic - 'It was a tough start. We did not come out firing like they did... We got there in the end.' Canberra coach Frank Cachia - 'to be honest, fitness found us out a little bit... we kept on trying to create and kept going forward and did not just set up shop and have damage control.' Danning - 'I think they (Wolves) were not familiar with how we played.... It was nice to get one back and it would have good to get a few more. It is what it is.'

Perth S.C. was the next cab off the rank and the Wolves were at home again after being ahead in statistics over Perth from the first games. The line-up this time was Pasfield, McDonald, Djordjevic, Price, James, Okada, Callahan, Knight, Scott, Littler and Stojcevski. Darcy Madden, Dimoski and Griffin came on for Callahan, Scott and Stojcevski respectively.

Perth had qualified for this match after bundling out Heidelberg United 3-2 in extra time. The team from the west would certainly provide a stern test of resolve.

As it promised to be, the match turned out to be a

tense and sometimes torrid affair as each team vied for dominance. Matthew Milenkovic had Perth's first attempt on goal and before too long had elapsed, Kristian Santich and Michael Domfeh forged chances. As time marched on, Djordjevic and Littler were safe and secure in defence as they thwarted attacks. Callahan and Stojcevski had chances in the early stages but could not make them count but showed the team's intent.

The Wolves got a game breaker a minutes shy of the half hour when James broke Perth's defence. The striker had thrown his leg out to gain possession of the ball before progressing in between two defenders with one in particular giving chase. His first shot from inside the penalty area deflected off the chasing defender as the custodian Francis Soale venture off his line to save. However, he could not hold the ball or propel it out. James got onto it and from an acute angle sent it home in a powerful manner. Involved in the lead-up were Knight, Okada, Stojcevski and Callahan.

Domfeh was ever dangerous throughout the match and Pasfield made a couple of saves including one, a header from Andreas Theodosiades. A third striker was brought on with the hope of gaining parity and it looked promising.

A number of flashpoints erupted through frustration in the last ten minutes as Perth vied for an equalizer and looked for extra time. The Wolves needed another to defuse the situation and Dimoski went close, but Soale was there to deny and deflect over. In time added on, Okada scored with his left foot from a sharp angle beating defenders and the custodian as the ball lodged into the goal. McDonald, Griffin, Madden and James all played a part in the proceedings.

Wilkshire - 'They are a good side, and they came here and were desperate to win....It was a one off game and I would have liked the second goal to have come earlier. The boys have been fantastic all year and we have one to go.' Pasfield - 'It was a good effort. You did not know what to expect but they are a good team. We defended well.' Littler - 'I think in the second half they dominated us and they put a lot of pressure on us. Credit to the defence.' Perth captain Francis Soale – It took us a little while to get going in the first half, but in the second half we changed things and we put three strikers on and I think we really gave it to them.... I'm proud of our group.'

Lions F.C, from Queensland came to the Illawarra on 5th October after defeating Maitland F.C. 2-0. The Wolves starting personnel were, Pasfield,



McDonald, Madden, Djordjevic, James, Okada, Callahan, Knight, Scott, Littler and Stojcevski. Jordan Nikolovski, Dimoski, Griffin and Bul Juach substituted for Okada, Callahan, Knight and Scott.

This was a match that delivered in spades with seven goals, a send off, extra time, with plenty of excitement in between that changed the emotions from despair to exhilaration and back again on many occasions. This fixture was certainly worthy of a final with both teams in the hunt.

The Lions kicked off proceedings and Littler and Djordjevic headed out early Lions' forays. At the other, the custodian Luke Borean displayed his long clearance kick, which aided his team in mounting attacks.

This encounter was the first one in which the opposition scored first and this would have concerned the crowd in attendance somewhat. The early goal came in the thirteenth minute when Shaun Carlos when he directed a corner kick from Andy Thompson with a header between Callahan on the post and Wolves custodian Pasfield. James looked to pull one back but his shot hit the side netting after receiving an Okada pass. With much of the first half possession the Lions went to the break ahead.

The Wolves began the second period with more than a spring in their step. Madden and McDonald progressed up and down the sidelines to mount attacks and seven minutes after the resumption of play the Wolves restored parity. Callahan burst into the box in possession following a Scott incisive pass. The midfielder was bundled over by Matija Simic and a spot kick was awarded. James propelled the ball high into the net with his ensuing conversion. Not long later, a Callahan targeted shot was kept out by Borean and a Scott overhead kick was cleared off the line.

At the other end, two Lions' corner kicks added to the tension. Henry Hore's effort was met by Madle and Littler, with the latter winning out. With ten minutes to go in normal time, the Wolves edged in front. A Borean save from a top Scott shot which was not held, allowed the ball to fall judiciously into Okada's path. He subsequently pushed the ball into the goal and the Wolves had taken the lead. Now the team from Brisbane needed a goal to survive. Four minutes later, it eventuated. Henry Hore's low pass went to Joshua Brindell-Smith before

he centering to Madle. The Lions top scorer, who came on as a substitute on seventy-three minutes, projected his diving header past Pasfield to even up the event. This 2-2 score line lasted for the duration of the regulation ninety and the four minutes added on. However, the Lions were reduced to ten men when Mitchell Hore was red carded, after incurring a second yellow card, in time added on.

Each team now had extra time and it was ten against eleven players. Madle looked to cause trouble but nineteen minutes in Juach goaled, heading a McDonald cross in to excite the home crowd. A minute later, McDonald's shot flashed narrowly wide and Juach did likewise. James achieved his team's fourth goal by riding a tackle before rifling his effort past Borean four minutes from the conclusion of extra time.

The Wolves were putting their stamp on the match with the opportunities being presented and conjured, before Nikolovski joined the efforts by producing a great shot that zoomed towards the goal only for Borean to deny.

The Lions spirit kept the team firing and a minute before the end Madle was indisposed by the pressure exerted upon him by a Djordjevic. Joe Duckworth took the penalty kick and disposed of it in a confident manner.

Full time was blown and the Lions had succumbed in their second NPL Final. Now the Wollongong Wolves club was the top National Premier League in Australia and this was truly deserved.

Wilkshire - 'For the first half we did not do ourselves justice. I'm proud of the boys.. I'm delighted that we got the victory.' James – 'It was nice to score two for the team today.' Juach - 'I don't score with many headers.' Lions goal scorer Madle - 'we started off really well... We dominated the first half. .... but it was always going to be difficult playing with ten men.... We tried to be positive and it shows our spirit.'

This was 'the last waltz 'of 2019 and what a way to bow out.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Coach and player quotations were from interviews conducted by the writer for inclusion in match reports at the time.)









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#### **FEATURE STORY**

#### **HOLD ON - Part 3**

With the 2021 Wolves custodian Hayden Durose repelling an APIA Leichhardt penalty kicker in a recent Round 9 match, it is timely to have Part 3 of 'Hold On.' The original 'Hold On' article was in a 2018 match day program and championed shot stoppers such as Scott Whalan, Zlatko Josevski, Alex Augusto, Brody Crane, Daniel Collison, Tom Hamilton, Tom Manos, Justin Pasfield and Luke Kairies while Part 2 was published in 2019 exemplifying Daniel Collison (again), Mike Hollifield, Tony Pezzano and Les Pogliacomi.

Custodians are usually up against it in penalty kicks with the shooter having the definite advantage. In fact, since 2009 in world football 75.49 percentages of penalty takers were successful with 17.57% being saved by goalkeepers. 4.07 % went wide or high and 2.87% hit the goal frame. 'Hold On' champions the 17.57 per cent category and brings their deeds to notice.

Following are the Wolves' custodians with the circumstances behind each of their saves beginning and concluding with those sterling efforts of Hayden Durose in 2021. Durose made his initial appearance against Hawkesbury City in the 2011 top team for a Waratah Cup Round 3 after being on the bench in 2010 and 2011 for the league. He came on as a substitute for Brody Crane. His first starting appearance was also in the cup, the Round 4 Bankstown City Lions match when he excelled himself as an 18 year old with many top saves in an impressive performance. He stated at that time -'I did my best and the boys fought well and I had to do my job as well as they did.' He made his NPL debut in Round 16 2012 versus Sydney United 58.was very exciting. Obviously I was nervous and excited at the same time."

#### HAYDEN DUROSE - 2021 - NPL NSW Mens 1 Round 9 v APIA Leichhardt at Lambert Park.

It was in the first minute of play in this fixture that custodian Durose faced a penalty kick. A tackle by Taylor McDonald that looked innocuous saw the attacker fall to ground with a penalty kick being awarded. An experienced APIA attacking midfielder with A-League time, Franco Parisi stepped up for the spot kick. As Durose waved his arms around in order to distract the kicker, Parisi subsequently directed

the ball to Durose's left side. The custodian dived to parry the ball to his left. The ball came in once more straight away and Durose saved impressively once again.

#### BRETT HUGHES – 1994/95 - NSL Round 20 v Sydney United at Croatian Sports Centre.

United's Ante Milicic had made a marauding run of thirty-five metres and had progressed into the penalty area. The Wolves custodian Brett Hughes came out and was adjudged to have impeded the striker. Hughes disputed the decision but it was not to be changed. Eric Hristodoulou was the penalty taker, and he took the kick. Hughes managed to block his effort. However, the ball ran free and a Sydney United player fired it back in. Hughes deflected it and it fell to Tony Popovic. He made sure this time, slotting the ball into the goal.

#### WARWICK YOUNG 1986 NSL - Round 6 v Newcastle Rosebud at Adamstown Sports Ground.

Reg Chilby impeded Bobby Naumov and the penalty was awarded. It was Ralph Maier who took the spot kick. It was tame shot and Young coped with it in an easy fashion at the way ground.

#### JOHN FILAN - 1991/92 NSL- Round 25 v Preston Makedonia at Connor Reserve, Melbourne

Fifteen minutes Preston's Andrew Zinni collided with the Wolves' Mike Smith. Kris Trajanovski took the resultant penalty and Filan's outstretched legs foiled the Preston striker's attempt. The match finished scoreless.

#### LES POGLIACOMI - 1998/99 - NSL Round 19 - v Canberra Cosmos at Bruce Stadium, Canberra

A Cosmos player Ivo De Jesus chipped Damon Langan. As he tried to elude Langan, De Jesus was impeded with the referee stopping play and pointing to the penalty spot. Canberra's leading scorer Peter Buljan took the spot kick. His effort went to the left of Pogliacomi. However the custodian superbly thwarted Buljan, by pushing it away. The penalty was saved. Buljan got hold of the rebound and rectified his earlier effort. This particular penalty save by Pogliacomi was in addition to his future heroics in the 1999/00 NSL Grand Final.

#### GRANT BARLOW – 2000/01 - NSL Round 12 v Morwell Falcons (Eastern Pride) at WIN Stadium, Wollongong.

A tackle that was considered 'harmless' by a football journalist saw the Wolves left defender, Alvin Ceccoli, tackling a Morwell player in the box who ultimately went down. A young John Hutchison took the ensuing penalty kick. Barlow was equal to the task and managed to keep Hutchison's effort from breaching his domain.

## RON TILSED - 1984 - NSL Round 22 v Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium, Bruce.

Fifty-five minutes in, Canberra was awarded a penalty with Steve Bryant being the designated player. His shot flew in but it could not breach the Wolves' domain, as Tilsed was equal to the task with a good save.

#### ANDREW CREWS - 2003/04 - NSL Round 14 v South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium, Melbourne.

Following a Wolves defender's handball on eighteen minutes, South's Vaughan Coveny took his spot kick, with it finding the back of the net, eluding Crews on the way. However, several of his teammates encroached before the kick was taken. The referee ordered a re-take. This time Coveny's threat was faultlessly palmed away by Crews.

#### HAYDEN DUROSE 2021 – NPL NSW Mens 1-Round 5 v Northbridge Bulls at WIN Stadium.

After the Wolves' Liam Wille inconvenienced former teammate Bul Juach in the box, a penalty kick was subsequently awarded. The Bull's Rory Jordan, his team's top scorer, was the designated penalty taker. His ensuing shot flew towards the goal. Durose dived to his right palming the ball away to safety as he fell to keep his team in the match. 'I just had a feeling really that he would go that way. I stuck to it and it came off.'

These custodians, Grant Barlow, Andrew Crews, Hayden Durose, John Filan, Brett Hughes, Les Pogliacomi, Ron Tilsed, and Warwick Young were those who managed to 'hold on' and succeed in the face of threat to their dominion.

By Malcolm Rowney

(Custodians' comments were originally from an interview by the writer for his match report at the time.)



# **1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS**



- 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 lames
- 11 Leroy Jennings
- 12 Harrison Taranto
- 13 Stefan Dimoski
- 15 Daniel Loe
- 16 Fletcher McFarlane
- 17 James Stojcevski
- 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: EgorDolgopolov

GK Coach: John Krajnovic

Video Analysis: Anthony Tugrul



- 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 lames Andrew
- 21 Luke Sauer
- 22 Patrick Scibilio
- 23 Jarad Wiley
- 25 Alex Masciovecchio
- 88 Chris McStay
- 99 Ionathan Grozdanovski

Head Coach: Nick Dimovski

Assistant Coaches: Luis Contigiani &

Steve Gordon

Referee:
Assistant Referees:
Fourth Official:

C. Verdicchio

A. McConachie and M. Staples

L. Webb

#### **1ST GRADE LADDER**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Blacktown City FC		6	1	3	21	9	12	19
2	Rockdale Ilinden FC		5	4	1	18	9	9	19
3	3 Sydney United 58 FC		5	3	2	18	10	8	18
4	Sydney Olympic FC		5	1	4	11	9	2	16
5	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	10	4	4	2	12	12	0	16
6	Manly United FC	10	4	3	3	12	15	-3	15
7	APIA Leichhardt FC		4	2	4	10	12	-2	14
8	Wollongong Wolves FC	10	3	3	4	13	18	-5	12
9	Marconi Stallions FC	10	1	6	3	14	17	-3	9
10	Sutherland Sharks FC		2	3	5	12	18	-6	9
11	Northbridge Bulls FC	10	2	2	6	17	19	-2	8
12	Sydney FC	10	2	2	6	15	25	-10	8





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#### **TOP GOAL SCORERS**

James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	8
Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	8
Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	7
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	7
Marko Jesic	Marconi	5
Travis Major	Blacktown City	5
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	4
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	4
Jack Stewart	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	4
Mario Shabow	Blacktown City	4
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	4
Lachlan Scott	Wollongong Wolves	4





#### **UNDER 18s**

1	Luke	Morgan
2	Alex	Casella
3	Luke	Dearsley
4	Dax	Kelly
5	Logan	Mathie
6	Luke	Darjani
7	Thomas	Dunn
8	Flynn	Madden
9	Sebastian	Stanojevic
10	Denim	Nou
-11	James	Quinn
12	Ben	Giason
13	Joshua	Galevski
14	Jake	almond
15	Samuel	Starcic
16	Jack	Duffy

17 Luke

#### **UNDER 16s**

1	Spyro	kyriazidis
2	Jayden	Branovski
3	Benjamin	Caroutas
4	Harry	Churchill
5	James	Ciot
6	Koray	Gokturk
7	Damon	Gray
8	Edvard	Grujevski
9	Cooper	Kerridge
10	Zak	Markovski
11	Dylan	Martos
12	William	Milinkovic
13	Joel	Palermo
14	Cooper	Schofield
15	Sebastian	Tomasiello
16	Kalani	Vella

#### **UNDER 15s**

1	Max	Cunial
2	Liam	Ball
3	Zane	Basi
4	Kristian	Butkovic
5	Jude	Christie
6	Sebastian	Dobre
7	Jacob	Fakhoury
8	Cassander	Grujevski
9	Baxter	Hanley
10	Adam	Kairis
11	Roman	Kalmanidis
12	Tyler	King
13	Martin	Kolevski
14	Liam	Mavridis
15	Lucas	Trajcevski
16	Christian	Vujic

#### **UNDER 14s**

Palermo

- 1	Huason	Readow
2	Luca	Beattie
3	Rocco	Booth
4	Riley	Dwyer
5	Tzar	Harb
6	Oscar	Kiely
7	Dylan	King
8	Kiho	Luke
9	Cameron	Luton
10	Michael	Marijan
11	Ryan	Molnar
12	Oliver	Morgan
13	Samuel	Palermo
14	Joshua	Rathbone
15	Zane	Stroemer

#### **UNDER 13s**

1	Bailey	Trunzo
2	Christian	Beleski
3	James	Benedetti
4	Lucas	Dubowski
5	Noah	Hewett
6	Khaled	Houchaymi
7	Isaac	Kostovski
8	Cooper	Markovic
9	Conor	Mathie
10		Millet
-11	Lucas	Moreira
12	Jet	Sanders
13	Jordan	Sirijovski
14	Noah	Smart
15	Luca	Spaseski
16	Lachlan	Taylor

#### **UNDER 12s**

1	Noah	Petrolo GK
2	Jaxon	Bojlevski
3	Kahuitara	Te Ra Chase
4	Finley	Cole
5	Oscar	Dwyer
6	Fabian	Gaudiosi
7	Kristian	Graovac
8	Leo	Halios-Lewis
9	William	Heininger
10	Jack	Johanson
11	Travis	Kosevic
12	Max	Linton
13	Jarrah	Longbottom
14	Zachary	McNeill
15	Jared	Mihajlovic
16	Novak	Novakovic
17	Lachlan	Rayner
18	Henry	Sargent
20	Cohen	Martins GK

#### **UNDER 11s**

1	Loucas	Makowski
1	Ricardo	Vega
2	Harley	Bermudez
3	Ayden	Celebi
4	Austin	Craig
5	Leron	Elmazi
6	Xavier	Godbee
7	Wil	Leddy
8	Bailey	Mitchell
9	Jett	Nadj
10	Adam	Nikoloski
11	Samuel	Perez
12	Jordi	Prenzoski
13	Aidan	Rayner
14	Cash	Sanders
15	Haydon	Sharman
16	Max	Smith
17	Dean	Srbinoski
18	Lewis	Tomlinson
19	Christian	Ugonotti
20	Samuel	Ugonotti

#### **UNDER 10s**

3	Nickolas	Balgovind
4	Orlando	Beer
5	Callum	Cajar
6	Parker	Dumbrell
7		Everingham
8	Jackson	Fraser
9	Ethan	George
10	Julian	Giorgio
11	Ethan	Mathie
12	Jonas	McDermott
13	Kynan	Merola
14	Jake	Mulhall
15	Alex	Popovski
16	Travis	Potter
17	Rocco	Scaglia
18	Hugo	Spaseski
19	Preston	Taylor
20	Cristian	Vidal
21	lonny	Antoniou

#### **UNDER 9s**

2	Gianni	Arbolino
3	Tyler	Bailey
4	Lachlan	Cram
5	Leon	Gavriloski
6	Nicholas	Giorgio
7	Isaac	Gizzi
8	Lohithan	J Avinash
9	Taylor	Lombardi
10	Parker	Mayer
- 11	Harley	Sanders
12	Jacob	Saunders
13	Flynn	Saville
14	Preston	tanevski
15	Zayne	Thompson
16	Nash	Tweddle
17	Archer	vian



#### **U20 TEAM LISTS**



Tomas Butkovic
 Evan Ball

3 Brendan Low

4 Jacob Garner

5 Luca Danzo

6 Fletcher McFarlane

7 Noah Vidler

8 lake Lavalle

9 Lewis Grimshaw

Coach: Matheus Scapin Assistant Coach: Daniell Zeleny Team Manager: Jorge Perez Nico DuarteMason MavridisRocky Lavalle

13 Paul Soravia

14 Jarvis Patterson

15 Jayden Smileski

17 Nav Darjani19 Deakin Brownlee

21 Keegan Matias



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

#### **U20 LADDER**

POS	TEAM	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Manly United FC	10	8	0	2	21	9	12	24
2	Sydney Olympic FC	10	7	0	3	22	10	12	21
3	Sydney FC	10	6	2	2	14	6	8	20
4	Blacktown City FC	9	5	1	3	21	9	12	16
5	Marconi Stallions FC	10	5	1	4	14	12	2	16
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	9	4	1	4	15	15	0	13
7	APIA Leichhardt FC	10	3	3	4	16	21	-5	12
8	Sutherland Sharks FC	10	3	3	4	10	17	-7	12
9	Sydney United 58 FC	10	3	2	5	19	20	-1	11
10	Northbridge Bulls FC	10	3	2	5	13	16	-3	11
11	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	10	2	3	5	12	24	-12	9
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	10	0	2	8	7	25	-18	2

#### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	19	32	76	108
Manly United FC	20	48	60	108
Sydney Olympic FC	20	42	64	106
Sydney United 58 FC	20	22	72	94
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	20	18	64	82
APIA Leichhardt FC	20	24	56	80
Rockdale Ilinden FC	20	4	76	80
Wollongong Wolves FC	19	26	48	74
Sydney FC	20	40	32	72
Marconi Stallions FC	20	32	36	68
Sutherland Sharks FC	20	24	36	60
Northbridge Bulls FC	20	22	32	54

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# MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS MANLY UNITED FC

7:00 PM / FRI 14 MAY POPONDETTA PARK

## SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC VS NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC

3:30 PM / SAT 15 MAY SEYMOUR SHAW

## WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC VS ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC

2:30 PM / SUN 16 MAY ALBERT BUTLER MEMORIAL PARK

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3:00 PM / SUN 16 MAY SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

#### APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS BLACKTOWN CITY FC

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ROUND 5	28/03/21 (Sun)	13:00	WIN Stadium - Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 8	18/04/21 (Sun)	14:30	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 11	09/05/21 (Sun)	14:30	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 12	16/05/21 (Sun)	14:30	Rockdale Ilinden FC
ROUND 15	06/06/21 (Sun)	14:30	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 17	20/06/21 (Sun)	14:30	Marconi Stallions FC
ROUND 18	27/06/21 (Sun)	14:30	Sydney United 58 FC
ROUND 20	11/07/21 (Sun)	14:30	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 21	18/07/21 (Sun)	14:30	Sydney FC

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