

# KICKOFF

2021 - ROUND 15



**NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUES**  
NSW

**CROMER  
PARK**

**FRIDAY  
4TH JUNE  
7PM**

# CLUB WELCOME

Good evening and welcome to Cromer Park for tonight's National Premier Leagues NSW Men's 2021 match between Manly United and Rockdale.

Tonight is a special night as we officially thank Manly United Club Legend Dylan Mitchell for his 10 years service to the club following his recent decision to retire from NPL football.

Dylan has been a mainstay of the Manly United team between the sticks over the last decade with his deeds on the pitch unmatched. No doubt his Manly United career highlight was the run to the 2017 Premiership when his exploits in goals saw Manly string together a series of wins to force their way into the semi finals. Then, his penalty shoot out heroics saw Manly get past Rockdale in the preliminary final and then APIA to claim the title at Leichhardt Oval.

His contribution to the culture and heartbeat of the club has been just as important.

Semi professional NPL football takes commitment and dedication greater than that of professional players as the training and playing commitments need to be balanced with work and as players grow older the much more important needs of a young family.

With a smile on his face, a cheeky twinkle in his eye and a booming voice, Big Dog was a major driver of the culture and environment that makes football fun, which is what is necessary at every level – especially NPL football when players come to training after a long day at work. The balance between enjoyment and hard work is a delicate one and he knew exactly where that line was.

Thanks for everything Dylan and we look forward to that same booming voice cheering on the team from the stands. You will be missed on the pitch but welcomed on the sidelines.

Manly goes into tonight's game off the back of a heartbreaking 95th minute equaliser last weekend that allowed Blacktown to share the points with a 2-2 draw at Lily Homes Stadium.

It was a cruel end to a performance that illustrated the type of football Adam Griffiths' team are capable of.

Teenage striker Ben Gibson scored a goal in his starting debut, matching the effort earlier in the season when he scored in his first game off the bench and Dejan Pandurevic slotted home a penalty. The deeds of Gibson and Pandurevic at the top end of the pitch drew the headlines but it was the performance of Kieren Paull at the other end of the pitch that was mighty. Time and time again the right fullback thwarted a Blacktown attack before heading up field to launch his own raids.

Rockdale will be looking to bounce back from a rare defeat last weekend, when they went down 2-0 to Marconi.

Good luck to both teams and we hope you all enjoy Friday Night Football at Cromer Park.

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# 1ST GRADE TEAM LISTS



- 2 Kieren Paull
- 3 James Georgaklis
- 4 Jimmy Oates
- 5 Sam Gallagher
- 7 Jack Fulton
- 8 Dom Ferguson
- 9 Ben Koop
- 10 Richie Cardozo
- 11 Daniel Fabrizio
- 12 Luka Kmet
- 13 Scott Balderson
- 14 Dejan Pandurevic
- 15 Jesse Piriz
- 16 Seiya Kambayashi
- 17 Ronan Connolly
- 18 Lucas Rainbird
- 19 Sam Benton (GK)
- 20 Alen Aganovic
- 21 Jordan Segreto
- 22 Zach Forsyth
- 23 Jordan Devries
- 24 Finn Ashton
- 31 Ben Gibson

Head Coach: Adam Griffiths  
Assistant Coach: Dylan Macallister  
Assistant Coach: Marty Judge  
Goalkeeper Coach: Trinity Allen  
Physio: Steve Felsher  
Team Manager: Ida Rigoni  
Physio: PHYSIO4ALL – Christian Bate  
Strength and Conditioning: Alex Berger



- 1 David Bradasevic (GK)
- 2 Daniel Petkovski
- 3 Mick Neill
- 4 Mitchell Stamatellis
- 5 Banri Kanaizumi
- 6 Daniel Araujo
- 7 Alec Urosevski
- 8 Tomoki Wada
- 9 Bai Antoniou
- 10 Amaury Gauthier
- 11 Sam Gulisano
- 13 Zac Sfiligoi
- 14 Brayden Sorge
- 16 Mo Ahmed
- 19 Patty Savor
- 22 Enol Ordenez Suarez (GK)
- 23. Jordan Figon

Head Coach: Steve Zoric  
Assistant Coach: Gary Deprato  
Goalkeeper Coach: Jose Bello Migo  
Physio: Michael Koutzoumis  
Gear Steward: Jovan Ckorovski

**Referee:**

**K. Patterson**

**Assistant Referees:**

**H. Fenton-White and L. Jones**

**Fourth Official:**

**I. Covic**

\*TEAM LISTINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## MATCH PREVIEW

Manly United will be looking to add to Rockdale Ilinden's winless run when the two sides face off at Cromer Park on Friday.

Manly United snuck back into the top five with a 2-2 draw against Blacktown City last week.

However, the Adam Griffiths coached side have won only one game in their past five and will be determined to improve their recent record.

Ben Gibson was a standout player against Blacktown scoring Manly's first goal.

Jesse Piriz and Kieran Paull also stood out and will be out for another big performance.

Rockdale comes into the contest on the back of a shock loss to Marconi Stallions and will need a win this week to get their season back on track.

Ilinden has to solve their struggles in defence which were put on display in the defeat to Marconi.

Veteran defender Mitchell Stamatellis and his defensive partner Banri Kanauzumi will need to rediscover the form, which made them one of the league's best back-line pairings last season.

In the centre of midfield, Tomoki Wada and Daniel Araujo will need to take control of the contest early to make the most of Rockdale's explosive attacking players.

This is a big game for both sides, with a lot on the line. Rockdale will be favourites, but Manly should never be written off at Cromer Park.



## 1ST GRADE LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sydney United 58 FC	14	8	4	2	29	14	15	28
2	Blacktown City FC	14	8	3	3	27	13	14	27
3	Rockdale Ilinden FC	14	6	6	2	25	15	10	24
4	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	14	5	5	4	18	19	-1	20
5	Manly United FC	14	5	5	4	17	20	-3	20
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	14	5	4	5	19	25	-6	19
7	APIA Leichhardt FC	14	5	3	6	17	18	-1	18
8	Sydney Olympic FC	14	5	3	6	16	17	-1	18
9	Marconi Stallions FC	14	2	9	3	21	22	-1	15
10	Northbridge Bulls FC	14	3	5	6	27	25	2	14
11	Sutherland Sharks FC	14	2	5	7	16	27	-11	11
12	Sydney FC	14	2	4	8	22	39	-17	10

## FIRST GRADE REVIEWS

### Blacktown City 2 – Manly United 2 at Lily Homes Stadium

A Jackson Bandiera strike deep into added time has helped Blacktown City snatch a thrilling late equaliser in a dramatic 2-2 draw with Manly United at Lily Homes Stadium on Sunday.

It was a hard-fought battle between the two teams for the entirety of the match, but Bandiera's last-gasp equaliser denied a shock Manly win on the road.

The wonder goal was the second of the day from Bandiera and cancelled out goals from Manly United's youngster Ben Gibson and Dejan Pandurevic.

The result keeps Blacktown in second place on the competition ladder only a point behind leaders Sydney United 58, While Manly's point means they finish the round in fifth.

### Rockdale Ilinden 0 – Marconi Stallions 2 at Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre

A Chris Hatfield brace has helped Marconi Stallions breakthrough for their second win of the season as they claimed a 2-0 victory against Rockdale Ilinden at Rockdale Ilinden Sports Centre on Saturday.

Goals on either side of the break from Hatfield was the difference as the Stallions ended a nine-game winless run dating back nine weeks to round five.

Rockdale fell behind in the 12th minute as Hatfield tapped home from a Giorgio Speranza cross before the pacy striker secured the victory in the 65th minute when he finished a slick counterattack.

The result means Rockdale fall further behind in their premiership defence and have now won only once in their past five league matches.

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## TOP GOAL SCORERS

Patrick Antelmi	Sydney United 58	13
Alec Urosevski	Rockdale Illinden	11
James Andrew	Sutherland Sharks	8
Jack Stewart	Mt Druitt Town Rangers	8
Kyle Cimenti	Rockdale Ilinden	7
Travis Major	Blacktown City	7
Marko Jesic	Marconi	7
Chris Payne	Sydney United 58	6
Dejan Pandurevic	Manly United	6
Matt Sim	Sydney United 58	5
Lachlan Scott	Wollongong Wolves	5



## U20 TEAM LISTS



25 Harry Aquilina  
26 Jack Berte  
27 Hugo Cornish  
28 Tom Chidiac  
29 Alex Demarco  
30 Harry Eland  
31 Ben Gibson

Head Coach: Andrew Christiansen  
Assistant Coach: Nick Robb

32 George Kriezis  
34 Harry Lomas  
36 Matt O'Donoghue  
37 Nick Rainbird  
38 Ping Tsai  
39 Liam Tachjian  
40 Mitch Mattison

Physio: Steve Felsher



31 Andrew Di Blasio  
32 Ryan Velovski  
33 Adam Manoski  
34 Ali Hamdan  
35 Daniel Geroski  
36 Dion Iconomopoulos  
37 Harry Skotadis  
38 Jad Moussa  
39 James Nikolovski  
40 Karim Farhat

Head Coach: Jeff Suzor

41 Lucas Ramirez  
42 James Tanoski  
43 Mouhamed Hamdache  
44 Peter Tufevski  
46 Youssef Harrar  
48 Gaelen Dorigo  
49 Max Luburic  
53 Jayden Anevski  
Kristopher Jovanovski

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4	Marconi Stallions FC	14	7	2	5	26	17	9	23
5	Blacktown City FC	14	6	3	5	25	14	11	21
6	Wollongong Wolves FC	13	6	2	5	21	21	0	20
7	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	14	5	3	6	24	31	-7	18
8	APIA Leichhardt FC	14	4	4	6	18	26	-8	16
9	Sutherland Sharks FC	13	4	3	6	18	25	-7	15
10	Sydney United 58 FC	14	4	3	7	23	32	-9	15
11	Northbridge Bulls FC	14	4	2	8	19	26	-7	14
12	Rockdale Ilinden FC	14	0	5	9	11	35	-24	5





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## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CLUB	PLAYED	U20's	1st	TOTAL
Blacktown City FC	28	42	108	150
Manly United FC	28	66	80	146
Sydney United 58 FC	28	30	112	142
Sydney Olympic FC	28	52	72	124
Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC	28	36	80	116
Wollongong Wolves FC	27	40	76	116
Marconi Stallions FC	28	46	60	106
Rockdale Ilinden FC	28	10	96	106
APIA Leichhardt FC	28	32	72	104
Sydney FC	28	52	40	92
Northbridge Bulls FC	28	28	56	84
Sutherland Sharks FC	27	30	44	74

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## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

**MANLY UNITED FC VS  
APIA LEICHHARDT FC**  
7:00 PM / FRI 11 JUN  
CROMER PARK NO.1

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS  
BLACKTOWN CITY FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 13 JUN  
ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS  
SYDNEY FC**  
5:30 PM / SAT 12 JUN  
BELMORE SPORTS GROUND

**SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS  
MARCONI STALLIONS FC**  
3:00 PM / SUN 13 JUN  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE

**MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS  
SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC**  
7:00 PM / SAT 12 JUN  
POPONDETTA PARK NO.1

**NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC VS  
WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC**  
3:00 PM / MON 14 JUN  
SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE



# 2021 HOME FIXTURES

**HOME GROUND - Cromer Park**  
**South Creek Rd, Dee Why**

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ROUND 1	26/02/21 (Fri)	19:00	Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC
ROUND 3	12/03/21 (Fri)	19:00	Blacktown City FC
ROUND 6	02/04/21 (Fri)	19:00	Sydney FC
ROUND 7	09/04/21 (Fri)	19:00	Sydney Olympic FC
ROUND 9	23/04/21 (Fri)	19:30	Sutherland Sharks FC
ROUND 11	07/05/21 (Fri)	19:00	Marconi Stallions FC
ROUND 13	22/05/21 (Sat)	19:00	Wollongong Wolves FC
ROUND 15	04/06/21 (Fri)	19:00	Rockdale Ilinden FC
ROUND 16	11/06/21 (Fri)	19:00	APIA Leichhardt FC
ROUND 19	02/07/21 (Fri)	19:00	Northbridge Bulls FC
ROUND 21	16/07/21 (Fri)	19:00	Sydney United 58 FC

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